



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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WE scare hunger - Halloween for Hunger

October 24 - November 2

Did you know that each month, over 850,000 Canadians require help from food banks—more than one third of these individuals are children and youth?

At PME student leaders want to make a difference through WE SCARE HUNGER. They are asking students to bring a non-perishable food item to help support our local Friends in Need Food Bank. We will be collecting all canned goods from October 24th to November 2nd. Instead of asking for candy, students could ask their neighbors for a non-perishable food item. Let's help others.

Bake Sale

Congratulations PME! We raised close to \$1000 with our bake sale! Funds raised go toward beautifying our school! Thanks for everyone's contributions!



Lunch Lady News

Please go online and check out the menu options available. Throughout the fall, they will be randomly selecting students from their network for a FREE LUNCH! No purchase is necessary but you must be registered for an account with the Lunch Lady. Don't have an account? Go to www.thelunchlady.ca. Your community Lunch Lady is Jennifer (604) 460-9015. You can contact her at jennifer@thelunchlady.ca.

Christmas Concerts

December 18, 2018 @ Doors open at 12:30, concert starts at 1:00 pm – 2:20 pm

December 19, 2018 @ Doors open at 8:30, concert starts at 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

To help make the concerts flow smoother, we are asking if parents with the last names starting with A-L attend the Tuesday concert and last names starting with M-Z attend the Wednesday concert.



Doors to the gym will open at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, December 18 and 8:30 am on Wednesday, December 19.

We are looking for donations of:

- Crochet hooks
- Knitting looms
- Hooks for the looms (we are in desperate need of these)
- Embroidery thread
- Buttons
- Thick yarn
- Felt fabric



Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please send any donations to Mme Nielsen's classroom.

PAC News for November

Spirit Wear

PAC would like thank you for showing your spirit for PME by purchasing spirit wear. We had a few minor hiccups but learned a lot and thank you for your patience.

Christmas Market

Christmas is coming..... Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Xmas market on Thursday November 22, 2018 from 5 - 8pm. There will be a craft room and a cookie walk for the kids and parents can shop over 30 vendors/tables. If you are interested in purchasing a vendor table for the event please contact Myra Golab at myragolab@gmail.com.

Please let us know if you can volunteer for Christmas Market and/or Carnival. Contact Amber Potter if you are interested at astone46@live.com.

Cookie Walk

The COOKIE WALK is back for the 2nd year at the Christmas market. If you can bake cookies, please contact Liana Hingston hingkybabee@hotmail.com and she will send you more information.

PAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Please join us at 6:30pm on November 13, 2018. If you have any questions please email PAC : pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com.

CREATED by KIDS ART CARDS:

The art card fundraiser we ran last year was so popular with parents, teachers and children that we are going to be running it again this fall. Over the next few weeks, children will be working with their teachers in the classrooms to produce a piece of art that will be available to order as professionally printed items: cards, mugs, puzzles etc.

Once finished, your child will come home with their original work of art along with an order envelope, though this year, orders can also be placed online.

Parents, please watch for their art and ordering information to come home no later than the week of Nov. 5 – 9. Orders will be due Nov. 15. For more information, visit the PAC website at <http://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/created-by-kids-art-cards-fundraiser.html>

NEXT HOT LUNCH: OPA!

Wednesday, Nov. 14: This year we're trying to partner with new lunch suppliers who offer some healthier lunch options. Our first new option is OPA! Online ordering is open from Tuesday, Oct. 30 – Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The Redesigned Curriculum at Pitt Meadows Elementary

CORE COMPETENCIES:

What are they and why are they in the curriculum?

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to meet the needs of 21st century students. The new curriculum maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy while supporting deeper learning through three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, and **thinking**.

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in life-long learning. Core competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning.

For more information about each core competency area, visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

Coming in November – Curricular Competencies.



Students demonstrate curiosity and interest as they use magnifying glasses to get a closer look at water samples and moss. They collaborate to share information, discuss their findings and compare data. Analysing the water and checking for the presence of certain insects lets them make conclusions about the cleanliness of the water.



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a "Know-Do-Understand" model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC's new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.

Become a Host Family

School District 42's International Education program welcomes international students from all over the world. We are currently looking to increase the number of host families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Some of the basic requirements for hosting an international student are:

- Private bedroom and with window and door
- Three meals per day with snacks
- Total inclusion in family
- English primary language spoken in home
- Transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport if necessary

If you are interested and would like more information, please give us a call at 604-466-6555 or follow this link to apply:

<https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay/>

