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Newsletter #6 February 2023

February is a month when we give extra attention to friendship and kindness. We acknowledge Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day, and Random Acts of Kindness Day. We are proud of the students for the acts of kindness, compassion and respect displayed every day at MRE.

Wishing you happiness and health,

Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal



No School

Monday, February 20 – Family Day – school is not in session

Tuesday, February 21 – Professional Day – students do not attend

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jayme Reitsma at the end of this month. Ms. Reitsma will be teaching students in Division 11 when Mrs. Manyk begins her maternity leave. We wish Mrs. Manyk all the very best on her new adventure with motherhood.

We also look forward to meeting Mme Pilgrim who will be doing her SFU teaching practicum in Mme Conroy's class from now until the beginning of April.

Black History Month

Black people have lived in what is now called Canada since the 1600s. During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who have made Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. Here's a link to materials you might like to explore further with your family at home:

[Black History Educational Package](#)

Pink Shirt Day - February 22nd



The idea for Pink Shirt Day originated in Nova Scotia in 2007. Two students took a stand against the bullying experienced by a boy who chose to wear a pink shirt. One of our school slogans is, "MRE, where kindness and respect matter every day." On pink shirt day, this takes on special significance. Students are encouraged to wear pink on February 22nd. Our assembly in the afternoon will be centered around the theme of kindness.

Jump Rope for Heart – February 24th

Jump Rope for Heart promotes physical education while providing students with knowledge/awareness of heart disease & stroke; it's also a great fundraiser for cardiovascular disease research and health education. Please view this video if you would like to know more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laOt9XoQMts>. There will also be a letter coming to families on the portal.



Students will take part in all kinds of jumping activities on the afternoon of February 24th. Big thanks go to MRE parent, Alecia M, for spearheading this opportunity.

Sports and Clubs

Basketball Regular Season – Playoffs TBD

Girls Tier 1 Games

Feb. 2	Home game vs Eric Langton Elementary
Feb. 7	Home game vs Pitt Meadows Elementary
Feb. 14	Away game at Fairview Elementary
Feb. 22	Away game vs Hammond Elementary

Boys Tier 1 (competitive) upcoming games

Feb. 1	Home game vs Highland Park Elementary
Feb. 9	Away game at Hammond Elementary
Feb. 15	Home game vs Fairview Elementary
Feb. 22	Away game at Pitt Meadows Elementary

Boys Tier 2 upcoming games

Feb. 6	Away game at Edith MacDermott Elementary
Feb. 13	Away game at Fairview Elementary
Feb. 27	Home game vs Davie Jones Elementary

In addition to the more “formal” basketball teams, there are several extracurricular opportunities for students:

Board Games Club - Grades 4-7

Mondays, 2:30-3:30

Feb. 6 and 27, March 3 and 17

Sponsor teacher: Mr. Macnamara

Sign-up required

Choir - Grades 2-4

Wednesdays at 12:05 (after eating lunch)

Now until Feb. 22

Sponsor teachers: Mme. Abby and Mme. Alliette

No sign-up needed

Writing for Fun Club

Tuesdays at 12:05 (after eating lunch)

Sponsor teacher: Mme. Ouraghi

No sign-up needed

MRE Reading Club

Grades 2-7

Fridays at 12:05 (after eating lunch)

Sponsor teachers: Mrs. Dillen and Mrs. Haavisto

No sign-up needed



MRE PAC News



Check us out on Facebook –
search Maple Ridge
Elementary PAC



The enthusiasm and hard work of the MRE PAC makes a huge difference to our school! All MRE parents are automatically members of the PAC, and everyone is welcome at the meetings. 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](#).

The next meeting is on February 13th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

February is a busy month for PAC! Please keep the following dates and events in mind.

- ◇ Don't forget to place Hot lunch orders by Feb 2nd for Pizza Day on Feb 10th
- ◇ French Book Fair (English books available as well) is coming to MRE on Feb 6th & 7th
- ◇ Send kids in with their favorite mug for some delicious hot chocolate! It's Lug a Mug on Feb 13th
- ◇ Feb 24th MRE will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart – participation details to follow!
- ◇ Bingo Night Committee meeting 6pm – 7pm MRE Library Monday Feb 13th

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

- Go to 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.

Student Inclusive Conferences – Term Two Reports

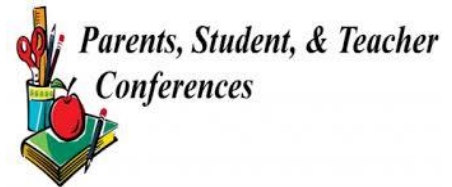
Information about scheduling student inclusive conferences will be sent by classroom teachers later in February. This is a chance for students, parents, and teachers to discuss student growth, celebrate accomplishments and set goals.

As with last term, conferences will take place either in person, or on Zoom.

Dates are:

March 9th — early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

March 10th — no school for students



Just in Case – Inclement Weather Policy

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.

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

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



Moving?

If you are moving before the next school year, please visit the school district website

<https://www.sd42.ca/> for registration and transfer deadlines.

<https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

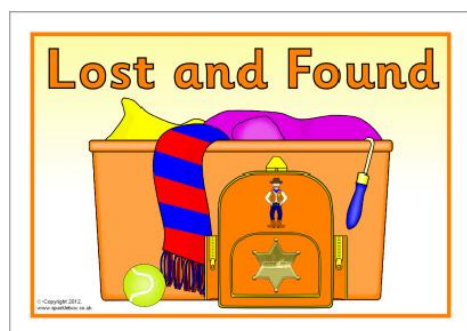
Westcoast Recess and Lunch – Dress for the Weather

We've certainly had a variety of weather in the past months! A reminder that MRE students play outside when it is cold, rainy, or even snowy. Only on rare occasions will we keep students inside. We would ask that you send your child/ren to school dressed for the weather (boots, coats, mitts, umbrella, etc.). If your child tends to get wet playing on the slides or in the field, **please send an extra set of clothing.**



Lost and Found

Please remind your child to take a moment to check the rack near the office.



If we find names on items, we deliver them back to the child.

Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities before the spring break.

District Information

Kindergarten Registration

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2023 (born in 2018) is eligible to register for the 2023-24 school year. For additional information, about kindergarten registration please visit:

<https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>



Student Registration, Transfer, and Withdrawal Requests

Registrations, transfers and/or withdrawals are completed through the Parent Portal.

For information, visit:

<https://www.sd42.ca/helpdesk/registration/parent/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 General Kindergarten registration opens Global Play Day World read-aloud day	2	3	4
5	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair Fruit and Veggie Delivery- Apples	8 Bake Sale - \$2.00/item	9	10 Kick-off for Jump Rope for Heart Zoom Assembly 1:50 p.m. Pizza Hot Lunch	11
12	13 PAC 6:00 Bingo Organizing 7:00 Regular PAC Lug a Mug Day Bring a mug to school	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
19	20 Family Day School not in session Pizza Night Fundraiser	21 Professional Day School not in session	22 Pink Shirt Day Assembly Late Kindergarten registration opens	23	24 Jump Rope for Heart Event 	25
26	27	28 Fruit and Veggie Delivery- Cucumbers				

Community Information

SPCA Information and Programs for Youth

Check out: <https://spca.bc.ca/programs-services/for-kids-teens/>

Here, kids and parents will be able to find information on the BC SPCA's programs for youth, including the **Kids Club**, SPCA **school clubs**, virtual and in-person **workshops** and our popular **summer camps**. What's more, families can get access to a library of **Learn at Home** activities specially designed by the Humane Education team to teach kids about animals and important animal welfare issues.



MEADOWRIDGE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Registration for Spring Flag Football will soon be opening for children ages 8-18!

The season runs from April to June and teams practice twice per week from 6-8 pm. Games happen every Saturday. The only gear required is a mouth guard. Registration will begin February 1st, 2023

Registration for Fall Tackle Football will also soon be opening for children ages 8-18!
The season runs from June-November. Teams practice twice per week from 6-8 pm. Games take place on Saturdays. The gear required are cleats (all other equipment is provided)
Tackle football registration begins on March 15th, 2023

For more information on Flag or Tackle Football:
www.meadowridgeknights.com
email: mrkregistrar@gmail.com



CURIOUS MINDS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Curious Minds Learning Centre has been serving the community since 2008!
PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2023/2024 school year will open February 2023.

Morning Preschool Class 9am - 1pm (located in the portable behind Maple Ridge Elementary)

- 2 days/week (Tues & Thurs) = \$200/month
- 3 days/week (M-W-F) = \$275/month
- 5 Days/week = \$375/ month

+ \$50 registration fee

*****SUBSIDY WELCOME *****

www.curiousmindslearningcentre.com
curiousmindslearning@shaw.ca Phone: Ms. Sarah 604-315-3240

THUNDERFEST

FEBUARY 8TH
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ADMISSION BY DONATION



TICKETS AVAILABLE
FOR GAMES,
BOUNCY CASTLES AND PRIZES
CONCESSION AVAILABLE



READY, SET, PARENT

INFORMATION ZOOM SESSION

The Family Education & Support Centre and School District 42 would love to connect with you as you begin your new and exciting journey as a parent. Learn about locally offered free early years play opportunities and family services from infancy to 5 years! Join us for an information zoom session for expecting parents!

JANUARY 19
FEBRUARY 2
APRIL 6

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://www.familyed.bc.ca>
(604) 467-6055

- Use link or QR Code
- Scroll to Parenting and Personal Growth Workshops
- Locate Ready, Set Learn Series
- Register for Ready, Set, Parent





READY, SET, LEARN SERIES

READY, SET, SPROUT (BIRTH-18MONTHS) 3 SESSIONS

READY, SET, GROW (18MONTHS-36MONTHS) 3 SESSIONS

READY, SET PLAY (3YEARS-4 YEARS) 3 SESSIONS

The Family Education and Support Centre and School District 42 are offering Parent/Child PLAY and INFORMATION Sessions. Each session will provide families with activities they can continue to do at home, age-appropriate developmental information, a take-home toy or book and resource connections within the community.

Early Years Centre @ Webster's Corner Elementary

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<https://www.familyed.bc.ca>

(604) 467-6055

- Use link or QR Code
- Scroll to Parenting and Personal Growth Workshops
- Locate Ready, Set Learn Series
- Register for age-appropriate sessions

SESSIONS:
JANUARY
FEBRUARY
APRIL





**Grade 6/7 Westview Beginning
Elementary Band**
Mrs. Linda Jensen, Music Director
ljensen@sd42.ca

Are you interested in joining elementary band? Have you always wanted to play the trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet or saxophone? Westview Secondary School and School District No.42 offers a one hour beginning band class at Westview once per week for the entire school, year for free! Mrs. Linda Jensen is available to answer your questions, explain the program and help you choose the best instrument for you.

Music makes you smarter and we have a lot of fun!

When: Tentative: 8:30-9:30 am Mondays from September 18th 2023- mid of June 2024

Where: Westview Secondary School Music Room 1180

Who: Students in grade 6 & 7

Experience: None required!!

Cost: Free music lessons, you supply the instrument and music stand

Uniform: Black pants and shoes and band t-shirt (\$15)

Method Book: Standard of Excellence Book 1 (\$15 Value)

Concerts: Dec 5, March 7, & May 29th

Cheques payable to Westview Secondary for \$30 (shirt & book)

WSS. Beginning Registration Form (Can be completed online by using the QR code below or filling in the bottom portion and returning to school office)



Student Name: _____ Elementary School: _____ Div # _____
Grade in September 2023: _____ Phone No: _____ BirthDate: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Home Email: _____
Instrument Interested In: _____ Paying By: _____



**Westview Advanced Elementary Band
Registration Form
Sept. 2023- May 2024
Mrs. Linda Jensen, Music Director
ljensen@sd42.ca**

Enrolling in the advanced elementary band is a large commitment, as we rely on all our team members to attend rehearsals and three evening concerts per year. December 5th, March 7th and May 29th.

We would love to have you join our team. Classes are FREE! We meet once per week TBD. Your child is allotted 90 min. for Fine Arts per week, by the District, we will meet for 60 mins. There is a report card issued three times per year.

The first class will be late Sept 2023.

You will need: an instrument, music stand (for home practice), black pants, shoes, and band t-shirt for the three concerts.

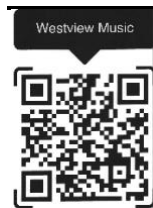
You are expected to practice the music at home a min. of 60 minutes per week.

I look forward to working with you again this year.

Registration is due: March 31, 2023 for Sept 2023

(Can be completed online by using the QR code below or filling in the bottom portion and returning to school office)

Mrs. Jensen



Student Name: _____

Elementary School: _____

Instrument I will be playing: _____

Home #: _____

Home email (parent): _____

Parent Name(s): _____, _____

Parent Signature: _____

'intheknow' Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders

Families don't cause eating disorders but they can be one of the most effective influences in their child's recovery.

Listen to a young person, parent and Eating Disorder Therapist share their perspectives and knowledge as they talk about the continuum of disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection and strategies that can help support recovery.

Come together with other families to watch this 30 minute video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Thursday February 2, 2023 630-8pm (PST)

Monday February 6, 2023 5-630pm (PST)

Tuesday February 7, 2023 12-130pm (PST)

Wednesday February 15, 2023 630-8pm (PST)

Monday February 27, 2023 930-11am (PST)

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events

