**Newsletter # 12 Thursday, March 1st, 2018**

Dear PME Families,

We are now at the end of the second term and Three Way Conferences are happening at PME. It is wonderful to see so many parents in the school this week. I hope all of you find the conference process to be collaborative, informative and rewarding for your child.

It is also Kindness Week at PME and I would like to thank Mme Chabot, Mme Wadden and our Leadership students for the wonderful activities they have done in classrooms around kindness. As you come for your conference, have a look at the decorations and posters in our hallways, all completed by our students.

As this will be our last newsletter before Spring Break, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Dand

Principal

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**PAC NEWS**

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, April 10th at 6:30 – 8pm** at Pitt Meadows Elementary in the library. Everyone welcome!

The Pitt Meadows Elementary PAC would like to express their gratitude to the **West Coast Auto Group Football Club** for their generous offer to donate 27 soccer balls, hurdles and a ball bag to the school, as part of their program to involve youth in sports. Their donation will be arriving soon and will be put to good use promoting the game of soccer and the love of sport with all our students. Thank you from the PAC on behalf of all our parents and kids!

The PAC is going to be running a trial with the online ordering system **Munch a Lunch**, that will give parents a faster, easier and more efficient way to order hot lunches. This will save time, eliminate paper forms and potential errors and enables us to send out your order detail reminders the day before a lunch. Look for an email coming from the portal next week with details on how to sign up for your family account. This system will be in place for the upcoming Little Caesar’s lunch scheduled for April 4 and two Subway lunches (May 2 & June 20). Paper forms will still go out for a Pita Pit lunch scheduled for April 18.

Spring Break is coming – Great time to Spring clean and be able to be involved in our upcoming Parking lot garage sale in April!  PAC will be selling parking stalls for a small charge of $20.   You get to keep the profits from your garage sale stuff.     More details to follow!

PME Quebec Trip part deux is fundraising with **Purdys Chocolatier**, just in time for Easter!

If you’d like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

[https://www.purdysgpp.com/646929](https://www.purdysgpp.com/646929%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

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!

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

 **Contact Us**

For more information visit our Chapter website [https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/](https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) or email us at cpf.ridgemeadows@gmail.com

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

**Kindergarten Registration**

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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.

**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](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.

**Changes to 2018/19 and 2019/20 Proposed District School Calendars**

​**Family Day statutory holiday moved**

On February 9, 2018, the provincial government announced that, effective 2019, the Family Day statutory holiday will move from the 2nd Monday of February to the 3rd Monday of February. This change was not reflected in the initial 2018/19 and 2019/20 Proposed District School Calendars, which went out for consultation before the announcement was made.

The calendars presented to the Board of Education at the **March 7, 2018** public meeting will include this change. The district will also recommend that the February non-instructional and schools-not-in-session days immediately preceding the Family Day holiday be moved so they continue to precede this statutory holiday.

The new proposed dates are as follows:

**2018/19 Proposed District School Calendar:**
Non-instructional day **Thursday, February 14, 2019**
Schools not in Session day **Friday, February 15, 2019**
Family Day holiday **Monday, February 18, 2019**

**2019/20Proposed District School Calendar:**
Non-instructional day **Thursday, February 13, 2020**
Schools not in Session day **Friday, February 14, 2020**
Family Day holiday **Monday, February 17, 2020**

​**Non-Instructional Day added to support new provincial curriculum implementation for 2018/19 school year only**

**A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGE 3 OR 4**

**READY, SET, LEARN (RSL)** is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers special activities, story-time and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children’s book and a parent kit with tips for supporting a child’s learning and development.

ALBION 604.463.4848: Mar 29, May 10 (3:00 - 4:00 pm) ALOUETTE 604.463.8730: Nov 15, Feb 21, Apr 18 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

DAVIE JONES 604.465.9908: Nov 23, Jan 18, Feb 15 (3:00- 4:00 pm)

ERIC LANGTON 604.463.3810: Nov 15, Feb 21, Apr 18 (4:00 - 5:30 pm)

GLENWOOD 604.463.6512: Nov 21, Feb 6, Apr 24 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

HARRY HOOGE 604.463.0866: Oct 23, Feb 19, Apr 16 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

KANAKA CREEK 604.467.9050: Feb 23, May 25 (3:15 - 4:15 pm) LAITY VIEW 604.463.7108: Mar 28, Apr 25, May 30 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY 604.465.5828: Nov 20, Jan 22, Apr 23 (2:45 - 3:45 pm)

Registration is required for all RSL Events and occurs on a first-come, first-served basis.

Register at: <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

**NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2018**

PITT MEADOWS

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM FEB 6, 2018 HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY

READY SET LEARN PARTNERSHIP EVENT 5:00 PM -6:30 PM MAR 7, 2018 THE ACT THEATRE

MAPLE RIDGE CENTRAL

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM FEB 21, 2018 HARRY HOOGE ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE WEST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM APR 4, 2018 HAMMOND ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE EAST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM MAY 1, 2018 BLUE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

DAVIE JONES EDITH MCDERMOTT HIGHLAND PARK

FAIRVIEW HAMMOND LAITY VIEW MAPLE RIDGE ELEM.

ALBION ALOUETTE ERIC LANGTON GLENWOOD GOLDEN EARS HARRY HOOGE KANAKA CREEK

ALEXANDER ROBINSON BLUE MOUNTAIN WEBSTER’S CORNERS WHONNOCK YENNADON

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGE 3 AND 4 IN ALL MAPLE RIDGE AND PITT MEADOWS NEIGHBOURHOODS

See attachment for details.

**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/>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**The Alouette River Management Society spring break camps**

Part 1: March 12 - 16 | Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 2:00pm

 Part 2: March 19 - 23 | Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 2:00pm

 Age: 7Y - 13Y

Fee: $180/full week - or - $40/day

* Impress muggles with your new magic tricks
* Discover ways to turn plants into potions
* Hold an owl or touch a snake
* Soar in a game of Quidditch

Explore the science, technology, engineering, arts and math of Harry Potter through a range of outdoor engagement and play.

 Register at [www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca)

Contact Greta for details at arms@alouetteriver.org

www.alouetteriver.org

The Alouette River Management Society

See attachment for details.

**Ridge Meadows College & First Aid Hero: Riverside Centre**

**RED CROSS BABYSITTING – SPRING 2018 FOR 11 YEARS OLD PLUS**

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone?

 Different from all other Babysitting courses!

 Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios. Active role-play! Interactive and fun! Covered in this course: • Exploring the Business of Babysitting • Creating Safe Environments • Safely caring for ages 0-12 • First Aid Skills

 Please bring a yoga mat, pen/pencil, medium sized stuffed animal or doll, lunch, snacks and water.

DATE AND TIME

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

FEE

$63/1 Session

 LOCATION: Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge

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

Spring Break Hours: March 19 – 23, 2018 M – F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

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

To register, please visit Ridge Meadows College in person or by phone/email 604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or rmc@sd42.ca

**Kindergarten Immunization Booster Fair**

Who: Children Ages 4 – 6

 Who need their booster vacation

When: Please call 604-476-7087 to book your appointment for

 Wednesday, June 6, 2018

 Thursday, June 7, 20189

Where: Maple Ridge Health Unit

 Fourth Floor

 #400

 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road

**Enclosures:** Ready, Set, Learn Information Sheet; Kindergarten Immunization Booster Fair; Red Cross Babysitting – Spring 2018; The Alouette River Management Society



**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**

Riley A.

Hannah B.

Helena B.

Liam C.

Cole D.

Max J.

Lukas P.

Sophie N.

**Primary 60 Days**

Cadence A.

Matthew C.

Max C.

Ryan C.

Scarlett C.

Tyler C.

Reese D.

Brody G.

Frankie H.

Lachlan P.

Lewyn W.

**Primary 90 Days**

Charlotte B.

Scarlett B.

Arianna G.

Devin G.

Brayden H.

Gabriel L.

Kalia M.

**Primary 90 Days**

Kaydence McC.

Charlotte P.

Max R.

Declan W.

Lochlan W.

**Primary 120 Days**

 Ainsley B.

Thea E.

Carson G.

Makenna G.

Quinn K.

Kali W-K.

Hannah L.

**Intermediate 120 Days**

Charis L.

Charlie M.

Suhani N**.**

**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS…**

* ***Spring Break Monday, March 12, 2018 to Friday, March 23, 2018***
* ***Good Friday Friday, March 30, 2018***

**March 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary**

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| 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 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Change Clocks |  **M**  | **A** | **R** | **C** | **H** | St. Patricks’s Day  |
| 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|  | **B** | **R** | **E**  | **A** | **K** |  |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30**Good Friday** |   |
|  |  |  |   |  |  |  |



**Daylight savings time:**

**Spring Forward**: The clocks are set ahead one hour during Spring Forward. In 2018, this occurs on**Sunday, March 11th**.

**Spring Break**

**Monday, March 12th, 2018 to Friday, March 23rd, 2018**



**School Re-opens**

**Monday, March 26th, 2018**

**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS…**

* ***Easter Monday Monday, April 2, 2018***
* ***PALS 2:45 – 3:45 pm Monday, April 23, 2018***
* ***Non-Instructional Day Monday, April 30, 2018***

**April 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| **1****Easter Sunday** | **2****Easter Monday** | 3 | 4Pizza Lunch | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| 8 | 9Primary Fire Prevention Presentations | 10 Primary FirePrevention  | 11 | 12 | 13Subway Orders Home | 14 |
|  |  |  PAC Meeting |   |   |   |  |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18Pita Pit | 19 | 20Subway Orders Due  | 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
|  | PALS2:45-3:45 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | **30****Non Instructional Day****No Classes** |   |   |   |   |   |
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**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

***Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session – all day) Thursday, March 1, 2018***

***Deadline for Grade 8 on-line registration (at noon) Friday, March 2, 2018***

*Schools close for Spring Break Friday, March 9, 2018*

*Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 11, 2018*

***Spring Break Monday, March 12, to***

 ***Friday, March 23, 2018***

*Schools reopen after Spring Break Monday, March 26, 2018*

*Kindergarten Enrolment – Late Registration March 28 – June 7, 2018*

***Good Friday Friday, March 30, 2018***

***Easter Monday Monday, April 2, 2018***

*Pizza Day Lunch Wednesday, April 4, 2018*

*PAC Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

*Pita Pit Lunch Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

*PALS - 2:45-3:45pm Monday, April 23, 2018*

***Non- Instructional day Monday, April 30, 2018***

*English Public Speaking (Grade 4 & 5) Wednesday, May 2, 2018*

*Ignite Camp Wednesday, May 2, 2018*

*Subway Day Wednesday, May 2, 2018*

*English Public Speaking (Grade 6 & 7) Thursday, May 3, 2018*

*Welcome Quebec Students Thursday, May 3, 2018*

*Camp Jubilee Begins Monday, May 14, 2018*

***Victoria Day Monday, May 21, 2018***

***Non- Instructional day Tuesday, May 22, 2018***

*Panorama & Class Photos Monday, May 28, 2018*

*Aboriginal Education Awards (Grades 8 – 12) Tuesday, May 29, 2018*

*Grade 7s to High School Wednesday, May 30, 2018*

*Kindergarten Immunization Booster Fair (@ Maple Ridge Health Unit) Wednesday, June 6, 2018*

*Kindergarten Immunization Booster Fair (@ Maple Ridge Health Unit) Thursday, June 7, 2018*

*Track & Field Thursday, June 7 & Friday, June 8, 2018*

***Last day for students Wednesday, June 27, 2018***

*Year-end Administrative Day Thursday, June 28, 2018*

*Schools close for Summer Vacation Thursday, June 28, 2018*

As at: February 28, 2018