**Newsletter # 16 Thursday, May10th, 2018**

Dear PME Families,

I am always amazed how quickly this time of year goes. We now have only seven weeks of school remaining and the weather is finally warming up. With that comes later evenings, more sports and outside activities and, sometimes, a decreased interest in focusing on school work on the part of some students. Please support your child’s ongoing education by reinforcing the importance of staying focused at school, listening and respecting the teacher, and doing their very best to complete all assignments. When home and school are saying the same thing, the results are always better.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words about my retirement. It means a great deal to me to be part of such a wonderful family community, and I will miss it greatly. In the next newsletter, I will have announcements about staff changes at PME, including, of course, information about the new principal.

As always, our door is open for your feedback, concerns and questions.

All the best,

Stephanie Dand

Principal

**Class Placement for 2018 - 2019**

During the month of June staff prepare tentative and temporary class organizations to best plan for the opening of school in September.  The process of organizing classes is complex and time consuming.  Many factors are taken into account including:

            Academic needs

            Social needs

            Emotional needs

            Number of students per class

            Balance of male/female students

            Balanced distribution of students with special needs

            Parent requests

If you have information regarding the specific learning needs or the type of learning environment that best suits your child, without naming specific teachers, please complete an Input For Consideration for Class Placement Form. This form is available at the office from May 1 – 31st.

This form is not mandatory unless you want to provide input.  Your student’s current teacher will be present at these placement meetings and he or she brings understanding to your child’s needs.  The form is to be completed and returned to the school by June 1, 2018 only if you have additional educational or emotional information that you would like the school to consider.​

**Are you moving?**

We are currently working on the 2018 – 2019 staffing and the number of students that we have at each grade significantly impacts staffing levels**. If you know that you are moving and will not be attending PME in September, we would appreciate you letting us know ASAP.**

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**Appropriate Dress**

Just a friendly reminder as we begin to get beautiful weather to please dress appropriately. No undergarments showing, no short shorts, and no T-shirts with inappropriate language/pictures.

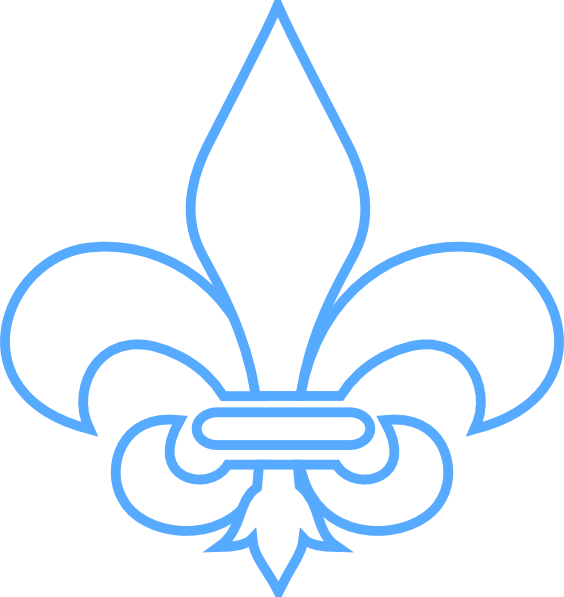
**Lost and Found**

Our box is full! We have on display all of our lost and found items. Please take a moment to check if any belong to you. All unclaimed items will be donated. Thank you.

**Student Leadership News**

**Goodbye Quebec students**

We had a wonderful visit and enjoyed many activities with our Quebec exchange students. A big thank you to all parents who helped make it a great success!



On **Friday, May 25th** dress as your favourite book character to celebrate the start of Scholastic Book Fair. Show your student sprit!

**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

**Thursday, May 24 to Wednesday, May 30th, 2018**



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A wide range of titles for every level and interest. Favourite series and authors will get kids excited about reading.

**PAC NEWS**

**PAC ELECTION MEETING/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

When: **May 15th, 2018 - library at 6:30pm**

**Who is a voting member = ANY PARENT WITH A CHILD CURRENTLY ATTENDING PME**

**Hi parents,**

**PAC is always looking for members and NEW members help us grow and get better.  The current positions we are currently looking for:**

* **Vice President/.Chairperson**
* **District Parent Advisory Council Representative (DPAC) for District #42**

**If you do not want to be on the PAC executive but like to get involved please consider joining the following committees we will need for the 2018/19 school year.**

* **Carnival committee**
* **Xmas market committee**
* **After school events for kids (lego, art, music) PAC committee**

**For further information on the following executive positions please visit our PAC website or email our NEW email =** [Pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:Pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com)



**Photo Express Panorama and Class Photos**

On Monday, May 28, 2018

**Grade 7’s to High School**

On Wednesday, **May 30th, 2018**.

**Welcome to Kindergarten *on Thursday, June 7, 2018***

Join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten orientation and learn about family activities that will help your child have a successful transition to kindergarten.

**Welcome to Kindergarten at 5:30 PM on Thursday, June 7th. Current Kindergarten students will be**

**dismissed at 11am that day.**

**Parent Appreciation Tea**

The staff of PME would like to show their appreciation and thanks to all of the parents who have taken time to volunteer in our school this past year.  An invitation will be coming home in the next few weeks.  The Tea will be held on **Wednesday, June 13th** from 2-3pm.  More details to follow.

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

Camp d’été 2018 – French Summer Day Camp Theme: Aventures D'Ingénierie (Engineering Adventures)

July 23 – 27, 2018, 9am to 3pm Cost: $175

Registration Package is available online http://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/events/summer-camp/ **Contact Us**

For more information visit our Chapter website [https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/](https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/" \t "_blank) or email us at [cpf.ridgemeadows@gmail.com](mailto:cpf.ridgemeadows@gmail.com" \t "_blank)

Please see attachment for more details.

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**FINALS – Maple Ridge Secondary / MRSS – Merkley Park**

**Thursday, June 7th Grades 4 & 5**

**Friday, June 8th Grades 6 & 7**

*Events run from 8:30 am to 3:00*

The meet will take place at **Maple Ridge Secondary School** which is located at 21911 122nd Avenue, Maple Ridge.  This event starts at 8:30am and finishes at approximately 3:00pm.  This event will be held RAIN OR SHINE. We ask that the children **be at MRSS by 8:00 am** in order to warm up and get organized. There will be a coaches meeting at 8:10am, Mr. Severud will be attending, so look for the PME tent. **Parents are responsible for getting their children to the track meet and home afterwards.** **Teachers cannot leave until all students are picked up, so please be prompt.**

Maple Ridge Secondary School will be in full session on both meet days.  The parking lots at either end of the school are for staff and students and may not be used by visitors.  Parking will not be available at the north end of Mt. Crescent Elementary.  Please try to car pool to help cut down on the traffic in the area

Plenty of spectator seating is available in the grandstand and you are welcome to bring lawn chairs to sit closer to events that are taking place in the various areas around the track.

In PE, we have been working on track and field events on fair-weather days since the end of Spring Break. Preliminary event results have been posted in our gymnasium. As in previous years, qualifying athletes can enter a maximum of two events, excluding the relay and the mile event, as the relay team and mile events are not considered as part of the two-event limit.

Some practices may begin the week of May 7th. While we encourage students to enter those events in which they had their best results, they are equally encouraged to come out for those events they enjoy the most. They should not put all their eggs in one basket as only four students can represent PME for each event per category (grade/gender). However, we are encouraging the top six or seven students (at least the top ten for 100m) to come out to practices to show the coaches what they are capable of in that event. Sometimes athletes are good in multiple events and have to sacrifice one or two, opening up a possible roster spot for another. In fact, students should try out for as many events as they feel they’re good in to try to make the team. At the 6/7 level, we are often short of runners for 400m and we are encouraging athletes to consider this event.

Please recognize that track and field is as competitive as a team sport. Every track event has qualifying top times that athletes need to make, while every field event has a standard that athletes not only have to meet, but must exceed in order to compete against other athletes in the district. While we hope that as many students qualify for the track and field team as possible, it will come down to best results relative to peers. We aim to be very considerate when picking our final roster. In the end, it is up to the coaches to verify and confirm the top four athletes for each event; however, performance, hard work, AND commitment will all be factors coaches will consider in choosing their event rosters. Athletes need to participate in practice to make the team. Practice times are as follows:

Most practices start week of May 7th

**Event Coach Practice Day and Location**

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| High Jump | Mr. Gregoire | Gr. 4: Mondays, 12:00-12:25  (Friday May 25 for Victoria Day week).  Gr. 5: Tuesdays, 12:00-12:25  (Friday May 25 for Victoria Day week).  Gr. 6: Wednesdays, 12:00-12:25.  Gr. 7: Thursdays, 12:00-12:25.  **Final pre-elimination practice:** ALL GRADES: Monday, May 28th  (Permission forms due)  6/7: Tuesday, May 29th.  4/5: Wednesday, May 30th . **MEET IN THE GYM** |  |
| Long Jump | Mme Davidson | Gr. 4/5: Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30.  Gr. 6/7: Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. |  |
| 100m | Mme Chabot/Simard | Gr. 4/5 Tuesdays from 9:20-10:00 Begins week of May 14th.  Gr. 6/7 Thursdays from 12:40-1:40  Listen to announcements for when to come down.  **MEET AT THE PRIMARY PLAYGROUND.** |  |
| 800m | Mrs.Toupin | Gr. 4/5: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00  Gr. 6/7: Thursday, 9:20-10:00.  **MEET AT START LINE, JUST OUTSIDE “LE CHATEAU.”** |  |
| 4 X 100m Relay | Mr. Hume | Gr. 4-7: Wednesday 11:15-12:00 & Friday, 1:30-2:20.  Grade cohorts will train both separately and together:  listen to announcements for when to come down. **MEET IN THE GYM.**  **\*\*The final 100m roster must first be selected\*\*.**  **Begins week of May 14th.** |  |
| Discus | Mr. Duclos | Wednesday after school, 2:30-3:30. **MEET AT BACKSTOP;**  **WE PRACTICE AT THE BASEBALL DIAMOND.** |  |
| Shot Put | Mr. Severud | Gr. 4/5: Thursday, 12:45-1:15  Gr. 6/7: Thursday, 1:15-1:45.  **MEET AT TETHERBALL AREA, BESIDE “LE CHATEAU.”** |  |
| 200m/400m | Ms. Abdulla | Gr. 6/7 400m: Monday, 2:30-3:15 (for Victoria Day week,  Wednesday May 23rd ). Gr. 4/5 200m Thursdays at 1:45.  **MEET AT FAR FIELD START LINE.** |  |

We have done our best to keep practice times as convenient as possible. Many are during school hours while others are after school. Students are asked to please inform coaches of any conflicts between practice times or between practice times and outside commitments and try to work out a plan together: communication is vital.

**Special Information Regarding High Jump and Discus**

Qualifying dates and times for high jump and discus are as follows:

**High Jump Eliminations:**

**Location**: Davie Jones Elementary

**Times and Dates**:

Grade 4/5 boys and girls – **Wednesday, May 30th, 2018**

Grade 4 boys at 2:45,

Grade 4 girls at 3:15,

Grade 5 boys at 3:45, and

Grade 5 girls at 4:15.  
Grade 6/7 boys and girls – **Tuesday, May 29th, 2018**

Grade 6 boys at 2:45,

Grade 6 girls at 3:15,

Grade 7 boys at 3:45, and

Grade 7 girls at 4:15.

**High Jump Finals:**

## **Girls** **High Jump Finals**

**Location**: Meadowridge (DO NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER 2:30)\*

**Times and Date**: **Monday, June 4th, 2017**

Grade 4 and 5 at 3:00pm, and

Grade 6/7 at 4:15pm.

Students can start warming up at 2:35pm.

## **Boys** **High Jump Finals**

**Location**: Meadowridge (DO NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER 2:30)\*

**Times and Dates**: **Tuesday, June 5th, 2017**

Grade 4 and 5 at 3:00pm, and

Grade 6/7 at 4:15pm.  
Students can start warming up at 2:35pm.

\*Please do not arrive before 2:30 as school is in session. Parking is limited on site at Meadowridge School. It is recommended drivers park on 240th street where legal and walk in along the front field where there is a sidewalk as the parking is generally full, due to dismissal.

**Discus Finals:**

**Location:** MRSS at Merkley Park

**Times and Dates: 3pm** **Monday, June 4th, 2018**

## Grade 6 & 7 Boys (6’s first, 7’s to follow)

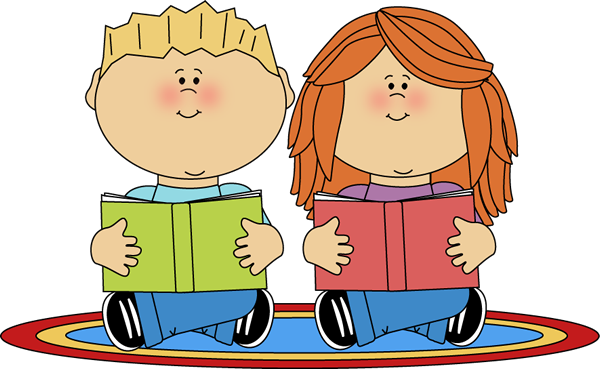
## **Wednesday, June 6th, 2018**

## Grade 6 & 7 Girls (6’s first, 7’s to follow)

Long jump and shot put occur during the larger track and field meets, June 7th and 8th. For more detailed information about the track meets themselves, see the bulletin board outside the gymnasium.

Closer to June, students whom are asked to represent PME will be coming home with permission forms. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible. Parents are responsible for providing rides to all elimination meets as well as the main meets. Students must pack a good amount of water and lunch, as there will be few opportunities to purchase food at the event. Sunblock is also recommended on sunny or partially cloudy days. Layers are recommended for cold mornings or cooler days. It has also been known to rain from time to time. Participants are also reminded that the main meets will be occurring while MRSS is in session. Parking is in designated areas only and will be at a premium, so we encourage carpooling when possible.

Good luck PME!



**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**

Haley C.

Raylen G.

Scarlett J.

Jenna L.

Luca M.

Dylan S.

Veer S.

**Primary 60 Days**

Amelia B.

Aitana B.

Dominic B.

Grace C.

Larmar E.

Max J.

Cruz L.

Jonah L.

Eloise M.

Oli N.

Sophie N.

Nate P.

Sawyer S.

Tulla S.

**Primary 90 Days**

Cadence A.

Alex B.

Leilah B.

Scarlett C.

Reese D.

Valerie G.

Kaitlyn H.

Mikayla L.

Jessa U.

**Primary 120 Days**

Charlotte B.

Devin G.

Brayden H.

Mila S.

Declan W.

Lochlan W.

**Primary 150 Days**

Iliya K.

Satyawaan N.

Max R.

Nathanael R.

Elizabeth T.

Havana T.

Oliver W.

**Primary 210 Days**

Serena A.

Monica C.

Quinn K.

Katherine M.

Made M.

**Intermediate 90 Days**

Bailey D.

Allie N.

Diego R.

**Intermediate 180 Days**

Charlie M.

Suhani N.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Social Media Awareness & Parenting the Digital World**

When: May 10th, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Davie Jones Elementary School

12030 Blakely Road

Pitt Meadows, BC

RSVP: [daviejonespac@gmail.com](mailto:daviejonespac@gmail.com)

See attachment for details.

**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

**How well can your child see?**

If your child is enrolled in kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year and is enrolled in a participating school district, s/he is eligible for a comprehensive eye exam and, if prescribed, one FREE pair of eyeglasses from a participating B.C. doctor of optometry through the Eye See…Eye Learn program.

**Valid until: August 31, 2018**

See attachment for more details.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED**

**Sole Girls - Program at a glance**

Sole Girls is an empowerment program that combines fun physical activity, discussion and mentorship to give girls the tools they need to live a confident and healthy life. Over the course of the program, girls learn life skills, confidence, being responsible and being healthy in a safe and interactive environment. They will also learn how to be a positive peer, make new friends and goal set as part of an active lifestyle.

Each set runs for 9 weeks, 1.5 to 2 hours per week.  Through each 9-week set the girls also prepare mentally and physically and develop skills to complete a 5km fun run, with a fun wrap-up party in the last session.

See attachment for further details.

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

Red Cross Babysitting – Summer 2018 for 11 years old plus

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

2 course dates and times available:

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

8:30 am – 3:30 pm $63.00/1 session

Location: Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge

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

See attachment for details.

**Enclosures:**

Sole Girls

Red Cross Babysitting

Social Media

How well can your child see?

**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS…**

* ***Victoria Day Monday, May 21, 2018***
* ***Non-Instructional Day Tuesday, May 22, 2018***

**May 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  | 1 | 2  Subway Day  Ignite Camp | 3  Welcome Quebec Students  Mrs. Lemmen Poetry Recital  1:50pm  Ignite Camp | 4  Mrs. Sandhu  Poetry Recital  1:50pm | 5 |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  Quebec  Students  Leave | 11  Primary Poetry Recital  8:45-10am  French (Gym)  English (Library)  Grade 6 & 7s  Playland | 12 |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|  | Camp  Jubilee | Camp Jubilee  FVRL Presentation  PAC Meeting |  | Grade 6 Immunization |  |  |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|  | **VICTORIA**  **DAY** | **Non Instructional Day** |  | Scholastic Book Fair Begins |  |  |
| 27 | 28  Panorama &  Class Photos | 29 | 30  Scholastic Book Fair Ends  Grade 7’s  To High School | 31 |  |  |
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**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS…**

* ***Early Dismissal for Current Kindergarten Students at 11 am Thursday, June 7, 2018***
* ***Last Day for Students Wednesday, June 27, 2018***

**June 2018 – Pitt Meadows Elementary**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  K Immunization Booster Fair @ Fraser Health | 7  **Welcome to Kindergarten**  **@ 5:30 pm**  **Early Dismissal for current Ks at 11am** | 8 | 9 |
|  |  |  |  | District Track & Field | District Track & Field |  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Parent Appreciation Tea 2 – 3 pm |  |  |  |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
|  |  |  | Subway Day |  | Cultus Lake &  Primary Fun Day |  |
| 24 | **25** | 26  Grade 7  Leaving Ceremony | 27  **Last day for students**  **Dismissal at 12noon** | 28  **Schools close**  **For**  **Summer Vacation** | 29 | 30 |
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**2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

*Quebec Students Leave Thursday, May 10, 2018*

*Grade 6 & 7 to Playland Friday, May 11, 2018*

*Primary Poetry Recital (English & French) Friday, May 11, 2018*

*Camp Jubilee Begins Monday, May 14, 2018*

*PAC Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

*FVRL Presentation Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

*Grade 6 Immunizations Thursday, May 17, 2018*

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

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

*Scholastic Book Fair Begins Thursday, May 24, 2018*

*Scholastic Book Fair Ends Wednesday, May 30, 2018*

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

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

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

*Welcome to Kindergarten@5:30 PM Thursday, June 7, 2018*

***Early Dismissal for current Kindergarten students at 11am Thursday, June 7, 2018***

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

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

*Parent Appreciation Tea (2-3 pm in the library) Wednesday, June 13, 2018*

*Subway Day Wednesday, June 20, 2018*

*Intermediate Waterslides at Cultus Lake Friday, June 22, 2018*

*Primary Fun Day Friday, June 22, 2018*

*Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Tuesday, June 26, 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: May 10, 2018