



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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December 1, 2018

Christmas Concerts

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

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

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.



We are looking for donations of:

- Crochet hooks
- Knitting looms
- Hooks for the looms
- Embroidery thread
- Buttons
- Thick yarn
- Felt fabric



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

PALS - Parents as Literacy Support

We are pleased to offer the PALS program again this year! This is a program for children 2½ to 4½ years old and their parents or guardians. Come and explore literature in a new way through activities and play. All children who attend a PALS session will receive a book to add to their collection at the end.

Please email: pme_reception@sd42.ca to reserve your spot.

Next session: PME Library – January 29th at 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Board Games

Intermediate Teachers are looking for donations of board games to help with literacy and math competencies. We are looking for new or gently used games that are full working sets with all the pieces:

- Scrabble
- Bananagrams
- Monopoly
- Life
- Rummy Cube
- Farkle
- Playing Cards
- Dice
- Pictionary
- Headbandz
- Guess Who
- Connect 4
- Chess Boards
- Cranium
- Backgammon
- CrossWords
- Boggle
- Spot It

Band Christmas Concert

PMSS is having a Christmas Concert on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. This concert will feature Concert Band, Elementary Band and various soloists/performers from PMSS.

Admission is by donation for the Food Bank.

If your child is participating, we ask that the students wear white shirts and black pants. Looking neat and professional as well. If all students could be at the school by 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the first concert of the year!!!

Christine Gilmour
Pitt Meadows Secondary School
Music Director



Sports News

Congratulations to the girls and boys volleyball teams on a great season! They have all improved so much since September! Both teams showed great sportsmanship, teamwork and skills and should be very proud. The girl's team had a fantastic season, only losing one game by two points and winning all their other games.

The boys team worked so hard to practice and improve on their bump, set and spike throughout the season. What a joy to watch them play!

Thank you to Mr. Schwingenschloegl and Mrs. Evans for coaching the boy's team.

Volleyball news: coming this spring we will be offering skill development for any students in grade 4, 5 or 6 who'd like to learn more about volleyball. More to come in the New Year!

2018/19 Pre-Season Basketball News

Basketball season is quickly approaching. The season runs from mid-January to early March, when the competitive playoffs end. Tryouts started the week of November 26th and will continue the week of December 3rd. At the time of writing, specific tryout days and times for the second week have not yet been set. Updated information will be on the Sport Page bulletin board outside the gym doors and on the announcements. Students have been asked to communicate these dates and times with their parents and to let the coaches or Mr. Severud know if they cannot make a tryout due to another commitment.



Basketball is open for all boys and girls in grades 5-7. This year, interest seems to indicate that we will have up to three boy's teams and one, possibly two, girl's teams (at time of writing there is only enough interest for one girl's team). Our goal is always to have teams at both the recreation and competitive levels for both groups, but this always depends on interest. Play at the competitive level (Tier 1 this year) is more intense and involves more senior or experienced athletes with playoffs at the end of season. Recreation level basketball (Tiers 2 or 3) is, logically, less competitive or intense, where more novice players are expected to still be learning how to play this complex sport. But this does not mean that recreation level basketball is not competitive or exciting, it just means it is a little more relaxed and there are no playoffs with a championship game. Competitive rosters (max. 12) are kept small to give the teams the best possible chance to compete against other competitive teams. Recreation team rosters may be larger with the need to rotate players into games so as to include everyone. No matter the level, basketball at the elementary level is meant to be fun and as inclusive as possible.

As registration does not occur until mid-December, there is no set schedule for practices. After the tryout period, no formal practices will be set until either the first or second week after Winter Break. However, games will be played on the same days as last year as follows:

Monday: Boys Recreation (Tier 2/3)
Tuesday: Girls Recreation (Tier 2/3)
Wednesday: Boys Competitive (Tier 1)
Thursday: Girls Competitive (Tier 1)

Decisions about team composition will be made in the coming weeks and not fully decided until the week of December 10th when registration is due.

We look forward to a great season.

Mr. Severud

When to Keep Your Child at Home

From HealthLink BC: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/tk5268>

Your child should not attend school if he or she is too ill to participate in their regular class activities or requires more care than staff members are able to provide. Talk to your doctor before allowing your child who has been ill to attend school, and get assurance that the condition is not contagious or serious.

Please keep your child at home and find out what the doctor says about your child's illness if your child has:

- Fever, irritability, lack of energy, trouble breathing, persistent crying, rash with fever or behavioural change, or other signs of severe illness.
- Stools that contain blood or mucus.
- Belly pain for 2 or more hours.
- Mouth sores (until they are crusted and dry).
- Your child has been vomiting two or more times within the past 24 hours (unless it is from a noncontagious disease and the child is not at risk for dehydration).
- Rash on face/hands/feet

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

As in previous years, Student Leaders want to help out those who are less fortunate. We will be collecting cash donations throughout the month of December for the Christmas Hamper Society.

As well, we will be collecting any cash donations that you wish to provide at the School Christmas Concert. Last year we collected enough money to sponsor two local families throughout the holidays. Let's make a difference PME!

Student Lead Conferences

December 6 – early dismissal 11:30

December 7 – students do not attend unless they have a conference.

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.

Hot Lunch

Please go to: <https://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/hot-lunches.html>
This website will give you a list of upcoming dates to be aware of for ordering so you don't miss out, how to register and ordering details.

Cleaning out your toy box?

The kindergarten teachers would appreciate donations of gently used toys (barbies, hot wheels, littlest pet shops, Lego) Your donation will enhance our "learning through play" experiences. Please bring your donation to Mrs. Sandhu.

Scholastic Book Fair

There will be an English and French Scholastic Book Fair beginning on Friday, December 7th and will continue until lunch time on Wednesday, December 19th. There will be a large variety of books and of course Christmas stocking stuffers available for purchase. All proceeds from the Book Fair goes towards purchasing books for our library and Home Reading Program.

We need Your Books

We are seeking gently used children's books for our USED BOOK SALE to be held March 2019 in the PME Library. Funds raised will go toward the "Beautifying our School" goal. You may drop off your gently used books in the labelled box by the main office, or room 1024. Hosted by Grade 6/7 students. For more information contact Mme Lebrun at Nicole_Lebrun@sd42.ca.

Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia, they will be available for pickup in the gym on December 6 after 1:00 and on December 7 between 8:30-2:20.



PAC News for December

PAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the library. Please join us at 6:30pm on December 11, 2018. If you have any questions please email PAC: pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com.

Christmas Market

PAC would like to thank everyone that came out and volunteered or shopped last week at our Christmas Market. It was a great success! A special thank you to the following for playing key roles into the success:

- Myra for organizing vendors
- Mme Chabot
- All the student entrepreneurs
- Big Bite
- Card the Yard donation for the signage day of the market
- Starbucks donation
- Team Vadim (Tanya & Vadim) for donating all the food for and running the concession
- Garrett for his spirit and energy at the concession
- Lianna for Cookie Walk organization
- Luba for the raffle organization
- Shelby and Cheryl for helping run the craft room
- Cheri and Trish for sponsoring the coat check and Cookie Walk

Hot Lunch Program

Our next PAC lunch will be from **Little Caesar's pizza on Wednesday, Dec. 12**. Online ordering will be open from Tues., Nov. 27 to Tues., Dec. 4.

Please be sure to get your orders and payments in during this ordering window, as no late orders or payments can be accepted.

See the PAC website:

<https://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/hot-lunches.html> for information on Munch-a-Lunch and how to login, set up an account and order.

Please note that unless you have received a separate email receipt, your payment has not been received and your order has not been finalized. Please also be sure to let your child know if you have or have not ordered for them to avoid confusion on the day of the lunch. Thank you for your support of our PAC Lunch program!

Art Cards

Created by Kids - ART CARD UPDATE: Thank you to all you who supported our Art Card fundraiser this year. We can't wait to see the final products, as the art turned in for orders looked fantastic! Please expect ordered items to arrive during the week of Dec. 10. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact the Art Cards coordinator at pmepaclunch@gmail.com.

Playground

PAC is looking for parents that are interested in joining a NEW playground committee. This committee (run by Kristen McDonald and Amber Potter) is looking for people that might have some of the following backgrounds to help us raise awareness and money for our playground upgrade:

- Grant application process and research
- Civil work; removal of existing surfacing, aggregate base and borders
- Fundraising

Please email PAC if you are interested at pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com

PAC After-school Program

PAC will be hosting an after-school craft and baking workshop Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 2:30-4pm. The total number of students that can attend is 30 for each session and students can only attend one of the two dates offered. It is first come, first serve and is \$5.00 per student. You can sign up through Munch-a-Lunch through the Fundraising Tab.

Water Bottle Filling Station

PAC is excited to announce that the water fountain near the office will be changed into a bottle water filling machine. The requisition is in and we should be seeing the new fountain soon.

PAC dates to remember

December 4th	after school program
December 11th	after school program
December 12th	PAC Little Caesar's Day
January 23rd	PAC Freshii Hot Lunch
February 13th	PAC Subway Day
February 22nd	PAC Carnival

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/>



AFTER-SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

"Our vision is for every individual to
feel valued and for all learners to
reach their potential."

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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, 2:20 - 4 pm
Jan. 9 - Feb. 27, 2019
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Registration Fee: \$25

To Register: Call Karen or Rita at The Family Education & Support Centre, 604.4676055.

