



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Newsletter # 10

Thursday, February 1st, 2018

Dear PME Families,

The school year is now almost half over and the students have come a very long way in their learning and growing. Second term conferences will be held before Spring Break this year, but please feel free to call or meet with your child's teacher before then should you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

We have many activities and excursions on the go right now, from inquiry projects to ski trips to spirit days to guest speakers. All of these enrich the curriculum for the students and make the learning meaningful and memorable. Continue to check the portal and email for information from the school.

Our door, as ever, is open for your comments, questions and feedback.

Stephanie Dand
Principal

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.**

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. Please see attachment for more details of treatment. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Public Health Nurse at (604) 476-7000.



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.
- 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.



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Counselling Corner

A great community resource for families raising a child 5 years and under is Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre RMCDC. They offer pediatric rehabilitation services for children who may need professional help by an occupational therapist, physiotherapy or speech and language pathologist. Some examples of possible issues they treat are:

- Speech issues, slurring, lisp, stutter
- Crayon/Pencil Grip difficulties
- Learning how to handle big emotions such as mad, sad, confusion, happiness

RMCDC offers speech therapy, physiotherapy (to assist with child mobility issues), and occupational therapy. The pediatric rehab therapists are all trained to work with preschool children and help them build these skills and be kindergarten ready!

Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre (604) 463-0881

PAC NEWS

The parents advisory council (PAC) would like your input on how we should spend our fundraising money to enhance safety and learning. We are extremely interested in your feedback about what PAC can do to help our school and the children and staff within. Please take a few minutes to fill out the 8 question survey. All of us on the PAC team thank you in advance for taking time out of your busy schedule to fill in the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JMKLKWJ>

We have changed our email address for PAC.

The new email address is: Pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com

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, February 20th at 6:30 – 8pm at Pitt Meadows Elementary in the library. Everyone welcome!

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

School District News

Kindergarten Registration

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.

Late French Immersion Information Night

Dear parents of grade 5 students,

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 2018 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.



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To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on **February 1 at Golden Ears Elementary**.

TODAY Time: 7-8 pm, February 1, 2018
Location: Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)
23124-118th Avenue, Maple Ridge

To see Late French Immersion in action, drop by **Golden Ears Elementary** between **1-2 pm** on **February 6, 2018** and see for yourself.

Late French Immersion registration opens at **7:30 am** on **Tuesday, February 8, 2018** at **Golden Ears Elementary** on a first come, first on list basis.

Grade 8 registration

For parents of Grade 7 students

Overview

To provide an optimal learning environment for all students, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 (SD42) must manage enrolment across all schools, ensuring that enrolment numbers match building capacity.

"Where space and facility is determined to be available," the school district has an open boundary policy that allows flexibility in choice regarding which secondary school students may attend (School Act section 74.1 Section 6). Due to increasing enrolment in recent years, however, the majority of students are assigned to their catchment school. All our high schools meet the needs of all learners

Online Registration

Registration opens at 12 pm (noon) on Thursday, February 15, 2018. All Grade 8 registrations are done through the Parent Portal at <https://parents.sd42.ca>. Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process.

Online Registration Deadline

Deadline for Grade 8 online registration is **12 pm (noon)** on **March 2, 2018**. If you do not register your child by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a paper registration form at your child's catchment high school.

Placement Notification

Parents will be notified by email after Spring Break about their child's assigned school.

Proposed Calendar 2018 – 2019

WHAT DO YOU THINK? GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

At its January 24, 2018 regular public meeting, the Board of Education received the **2018/19** and **2019/20 Proposed District School Calendars** for information and passed a motion requesting district staff to begin the consultation process.

To review the proposed calendars and provide your feedback, please go to:

<http://www.sd42.ca/proposed-district-calendars/>

The consultation period on the proposed calendars runs from **Thursday, January 25, 2018** to **Friday, February 23, 2018**. All feedback will be reviewed by senior team and the calendars will be adjusted if required before being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at the **March 7, 2018** regular public meeting.

Once they are approved, the calendars will be posted on the district website and submitted to the Ministry of Education by **March 31, 2018**.



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Wheelhouse

The Wheelhouse is a program in which students in grades 6 and 7 are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Program highlights 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, in which each student is assigned an iPad for 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 <http://schools.sd42.ca/wheelhouse>.

Registration for The Wheelhouse begins at 7:30 am on Thursday, February 15 at Alouette Elementary.

Trades Information Session and Showcase

Date: Tuesday, February 6

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm,

Location: Thomas Haney Secondary

23000 - 116th Avenue

Maple Ridge

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is hosting an information session and showcase on **Tuesday, February 6** for its nine trades programs.

Parents and students will be able to meet with our instructors and partner institutions – BCIT, VCC and KPU. Industry professionals and local business owners will also be there to answer questions about hiring and trade experience. Work BC and other employment services will be in attendance to discuss job ready skills and grant funding.

Appetizers will be prepared and served by our Culinary Arts students.

The event is free but registration is required. Register at: https://apprenticeship.sd42.ca/?page_id=949

SD42 Trades Programs:

Automotive Service Technician - Partnered with BCIT

Carpenter - Partnered with KPU

Culinary Arts - Partnered with VCC

Electrician - Partnered with BCIT

Hairstyling Program – Partnered with VCC

Horticulture - Partnered with KPU

Masonry/Bricklayer - Partnered with KPU

Metal Fabricator - Partnered with BCIT

Plumbing/Fitting - Partnered with KPU

Refrigeration Tech - Pending Partnership with JARTS

Career Opportunities:

Have you thought about a career with our school district?

To see the opportunities we have available, visit us at <http://www.sd42.ca/careers/>



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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.

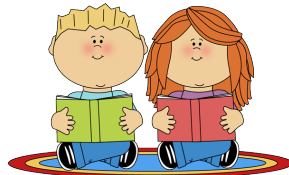
Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 pm

Jan. 10 - Feb. 28, 2018

Pitt Meadows Elementary

Registration Fee: \$25

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



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

Garryn A.

Andrew C.

Jonah C.

Cedrick D.

Elle F.

Grayson G.

Maddison K.

Damon S.

Primary 60 Days

Adam B.

Blaydan B.

Leilah B.

Mattias B.

J.J. G.

Michelle G.

Mila G.

Brenna H.

Kaitlyn H.



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PME READING PROGRAM

Primary 60 Days continued

Aisling K.
Issac K.
Gabriel L.
Helen L.
Mikayla L.
Gabriella M.
River P.
Savannah P.
Mila S.
Falyn W.
Holden W.

Primary 90 Days

Thea E.
Carson G.
Kiyana G.
Iliya K.
Satyawaan N.
Paetyn R.
Aria S.
Nico U.

Primary 120 Days

Serena A.
Made M.

Intermediate 30 Days

Allie N.

Intermediate 60 Days

Connor B.
Bailey D.
Ben E.
Kirill K.
Diego R.

Intermediate 90 Days

Kai B.
Kirill K.

Intermediate 120 Days

Seth A.
Karsen O.



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COMMUNITY NEWS:

LGBTQ2S

Meeting: on Monday, February 26th, 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: The Family Education and Support Centre

Cost: \$45.00

Daddy & Me

Who: Dads or Guardians & their children (newborn to 5 years)

Dates: Wednesdays: January 10 to April 11, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Location: Family Place 22359 119th Avenue, Maple Ridge

Cost: Free (a light dinner will be served weekly)

Registration will be held during the first session

Contact: Darren at 604-467-6911ext. 1155 for more information

Enclosures:

Lice Information Sheet, Proposed 2018 – 2019 Calendar



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2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- *Schools not in session* *Friday, February 9, 2018*
- *Family Day* *Monday, February 12, 2018*
- *Non- Instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day)* *Tuesday, February 13, 2018*
- *Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)* *Wednesday, February 28, 2018*

February 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "K General Registration Starts Students leave for Quebec	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Students Return from Quebec K General Reg Closes	9 School Not In Session	10
11	12 Family Day No Classes	13 Curriculum Day No Classes	14	15 Grade 8 on-line Registration	16	17
18	19 Assembly 9:30 am	20 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Pita Pit Lunch	22	23	24
25	26 Lunchbox Theatre 11am - Theatrix Performance	27	28 Early Dismissal Conferences Dismissal @ 11:30 am			



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2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- Spring Break
- Good Friday

Monday, March 12, 2018 to Friday, March 23, 2018
Friday, March 30, 2018

March 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Student Conferences School not in session	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 M	13 A	14 R	15 C	16 H	17
18	19 B	20 R	21 E	22 A	23 K	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	



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2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR

Kindergarten Enrolment – General Registration

Students Depart for Quebec

Students Return from Quebec

Schools not in session

Family Day

Non- Instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day)

Grade 8 On-line registration opens (at noon)

Pita Pit Lunch Day

Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)

Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session – all day)

Deadline for Grade 8 on-line registration (at noon)

Schools close for Spring Break

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Spring Break

Schools reopen after Spring Break

Kindergarten Enrolment – Late Registration

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Pizza Day Lunch

PALS - 2:45-3:45pm

Non- Instructional day

English Public Speaking (Grade 4 & 5)

English Public Speaking (Grade 6 & 7)

Camp Jubilee

Victoria Day

Non- Instructional day

Aboriginal Education Awards (Grades 8 – 12)

Grade 7s to High School

Track & Field

Last day for students

Year-end Administrative Day

Schools close for Summer Vacation

As at: January 16, 2018

February 1 – 8, 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Friday, February 9, 2018

Monday, February 12, 2018

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Friday, March 2, 2018

Friday, March 9, 2018

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Monday, March 12, to

Friday, March 23, 2018

Monday, March 26, 2018

March 28 – June 7, 2018

Friday, March 30, 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Monday, April 23, 2018

Monday, April 30, 2018

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018

Monday, May 21, 2018

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

June 7 & 8, 2018

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Basketball Schedule at a glance

We love crowd support!

Home games are scheduled as follows:

Monday*: Boys Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 14, Feb 26

Tuesday: Girls Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20

Wednesday: Boys Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21

Thursday: Girls Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 18, Jan 30, Feb 8, Feb 22

***not all games are played on the same weekday due to holidays/pro-d/curriculum days**



Parents are kindly asked to arrange rides to away games. Coaches and sponsor teachers cannot guarantee rides to away games and those who get rides need to be picked up at away schools when the game ends.

Coaches and Sponsor Teachers

Boys Recreation: Coach: Ross Power. Sponsor Teachers: Mrs. Toupin and Mrs Sandhu

Girls Recreation: Coaches/Sponsor Teachers: Mrs. Simard with Mrs. White

Boys Competitive: Coach: Mrs. Birth. Sponsor Teacher: Mrs. White

Girls Competitive: Coaches/Sponsor Teacher: Mr. Severud