



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Newsletter # 7

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

Dear PME Families,

We have now completed our Three Way Conferences and, based on feedback we have received, it has been a valuable and positive experience. We have especially noticed the high level of student participation and thoughtfulness about their learning. We always appreciate hearing any feedback or comments you may have on the process. The students certainly enjoyed sharing their learning with you!

Our Christmas Concert is during the last week of school, on Wednesday December 20th at 1pm and again on Thursday Dec 21st at 9am. Doors will open a half hour before each performance. We ask that you please only attend one concert as we simply do not have enough space in the gymnasium for all of our families at once. We look forward to a wonderful show and a chance to come together as a community during this festive time.

All the best,
Stephanie Dand
Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Parents will see the information below when they click on Kindergarten Registration – SIBLING PHASE under Announcements and Events. Only parents who currently have a sibling attending the desired first choice school (currently in Gr K-6) and linked to their account are eligible to register during this phase.

Please note: Sibling Registration starts on Thursday, January 4th before school has started again.

Sibling Registration

Registration for this phase begins at noon on January 4, 2018 and closes at 11:59 pm on January 10, 2018. All students registering for kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2018. (Born in 2013) During winter break, computers and/or assistance will be available at the District Education Office, 22225 Brown Avenue, Maple Ridge.

Once the timer at the bottom of this page counts down to zero, a button will appear to begin sibling kindergarten registration. (You may have to refresh the page to see this).

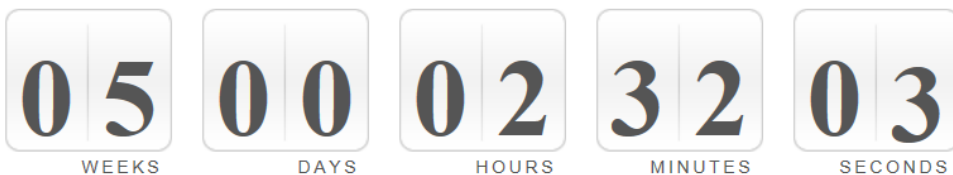
Kindergarten registration in the Sibling Phase is open for all students across School District 42 that already have a sibling attending the desired first choice school (currently in Gr K-6). The child already attending school must be linked to your account in order to register during this phase. The child you are registering for kindergarten will not be linked to your account until s/he has been placed at a school and supporting documentation has been provided to the school. Kindergarten students will automatically be linked to your account once documentation has been processed.

PLEASE NOTE: All registrations are date and time-stamped once you start the kindergarten registration form. There is no need to rush through the registration process. Please ensure all sections are completed fully and accurately.

Once you submit your registration form, you will receive a confirmation email that your application has been **received**. If you do not receive this email within 24 hours, please contact the IT Services Help Desk at [604.466.6248](tel:604.466.6248). For general kindergarten inquiries, contact Lynne Lloyd at [604.466.6218](tel:604.466.6218).

Shortly after the registration period closes, you will receive another email advising where your child has been **tentatively** placed. You will then be required to take supporting documentation to that school office. The deadline to bring supporting documents to the school for the Sibling Phase is noon January 17, 2018. If supporting documentation is not provided by this deadline, your child's school assignment will be cancelled and you will have to reapply.

*If you are registering twins, please make a note of this in the comments section on the registration form. A registration form for each child must be completed.





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Parking at PME Drop Off/Pick Up 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.
- -We have noticed some unsafe practices in this area, especially in the morning. We are all in a hurry at some point but 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.

Congratulations Pitt Meadows Elementary students on raising \$10,000 to build a school in India.

This is an amazing accomplishment! Over the last 5 years, PME leadership students have organized various campaigns to raise money to reach this goal. We have sold symbolic, paper bricks, African rafiki bracelets, candy-grams, love buttons and held numerous bake sales. A heartfelt thank you to students, parents and community members who have supported our efforts! Leadership students are currently planning for a new goal and action plan. For the month of December, leadership students are focusing on a couple of local initiatives. We are collecting gently used warm, winter clothing for those in need. Please bring any items you might have to Mme. Chabot's classroom. Leadership students will also be doing a cookie sale on Dec. 15th with all proceeds going to The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society.

Please see a news story about PME students' accomplishment on page A24 of the Dec. 6th Maple Ridge News.





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Library News

All library books will be due back by Friday, December 15th. Invoices will be given for lost and damaged books the week prior to Christmas break. Parents are asked to settle their kid's accounts so students can start fresh in January.



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!

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.



Christmas Ornaments Needed!

Do you have any extra or unwanted Christmas decorations? Please help us create Christmas spirit at PME. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

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





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Student Leadership News:

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



As the season turns colder we are asking for your help in donating any warm clothing that may help others in need. Any donations of blankets, coats, tuques, gloves, scarves, sweaters, pants, socks or boots would be greatly appreciated.

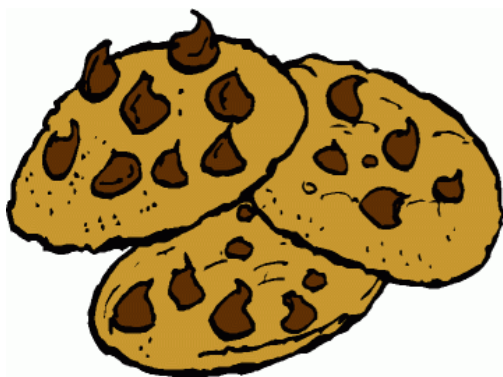
Student Leaders will be **collecting these items up until December 20th**.

We will be delivering our donations to the local Salvation Army on 222nd and Lougheed highway.

All donations will go directly to those in need.

We thank you in advance for your help in sharing kindness.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SOCIETY BAKE SALE



As in previous years, Student Leaders want to help out those who are less fortunate. We have decided to sponsor a family this year. We are going to be raising funds to donate to this cause. We will be having a cookie sale on **Friday, December 15th**. **All cookies will be sold for 2 for \$1**. We are asking all Student Leaders and any other families to bake for our cause. Any cookie donation would be appreciated.

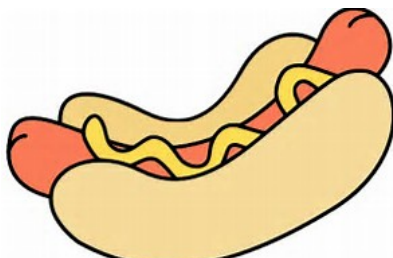
As well, we will be collecting any cash donations that you wish to provide up until December 22nd. Let's make a difference PME.



Little Caesars PIZZA DAY

Pizza Day on Wednesday, December 13th

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



Hot Dog Day was a huge success!
Thank you for supporting Camp Jubilee!

FUNDRAISING NEWS:



CHOCOLATIER

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



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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://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

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 6:30 – 8pm at Pitt Meadows Elementary in the library
Everyone welcome!

After-School Programs

SCHOOLS OUT GR. K-7

This after-school program is sponsored by United Way and developed by The Family Education & Support Centre. It is designed for students from kindergarten to Grade 7 within the Pitt Meadows community to develop a greater knowledge of different cultures through crafts, activities and food. The Family Education & Support Centre is excited to explore other multifaceted cultures in our world and looks forward to sharing the experience with you.

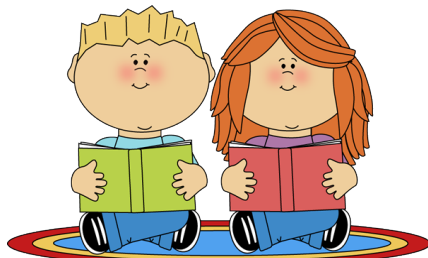
Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 pm

Jan. 10 - Feb. 28, 2018

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Registration Fee: \$25

To Register: Call Karen Hughes, 604.467.6055 (ext 101), email reg@familyed.bc.ca, or visit www.familyed.bc.ca.





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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

Cadence A.
Adam B.
Alex B.
Charlie C.
Gia C.
Ryan C.
Tyler C.
Reese D.
Brandon E.
Maggie E.
Griffin F.
Molly F.
Brody G.
Jiay G.
J.J. G.
Michelle G.
Nathan G.
Valerie G.
Charli H.
Makenna H.
Miya H.
Sierra H.
William H.
Aisling K.
Brayden K.
Mikayla L.
Camryn M.
Ekaterina M.
Jamie M.
Keirra M.
Lily M.
Lyla M.
Mikayla M.
Hunter Mc.
Charlotte P.
Kashton P.
Lachlan P.
Isabella P.



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PME READING PROGRAM

Primary 30 Days Continued

River P.
Isabelle P.
Savannah P.
Kai T.
Jessa U.
Lewyn W.
Maya W.

Primary 60 Days

Serena A.
Sophie H.
Quinn K.
Made M.
Satyawaan N.
Preston O.
Nathanael R.
Havana T.
Oliver W.
Kali W-K.

Intermediate 30 Days

Terence B.
Juno C.
Bailey D.
Rylan D.
Aidan N.

Intermediate 60 Days

Kai B.
Charis L.
Charlie M.
Suhani N.
Karsen O.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Kindergarten Registration

SIBLING

January 4-10, 2018 (Documentation to school by January 17) (Although schools are closed for the first 2 days of this registration period, support will be available at the DEO. Schools will be open for registration 3 days the following week.)

CHOICE

January 18-22, 2018 (Documentation to school by January 31)

GENERAL

February 1-8, 2018 (Documentation to school by February 28)

LATE

March 28-June 7, 2018 (Documentation to school 5 business days after confirmation of placement)

- All phases open at 12:00 noon and close at 11:59 pm.
- The SD42 website has been updated with these dates.
- Registration starts during Winter Break to allow adequate time for Grade 8 registration before Spring Break.
- Kindergarten pamphlets and posters will be distributed to schools within the next week or so.

Information on Grade 8 registration will be sent out shortly, but registration will start around mid-February. Parents will be advised of grade 8 placement after Spring Break.

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:



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

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



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Enclosures:

- After-School Programs*
- Kindergarten Registration 2018/19 pamphlet*
- Thinking Competency*

SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

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

December 2017 – Pitt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 "K" Vision & Hearing Test	2
3	4 Kernels Popcorn Delivery	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Pizza Day	14	15 Cookie Sale	16
17	18 Scholastic Book Fair All week	19	20 Christmas Concert 1 PM	21 Christmas Concert 9 AM	22 Last Day of School before Winter Break	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31						

Schools reopen after Winter Break on Monday, January 8th, 2018