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## MRE Newsletter - JANUARY 3, 2023



Happy New Year, Everyone! We hope you had a chance to make some wonderful memories over the break. It's been a while since we had quite so much snow and we are looking forward to seeing the students and hearing about their adventures.

A new year is a great time to focus on goals set during the Student Inclusive Reporting Conferences. We reviewed every report and read about plans that included; getting better at reading, writing, addition, multiplication, organization, speaking up in class, meeting deadlines and running. Your support with your child's goals is greatly appreciated.

Our *school growth* plan goals are:

- Creating a stronger writing culture in the school community. Our goal is to help students build and demonstrate a growth mindset and to increase confidence, excitement, stamina, resilience, and willingness to "dig into" their writing.
- Helping students understand challenging emotions and explore ways to develop resilience.

The MRE community is involved in several initiatives around these topics, for example, the well-attended weekly Student Writing Club, schoolwide "Writing Blasts" and "Buddy Writing."

This newsletter contains a lot of information related to the next school year. If you have children entering Kindergarten or Grade 8 in September of 2023, please be sure to read the appropriate sections and note important upcoming dates.

We look forward to welcoming your children on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are proud to be part of the MRE community and look forward to opportunities and learning together in 2023.

Barbara MacKinnon  
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy  
Vice Principal



### **THANK-YOU!**

A heartfelt thank-you for your generous donations to the Food Bank and Christmas Hampers for families in need. MRE's spirit of giving shines brightly!

The MRE Celebrates Concerts were highpoints for performers and audience members alike.

Thank you to everyone for the part you played in bringing the first concert in three years to the stage.

## **Message from the PAC**

The enthusiasm and hard work of the MRE PAC makes such a difference to our school! All MRE parents are automatically members of the PAC and everyone is welcome at the meetings.

**The next meeting is on Jan. 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.**

Up-to-date information about events and fundraising is shared on the weekly Friday Blast which can be found on the Parent Portal or school website.

You can find the Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Facebook page by searching for **MRE Parents Association**.

The PAC website is full of information about upcoming events happening at MRE. Here's how to register:

- Go to [mre.parentcouncil.net](http://mre.parentcouncil.net)
- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter Access Code MREPAC
- Complete the rest of the registration form.

**\*NOTE:** By listing your email address when you register, you are giving permission to receive PAC notices by email. You may withdraw this consent at any time by responding to emails you receive with a request to unsubscribe from your PAC notice list.

## Upcoming

Tues. Jan. 3, 2023: First day back after the break!  
Mon. Jan. 9, 2023: PAC meeting in the library – 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Jan. 13, 2023: Black Excellence Day  
Mon. Jan. 23, 2023: Non-Instructional Day – Classes not in session



Kindergarten Registration Dates – see details below  
Siblings – January 4  
Environmental School – January 11  
Choice Registration — January 18 (French Immersion)

## Black Excellence Day - January 13, 2023

The term 'Black Excellence' was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s. As a lead-up to Black History Month, Black Excellence Day is a day to rejoice Black history and learn about Black stories, Black art and Black people, and a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians.

- Black Excellence Day was created by Ninandotoo Society and takes place on January 15th each year, or the preceding Friday if it falls on a weekend or holiday. In 2023, Black Excellence Day is on January 13th.
- This day is in honour of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.

Find out more at: <https://blackexcellenceday.ca/> and <https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/news-details/2022/01/14/black-excellence-day>

## Thank you from Grade 6/7 Leadership and Student Voice members



Thank you for your donations of spare change. Over the course of just over one week, the leadership group collected over \$140 to send to the Christmas Hamper Society. The money was used to buy gifts for children.

## MRE GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY BOTTLE DRIVE

On Saturday, January 7th, 2023, Grade 7 students from Maple Ridge Elementary (MRE) will be in the neighbourhood collecting bottles as a fundraiser for their Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony.

If you are able to donate bottles, please leave them on your front porch by 9 a.m. on January 7th. You can also drop off donations in the drive-thru at the front of MRE from 9:30 – 1:30 that day.

Alternatively, if you would like your bottles picked up on Monday, January 2nd you can email [jenbrunet@hotmail.com](mailto:jenbrunet@hotmail.com) to arrange a pick-up time.



## Beginner Band Concert

MRE's Beginner Band students in grades 5-7 will be performing as part of Westview's Winter Concert on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend. Elementary Band is a School District 42 program that is offered to intermediate students at the beginning of the school year. It is free and takes place one hour a week at Westview Secondary.



## Pick-Up and Drop Off

Our school is on a very busy road and safety is vital!

- We suggest parking on a nearby street, or at the lot behind the school near the golf course and walking (or cycling, scootering, etc.) the rest of the way to school. This is something that families have come to enjoy.
- **Do not pull into** the parking lots beside the school. These are for staff and for vehicles with a valid SPARC (handicap) permit. There are 2 spaces reserved for Curious Minds Daycare patrons in the east parking lot.
- Pedestrians must use designated crosswalks.

## Using the Drive-Thru Lane

- Students may be dropped off in **drive-thru** at the front of the school, but there is no waiting or parking in this area (except for daycare buses).
  - Pull to the far **right** and drive as far **ahead** as possible to drop off students
  - Drivers must **stay in their vehicles** and **exit** the drive-thru lane immediately after drop-off.
  - If your child is not yet able to exit the vehicle independently, please park nearby and walk with them.
  - Left turns are not permitted from the drive-thru onto River Road from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## Dress for The Weather — Westcoast Recess and Lunch

MRE students play outside even when it is cold, rainy or snowy. Only on rare occasions does the weather mean that recess or lunch will be spent indoors. Please send your child/ren to school dressed for the weather (boots, coats, mitts, umbrella ...). If your child tends to get wet playing outside, please send an extra set of clothing.



## Lost and Found

Because the weather often fluctuates throughout the day, students may take off jackets, hoodies, sweater, mitts, hats, etc., while they are playing outside. Sometimes, these items are left behind and they find their way into the school's Lost and Found. Unclaimed items are donated to a local charity before each break, but we'd rather get items back into the hands of their owners.

- Consider putting your child's name on items, such as coats and water bottles that are easily left behind. Labelled items are returned directly to owners.
- Encourage/remind your child to look for missing items.

- Updated photos of the Lost and Found rack are posted in the Friday Blast each week – perhaps you'll recognize something...
- Feel free to check the Lost and Found with your child from time to time. The rack is inside, near the main entrance to the school.

## Communication

As we continue to reduce handling of materials and the consumption of paper, most school-based publications, including the Friday Blast and this monthly newsletter will be sent home via the parent portal. Pertinent information will also be updated on our school website: <http://mre.sd42.ca/> . You can also check the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/>. We also have a school-based Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Teachers will be using a variety of methods for their class level communications.

## News from the District

### School Closure Decision: Snow

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is ultimately the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary.

**Except in rare circumstances, no announcement will be made if schools are open.**

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 a.m. Details are:

- posted on the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)).
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](#));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations.



*Please note: The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety. Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there are personal concerns about the ability to travel safely to school, other arrangements should be made. When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.*

## Information for Next School Year

### Grade 8 and Additional Registration Periods 2023-24

<b>Registration phase</b>	<b>Registration Starts on Parent Portal</b> <i>12:00 noon</i>	<b>Registration Ends on Parent Portal for parents</b> <i>11:59 pm</i>	<b>When Parents are Notified</b>
General Grade 8	Feb 2, 2023	Feb 17, 2023	March 1 - prior to Spring Break
Wheelhouse	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 24, 2023	Prior to Spring Break
Late French Immersion	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 24, 2023	Prior to Spring Break
Early Enrolment for September	March 8, 2023	July 28, 2023	
K-12 Open Enrolment	August 21, 23	June 2024	

## Kindergarten Registration Process 2023 – 2024

Please share this information with families who have children born in 2018.

<b>Registration phase</b>	<b>Registration Starts on Parent Portal</b> <i>12:00 noon</i>	<b>Registration Ends on Parent Portal for parents</b> <i>11:59 pm</i>	<b>Documentation due at school by parents</b> <i>12:00 noon</i>
Enviro Sibling	January 3, 2023	Jan 4, 2023	Jan 13, 2023
Sibling	Jan 4, 2023	Jan 10, 2023	Jan 20, 2023
Enviro	Jan 11, 2023	Jan 13, 2023	Jan 20, 2023
Choice	Jan 18, 2023	Jan 23, 2023	Feb 3, 2023
General	Feb 1, 2023	Feb 7, 2023	Feb 24, 2023
Late	Feb 22, 2023	July 28, 2023	Sept 1, 2023(for summer registrations)
Open	Aug 21, 2023	Sept 15 2023	Within 5 business days. If reg. occurs in the summer, doc due within 5 business days of school opening



## How to Register Your Child for Kindergarten

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home. Go to <https://www.sd42.ca/>, use the "parent" pull-down tab and go to "kindergarten registration."

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. Complete steps 1-4 before registration to save time.

- STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT
- You must open an SD42 Parent Portal account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration day at <http://parents.sd42.ca>
- STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE – (to be posted soon)  
Review the registration categories (SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL) to find your registration period.
- STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM
- Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2023 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)
- STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
- The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the Acceptance Criteria. Review these online.
- STEP 5: REGISTER
- Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>
- STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
- Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.



## Information Nights And Registration Dates Coming Up For District Programs:

### WHEELHOUSE AT ALOUETTE

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where **grade 6 and 7 students** are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Some of the highlights of the program include:

- Weekly Field Study Days where students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;



- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, where each student is assigned an iPad for use throughout the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

Please attend an online Information Session to find out all about The Wheelhouse.

## ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

### **Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

Registration Link: <https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wpde-hpzkiGdXmNj4KEWmYOfVzroNhhVX>

### **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

Registration Link: [https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50kcOggqTotGNVi399JkE\\_Ebum7YAb5lko6](https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50kcOggqTotGNVi399JkE_Ebum7YAb5lko6)

### **Eligibility**

District Wheelhouse is open to all SD42 students who will be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023. Students may begin the program in either Grade 6 or 7.

**REGISTRATION for the District Wheelhouse Program** at Alouette Elementary begins at **noon on February 15, 2023**. Registration occurs on the parent portal. All students registering for Wheelhouse must be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023.

*The Wheelhouse program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge).*

## LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Online Information Nights:

### **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)**

Preregistration is required for this meeting and can be completed at the following link.

<https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wsdeigrDsvGtUyaJMjl3qQm1qj8lb5QR0M>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The SD42 Late French Immersion program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2023, at Golden Ears Elementary (23124 – 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge). This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

For more information about our French Immersion program, please contact Jennifer Simon at [Jennifer\\_simon@sd42.ca](mailto:Jennifer_simon@sd42.ca)

**REGISTRATION** for Late French Immersion opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, February 15th, 2023**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 24th, 2023**.

## **FRENCH IMMERSION AT MRE**

Immersion is the most effective method known for teaching a second language. Students master French in the same way that they learned English. Studies have shown that it is easier and more natural for a child to learn another language at a very early age. The aim of early French immersion is functional bilingualism. The process is so natural because French is used as the language of instruction and as a means of communication. It is also worth noting that learning subjects in French does not interfere with English language development as children spend most of their time communicating in English with family and friends.

Please contact Barbara MacKinnon, Principal at MRE [bmackinnon@sd42.ca](mailto:bmackinnon@sd42.ca) if you have any questions about our program.

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2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Last Day of Winter Break - No school	3 School reopens after Winter Break Welcome back!	4 Kindergarten Sibling Registration Opens - (if you already have a child at MRE)	5 Orders due for Subway hot lunch Wheelhouse Information session 6:30 pm Zoom	6	7 Gr. 7 Bottle Drive
8	9 PAC Meeting 7:00 - library	10 Sibling Kindergarten Registration Closes	11	12 Wheelhouse Zoom Information Session 6:30 p.m. on Zoom	13 Black Excellence Day Hot Lunch - Subway School Wide Writing Blast	14
15	16	17	18 Choice Kindergarten Registration Opens Late French Immersion Information Session 7:00 p.m. on Zoom	19 Orders due for Tim Hortons snack day	20	21
22	23 Non-Instructional Day - No School for Students Choice Kindergarten Registration Closes	24 School Assembly Wheelhouse Information session 6:30 Zoom	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Snack Day- Tim Hortons Donuts				

# ANGER MONSTER

## CHILD'S PROGRAM

This children's program is designed to teach children what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger.

**6 & 7 YRS OLD**

**Jan 7- Jan 28 (SAT))**

**330-530pm**

**Price: \$90**

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

## ADULT'S PROGRAM

The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques.

**8-12YRS OLD**

**FEB 4- MAR 4 (SATURDAYS)**

**330-530PM**

**PRICE: \$90**

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

The Family Education & Support Centre  
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge  
(604) 467 - 6055 or [reg@familyed.ca](mailto:reg@familyed.ca)



# Brave New You!

Are you missing the following in your life? If so, Brave New You is for you!

- ☑ Establishing healthy boundaries
- ☑ Healthy communication that works
- ☑ Understanding the role anger is playing in your life
- ☑ Discovering your core values

**FEB 4- MAR 4 (SAT)**

**9AM-2PM**

**\$90**

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Maple Ridge

[www.familyed.bc.ca](http://www.familyed.bc.ca) or call **(604) 467-6055**

Please note the location of this program is subject to change as per the BC Provincial Health guidelines regarding Covid-19





# Healthy Relationships

Do you want to learn the basic fundamentals of any adult relationship including learning about needs, wants, and new communication skills? If so, the healthy relationships course is for you!

Feb 4 & 11  
9am-3pm  
\$90 / person

Two participants MUST come together.



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# PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Understand better what resiliency is and how we  
can foster it in our families.

Please note this program will take place online,  
via Zoom.

**FEB 14 (TUES) 10AM - 12PM**  
**PRICE: \$15**

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