



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Newsletter # 5

Thursday, November 9th, 2017

Dear PME Families,

We have had a busy couple of weeks. The Halloween Parade was a great success, the Fall Cross Country events also went extremely well, and just today we held two separate Remembrance Day assemblies, one for Grades 4-7, and one for our younger students. Thank you to the staff and students who presented for the school on this very important occasion.

This month our focus is on preparing for the upcoming Three Way Conferences. The teachers are helping students prepare their portfolios, work on student self -assessments, and practice conferencing skills with the students. Teachers will be contacting you shortly regarding signing up for a conference time in late November. Please ensure that you have chosen a time slot, as it is very important that you and your child attend the conference together. The written report itself is not enough to give you a full picture of how your child is doing. The three way conference also gives you time to ask questions, and, of course, to hear your child talk about his or her learning, which is the most valuable piece of all.

Lastly, there are many fundraisers going on as we approach the holiday season. Please choose which, if any, fundraisers you wish to support and ignore the others. There is no obligation whatsoever to participate. We appreciate your support to our school and supporting fundraisers is only one of many ways to show it.

Once again, please call or come in should you have any concerns or questions.

Stephanie Dand
Principal



Parking at PME Parking Lot Reminders

- -The section of 119th Avenue from Harris Rd to the first bus stop is a no stopping zone. Please do not drop off or pick up your children along this stretch of 119th.
- -Always drive in and out of the parking lot in the correct direction, that is enter through the west entrance and exit through the east entrance.
- -Use the drop off lanes for drop off only. Do not leave your car parked in the drop off lanes.
- -Please do not block the entrance or exit areas by waiting there for your child. The drop off lanes do not extend around the curve toward the entrance of the parking lot. There is a large lot across from our parking lot that you are able to use if our lot is full when you arrive.
- -Drive extremely slowly and with caution and vigilance. Students may be walking in the parking lot at any time.
- -Please do not park in staff parking spots. We have many itinerant staff coming and going during the day and they need a place to park. Thank you.



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- -Most of all, please be respectful of your fellow drivers. We are all in a hurry at some point and we need to slow down and remember that student safety is the only thing that is truly important.

Thank you so much for your patience and support. Together we can ensure the safety of everyone.

PALS – Parents As Literary Supporters is a free literacy program for parents/caregivers and their kindergartners or children ages 3 and 4. Child receive a FREE BOOK with each session. Please call the office to register at (604) 465-5828.

DATES: **November 20, 2017**

January 22, 2018

April 23, 2018

TIME: **2:45 – 3:45 PM**



Christmas Concert

Our PME Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday December 20th at 1 pm, and again on Thursday, December 21st at 9 am. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful family event.

Westcoast Recess and Lunch



A reminder to parents and guardians that PME students play outside even 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 has a tendency to get wet playing on the slides or in the field, **please send an extra set of clothing that your child can change into.**

Head Lice: This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share any personal items, such as combs, brushes, or hats. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Public Health Nurse at (604) 476-7000.



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Tissue Boxes Needed



Cold and flu season is definitely here and with it comes the need to have tissues on hand. Donate a box of tissues to the school and your child's name will go into a draw to win a special book prize. Any donation you can make is much appreciated. Thank you in advance for supporting our school in this way!

PAC News

What is PAC?

PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council which is made up of your fellow parents whom have at least one child in PME. My name is Kristen McDonald and I have a daughter in Grade 4 with Mme Smith. I have recently taken over as President of PAC but it is NOT just me. We urge any and all parents to attend our monthly PAC meetings and help by

Christmas Craft Fair

volunteering for our teachers or fundraisers that the PAC might be hosting. All funds raised by PAC go directly to improving excellence in education and making improvements to the school. I know it can get confusing to keep up on all that is going on at Pitt Meadows Elementary. Each newsletter I will update you on items to look

forward to.

Please visit our website @ <http://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/> We keep our website up to date and it is a great reference.



Upcoming PAC and school items to help or attend:

1) **Christmas Market on November 21st from 5-8pm. (please join us)**

Please help make our Cookie Walk at the Christmas market a huge success by baking cookies/pastries. **The only requirements:**

- provide at least 24 cookies (2 dozen)
- please put them into 1 dozen batches
- Xmas themed so wrapping them in a xmas bag or using Xmas ribbon with clear plastic bags
- Due to the library the morning or day of **November 21st**.
- **Please make a note if your cookies contain nuts**

2) Look for **Poinsettia order forms** to come home with your child this week. The class that sells the most poinsettias will get a Christmas Party Lunch hosted by your very own PAC team.

3) Each student has completed art for our **Art Card fundraiser**. Order forms will be coming out next week for you to purchase your student's art in greeting card, plaque, phone case or puzzle form. A great present idea.



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- 4) The last item I have for this **PAC News is Volunteer of the Month** for November. We would like to thank and honour **Sylvia Shang** for her dedication and almost magical ways of having our fruits & veggies get to each classroom. This takes tremendous organization and really helps the kids to try different fruits and vegetables. Many, many thanks Sylvia!!



PME Movie Night - Friday, November 24th, 2017

Feature film: NutJob 2

Doors open at: 6:00 pm

Show starts at: 6:30 pm

Concession available

Surly the squirrel and his animal friends find out that the corrupt mayor of Oakton plans to bulldoze their beloved Liberty Park to make way for an amusement park. Hoping to save the place they call home, Surly, Andie, Buddy and the rest of the gang join forces with Mr. Feng, a seemingly cute and innocent mouse who happens to be a fierce master of kung fu.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS:

Pay it forward:

Paying it forward involves doing something good for someone in response to a good deed done on your behalf or a gift you received. When you pay it forward, however, you don't repay the person who did something nice for you. Instead, you do something nice for someone else.

One of the most important things that people should remember about this concept is that it should be done with a selfless spirit. This means that one person helps another without hoping for repayment or good deeds in return. In fact, there are some organizations that allow people to pay it forward anonymously, donating money or performing good deeds without hoping for recognition. As far as the receiver of the money, gift, or good deed is concerned, he or she is told only to do something good for someone else.



HOTDOG DAY

Mark your calendar! Wednesday, November 29th is HOT DOG DAY! For \$5.00 you can have a hot dog meal of:

- hot dog
 - chips
 - juice
- wagon wheel
 - **Extra hot dogs, chips and wagon wheels are available for an extra charge.**
 - All proceeds go to Division 1 for their Camp Jubilee trip.



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Deadline for orders: Wednesday, November 15th, 2017. *Cash only please!* See order form attached.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

PME is participating in an **Art Cards by Kids** fundraiser this fall. Each student has created a work of art in their class with their teacher that is being scanned and then made into a greeting card with their own artwork on the front and their name and age on the back. Other products featuring their art can also be ordered: phone cases, plaques and puzzles.

Your child will be bringing home a sample card of their artwork with instructions on how to order by the end of next week so please watch for the sample card in your child's backpack. See the attachment with this newsletter for more information or visit the PAC website at <http://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/art-cards-by-kids-fundraiser.html>

See attachment for details.



Kernels:

Price per bag \$2.00

Flavours:

- Buttersalt
- Salt & Vinegar
- White Cheddar
- Dill Pickle
- Ketchup
- Kettlecorn
- Low Fat Caramel
- Say Cheese Please
- Jalapeno Jack
- Creamy Caramel

Orders must be returned by Friday, November 17th 2017.

Delivery date: Monday, December 4th at recess. See order form attached.



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PME Quebec Trip is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please follow the link below:

<https://www.purdysgpp.com/646929>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much!

If you are unable to pay by credit card online, please contact Lianna Henderson:

hingkybabee@hotmail.com



POINSETTIAS for PME

Add a little holiday cheer to your home this year with a gorgeous locally grown poinsettia direct from Windsor Greenhouses in Abbotsford!

Four colours available: Red, White, Pink and Marble.

Available in three sizes: 4" with one plant per pot, 6" with one plant per pot and 10" with three plants per pot (either solid colour or mix of three).

Order form attached.

Orders must due: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 with payment included with your order. Pick up date: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 in the PME library.



Family Photo Fundraisers with Photo Express

Photos will be taken in our portrait studio at 11916 207 St in Maple Ridge. As in the past few years, we will have online booking available. Here is the link for booking:

<http://www.photoexpressions.ca/portraits/fundraisers/>

**Family photos (\$15 sitting fee) will be available between Nov 4 to Dec 17th,
and
our premium Christmas-themed event (\$20 sitting fee) will run Nov 16 – 26th.**

For the regular family photos each family also receives a free 8x10 portrait, not available with the premium Christmas event.



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Photo Express Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/photoexpressfotosource>.

CPF NEWS - Canadian Parents for French Ridge Meadows

Next CPF Chapter Meeting

Wed, Nov 15 @ 6:30 – 8pm Eric Langton Elementary

<http://cpfridgemeanows.wordpress.com>

Contact Us

For more information visit our Chapter website <https://cpfridgemeanows.wordpress.com/> or email us at cpf.ridgemeanows@gmail.com.

PAC NEWS

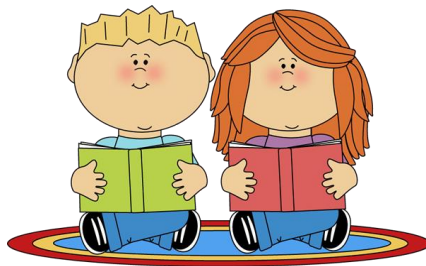
The Pitt Meadows Elementary PAC now has it's own website!

Visit <http://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/> for the latest information about the PAC including budget spending, upcoming events and fundraisers, meetings and how you can get involved.

Next PAC Meeting

January 16th at 6:30 – 8pm at Pitt Meadows Elementary in the library

Everyone welcome!



PME READING PROGRAM

Every month we congratulate students who have completed their home reading for the month. The students get to see Mme Dand for a special treat and we showcase them in our newsletter.

Primary 30 Days

Serena A.

Ainsley B.

Amelia B.



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Leyla B.
Rylan B.
Tamanna B.
Monica C.
Jakob D.
Carson G.
Kaiya G.
Kiyana G.
Makenna G.
Nalia G.
Lucas H.
Sophie H.
Iliya K.
Quinn K.
Hannah L.
Made M.
Kalia M.
Katherine M.
Mia M.
Satyawaan N.
Oliver N.
Preston O.
Lexi P.
Nathanael R.
Paetyn R.
Caleb S.
Mila S.
Tayla S.
Elizabeth T.
Havana T.
Nico U.
Declan W.
Kali W.
Lochlan W.
Oliver W.

Intermediate 30 Days

Seth A.
Connor B.
Kai B.
Katie C.
Charis L.
Charlie M.



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Suhani N.
Karsen O.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

StrongStart

A FREE, Drop-In Early Learning Program for children aged 0 – 5 years and their parents/caregivers. We gratefully acknowledge the financial contribution of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education

For information call: School District No. 42 (604) 463-4200 ext. 218 www.sd42.ca

REGISTER AT FIRST DROP-IN BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

All StrongStart Centres offer a wide variety of play-based activities:

- sand and water
- science activities
- music, movement and songs
- books and storytelling
- dramatic play
- building with blocks
- pretend play with a variety of materials
- art activities using a variety of mediums
- problem solving activities
- number exploration

Children will have opportunities to play and explore in a friendly, safe and inspiring environment alongside parent/caregivers to share in and support their children's early learning experiences.* * Activities are facilitated by an Early Learning educator; children are supervised by their parent/caregiver.

StrongStart Hours

Blue Mountain Elementary 12153 – 248 Street, Maple Ridge
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am Wed. 11:30am – 2:30pm

Davie Jones Elementary 12030 Blakely Road, Pitt Meadows
Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am Tues, Thurs. 11:30am – 2:30pm

Eric Langton Elementary 12138 Edge Street, Maple Ridge
Mon - Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am

Fairview Elementary 12209 – 206 Street, Maple Ridge
Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am Tues, Thurs. 11:30 am – 2:30pm

Glenwood Elementary 21410 Glenwood Avenue, Maple Ridge
Mon - Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am



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Hammond Elementary 11520 – 203 Street, Maple Ridge
Mon - Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am

Harry Hooge Elementary 12280 – 230 Street, Maple Ridge
Mon - Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am

Highland Park Elementary 18961 Advent Road, Pitt Meadows
Mon - Fri. 8:30am – 11:30am

COMMUNITY NEWS:

THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE PRESENTS

Conflict Resolution for Teens

A program for teenagers aged 13-16 to learn healthy conflict resolution and anger management skills

5-2hr sessions

Dates: Fridays November 3-December 1/2017.

Time 5-7pm

Cost: \$100

Location: The Family Education and Support Centre

Registration: For registration contact Karen Hughes 604-467-6055(ext 101) reg@familyed.bc.ca, or register online at www.familyed.bc.ca

Anger Monster

For parents and their children ages 8-12 yrs old. This course includes two separate programs, one for the children and one for the parents at the same location.

Children's program- children learn what anger is, their triggers and tools for learning to control their anger. Parent's program - parents learn about anger cycles, goals of behaviour, how to support their child's efforts to tame their anger monster, and skills for keeping themselves calm while their child is angry.

4-2 hr sessions

Price: \$90 for 1 parent and 1 child (\$25 for each additional parent of child)

Location: The Family Education and Support Centre

Dates: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm November 22– December 13 2017

Registration: For registration contact Karen Hughes 604-467-6055(ext 101) reg@familyed.bc.ca, or register online at www.familyed.bc.ca.



**Canadian
Red Cross**

**Croix-Rouge
canadienne**

Ridge Meadows College & First Aid Hero: Riverside Centre

RED CROSS BABYSITTING – WINTER 2018 FOR 11 YEARS OLD PLUS

COURSE DATES AND TIMES:

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:30 am – 3:30 pm \$63.00/1 session

LOCATION: Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge

M – Th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm



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To register, please contact Ridge Meadows College 604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or rmc@sd42.ca

Enclosures:

- Hot Dog Day Order Form*
- Kernels Popcorn Order Form*
- Art Cards for Kids*
- Poinsettias for PME*
- PME Yearly Calendar*



SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- There is a Non-Instructional Day on **Friday, November 10th**.
- School will be closed for Remembrance Day, **Monday, November 13th**.
- Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am), **Monday, November 27, 2017**
- Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session – all day), **Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

November 2017 – Pitt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PJ Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Pita Pit Lunch	9 9:00 am Remembrance Day Assembly	10 Non-Instructional Day	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 No School	14	15 Hot Dog Orders Due	16	17 Kernels Orders Due	18
19	20 2:45 pm PALS	21 Christmas Market 5-8 pm	22 Ignite Camp	23 Ignite Camp	24 PAC Movie Night	25
26	27 Term One Conferences Early Dismissal 11:30	28 Term One Conferences (all day) Classes Not In Session	29 Hot Dog Day	30		



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