**Newsletter # 6 Thursday, November 23rd, 2017**

Dear PME Families,

The fall term is almost to a close and we are looking forward to celebrating the children’s learning accomplishments at the upcoming 3 Way Conferences next week. If you have not yet signed up for a time with your child’s teacher, please do so right away. It is essential that you and your child attend the conference to get a full picture of your child’s progress this term. If you would like more information on 3 Way Reporting, please visit the district website at <http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/>

We would like to thank our PAC for hosting a very successful Christmas Market on Tuesday evening. We had an excellent turnout, with many fun activities and our Grade 6/7 young entrepreneurs had a chance to show their creative and business skills as well. A wonderful time was had by all.

With the cold weather coming, please remind your children to dress warmly and come prepared to go outside rain or shine. It is really important for them to get fresh air during the day, and so unless it is truly a downpour, we will be going outside. Umbrellas are great too, unless it is really windy. Primary students in particular are reminded to bring a spare change of clothes to school.

We look forward to seeing you all in our school for conferences over the next week or so. As always, our door is open.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Dand

Principal

**First Annual Young Entrepreneur Show**

**When: Friday, November 24th**

**Time: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**



Please come and support the young entrepreneurs of Pitt Meadows Elementary. Grade 6/7 students have embarked on the comprehensive elements for good business: planning, budgeting, marketing and advertising. They have tried, tested and surveyed their fabulous products and are ready to embark on selling to you. Some of the products you will find are picture frames, bath bombs, decorated scented pine cones, slime, scented candles, sling shots, cup cozy’s, stress balls, gift card sleeves, jewelry, etc.

Please feel free to come and browse through Pitt Meadows Gym. Hope to see you there!

**Scholastic Book Fair**

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the library from December 18th until after recess on Friday December 22nd.  There will be French and English books for sale for all levels of readers.  The Book Fair will be open before school, at lunch and after school.  You may also do some shopping before and after the school Christmas Concert.  There will be some great stocking stuffers available!

**![C:\Users\Deanna_Proctor\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4KQYEE29\tissuebox4c[1].gif]()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!

**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.

**Theatrix – Lunchbox Theatre**

When: January 16 – February 22

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00 – 12:45 in the gym

Fee per student: $79.00

Family/School performance: February 22 at 11 am

See attached information sheet for more details.

**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 …). 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.**

Thank you for your support. It was wonderful to see so many people!

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS:**

A huge congratulations to Student leaders and PME students for raising over $10,000 in the last four years for we.org! We have completed our school building project in India. We will have a celebration on Tuesday, December 5th with a motivational speaker coming to talk to the whole school about our contribution. Well done PME!!!

**PAC Movie Night**

**PME Movie Night - Friday, November 24th, 2017**

**Feature film: Nutjob 2**

**Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Show starts at: 6:00 pm**

 **Concessions available**

About the movie: A group of animals are horrified when their beloved park is targeted for demolition by the city's unscrupulous mayor. In an attempt to reclaim their home, Surly the squirrel (voiced by Will Arnett) puts together a scheme to destroy the gaudy amusement park that's been built on the property.



**Roller Skating**

Holiday disco in-line skating returns to PME for another year, December 4th – 8th. All primary and intermediate classes will have the opportunity to skate around the gym during their regularly scheduled PE time at no cost thanks to the financial support of our PAC. While skates are provided, outside in-line skates are also permitted so long as the wheels are made of a soft plastic (indoor-style wheels) and are not rough or worn. Hard wheels or wheels with lots of wear do not allow for needed traction on the gym floor. Brakes must either be removed or covered with tape. Mr. Severud, Ms. Abdulla, and Ms. Tracy will inspect all outside skates to make sure they are the correct, safe type. Although helmets and safety pads are also provided, personal helmets and safety padding are recommended to speed up the lacing-up process. Students are encouraged to bring their own helmets.

As in the past, kindergarten to grade 2 primary students will be joined by their big buddies in their skating session. The big buddies will help them get into their skates and safety equipment and assist them around the gym. Intermediates MUST wear clean inside shoes in order to participate with their little buddies: bare and stocking feet can get run over, and outside shoes can leave dangerous debris on the floor. Some intermediate students are still coming to school without PE shoes. Intermediate students will enjoy skating during their second regularly scheduled PE block. In-line skating is a fantastic physical activity that I am once again thrilled to share with PME students and I look forward to December 4th!

Mr. Severud

 **HOTDOG DAY**

Mark your calendar! Wednesday, November 29th

is HOT DOG DAY!

Please don’t forget to pack your snack for recess.

**Little Caesars PIZZA DAY**

Pizza Day on Wednesday, December 13th

Deadline to order: Friday, December 1st

Pizza lunch includes:

1 personal size pizza, juice box, piece of fruit and treat for only $5.00

Choice of: Cheese, Pepperoni, or Ham & Pineapple

Crazy Bread (2 sticks) for only $1.50

***Cash only please!*** *Order form attached if needed****.***

**FUNDRAISING NEWS:**

**Kernels**

**Delivery date: Monday, December 4th at recess.**



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

**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.

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

**CPF NEWS -** Canadian Parents for French Ridge Meadows

 **Contact Us**

For more information visit our Chapter website <https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/> or email us at cpf.ridgemeadows@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**

**Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 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**

Blayden B.

Chance B.

Charlotte B.

Eloise B.

Scarlet B.

Thea E.

Arianna G.

Devin G.

Mila G.

Brayden H.

Brenna H.

Frankie H.

Kaitlyn H.

**PME READING PROGRAM**

**Primary 30 Days Continued**

Michael H.

Isaak K.

Brooklyn L.

Helen L.

Gabriel L.

Gabriella M.

Kaydence Mc.

Fallon R.

Marcus R.

Max R.

Aria S.

Chelsey S.

Senna S.

Holden W.

Hudson Z.

**Intermediate 30 Days**

Amber C.

Ben E.

Emily E.

Kirill I.

Liam L.

Kanen P.

**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 ofmediums
* 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

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

**Ministry of Education**

**Sign your children up today for a $1,200 *B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant***

British Columbians are encouraged to sign up for a $1,200 grant for their children’s post-secondary education and training.

To be eligible, the child applying must have been born in 2006 or later and must be at least six years of age when they apply. The child parents/guardians must both be residents of British Columbia.

Signing up for the grant is as easy as stopping in at your local financial institution and following these simple steps:

1. Bring social insurance number (SIN) cards for both the child and the parent/guardian.
2. Sign the child up as the beneficiary of a Registered Education Savings Plan.
3. Complete the application at your financial institution.
4. No additional contributions are required.

Learn more at the Ministry of Education website: <https://goo.gl/ep8bgJ>

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**



**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

 Phone: 604-466-6555 (Ext 203) Email: rmc@sd42.ca

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

**Enclosures:**

*Theatrix – Lunchbox Theatre*

*Pizza Order Form*

*Pac Movie Night Information*

**SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS…**

* **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**
* **Winter Break Monday, December 25, to Friday, January 5, 2018**
* **Non-Instructional day Friday, January 26, 2018**

**December 2017 – Pitt Meadows Elementary**

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  | Kernels Popcorn Delivery  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Pizza Day |  |  |  |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
|  |  |  | Christmas ConcertPM | ChristmasConcert AM | **Last Day of School before Winter Break** |  |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|  | **Christmas Day** | **Boxing Day** |  |  |  |  |
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**Schools reopen after Winter Break on Monday, January 8th, 2018**

**Happy New Year! Have a safe Winter Break!**