



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Emergency Procedures

The decision to close schools due to extreme weather conditions or in an emergency is ultimately the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary. Please check the following social media sites **before** calling the school:

- posted to <https://elementary.sd42.ca/pittmeadows>
- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news);
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca).

Kindergarten Registration Information:

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

Kindergarten registration & registration for Casqanele Elementary

JAN 7	CASQANELE REGISTRATION January 7 - January 31
JAN 21	SIBLING REGISTRATION January 21 - January 25
FEB 1	CHOICE REGISTRATION February 1 - February 4
FEB 12	GENERAL REGISTRATION February 12 - February 19
FEB 27	LATE REGISTRATION February 27 - June 26



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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 April 9th at 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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 Munch-a-Lunch

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.



Please go to:

<https://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/hot-lunches.html>

Lunch Box Theatre

Please join us for on February 21 at 11:00 a.m. to watch some of our students perform the production of The Wizard of Oz.





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ARE YOUR KIDS BOOKSHELVES OVERFLOWING? WE NEED YOUR BOOKS!

Many thanks to PME families who have already generously donated to gently used children's books for our

USED BOOK SALE

To be held March 11-15, 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

Leadership news

To coincide with Chinese New Year and the Maple Man, Student Leadership will be promoting our next spirit day on Tuesday, February 5th.

Students are encouraged to wear Red and White to receive popsicle stick points (PSP).

Student leaders will be coming around to hand out points for their teams.



www.themapleman.ca



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The Redesigned Curriculum at Pitt Meadows Elementary

NUMERACY:

Using mathematical and logical thinking in context

Numeracy is the ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts, processes, and skills to solve problems and make decisions in a variety of situations, including real-life scenarios. Numeracy goes beyond mathematics in that students solve problems by using the five processes: interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

All students will write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, which is a new provincial assessment and a graduation requirement. It assesses a student's understanding, application of knowledge and deeper learning, and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education.

Coming in February – Collaborative Learning.



Grade 4/5 students are using visual tools (Cuisenaire Rods), to explore concepts about fractions. This is hands-on, playful approach is one of multiple strategies for solving problems and representing mathematical ideas in concrete, pictorial, and symbolic forms.



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.



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PAC NEWS

PAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the library. Please join us at 6:30pm on February 12, 2019. If you have any questions please email PAC: pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com.

Calling all cake bakers!

The much-anticipated Carnival will see the return of the very popular cake walk, and we need your help! If you, or a family member (go grandparents!), are able to contribute, please let Lianna know by emailing hingkybabee@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Family Fun Carnival March 1, 2019, 5pm - 8pm

The PAC Family Fun Carnival is coming up soon and we need your help. This is a fun night of games and entertainment for the whole family and is the biggest fundraiser run by our PAC. It only happens every 2 years, so we hope you'll help us make this year a big success!

Our hard-working carnival committee would like some help getting their hands on the following items:

- 1) We are hoping to borrow 30-40 fitted white linen table cloths
- 2) Raffle donations (tickets and/or swag) for the following Sport teams:
 - a. Whitecaps
 - b. BC Lions
 - c. Canucks
 - d. Canadians
- 3) A source for party supplies
- 4) A source for a candy store
- 5) A source for printing advertising items/posters etc.
- 6) Backdrops for our "selfie" room



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Sponsorship Opportunities

We have lots of parents at PME with their own business and we would love to spread the word about your company. If you are interested in advertising your business during the Family Fun Carnival for a direct donation to the PAC, please read further. If you choose to sponsor one of the rooms below, your logo would be added to any social media platforms the Carnival committee utilizes (PAC website, Facebook), your logo/company name would be included on a brochure/handout sent to each student (580 students) and a sign with your business name will be prominently displayed outside the room you are sponsoring on the evening of the Carnival to be seen by all families of PME and Pitt Meadows that attend this fun night!

The following rooms are available for sponsorship:

- **The Gym** (where the main carnival games will take place): suggested sponsorship amount \$1,000
- **Candy Lane** (this will be the main, busy hallway leading to classrooms with games/activities and will include: candy store, popcorn, snow cone and cotton candy machine): suggested sponsorship amount \$500
- **Individual Classroom** - many of the classrooms will have individual games and activities to do: suggested sponsorship for a classroom \$250

Your donations/sponsorship will really go a long way in helping PME fundraise and all for a good cause – your children!

Please contact Megan Mercier at megan.mercier@hotmail.com or Amber Potter at astone46@live.com if you can help with one or more of the items we listed in this announcement or are interested in sponsoring a room. The room sponsorships are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Carnival Committee/ PME PAC



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Pink Shirt Day is on February 27th, 2019.



"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."

— GLOBE & MAIL

For more information and resources on bullying, please visit:
www.pinkshirtday.ca



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GRADE 8 REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2019/20

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.

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

ONLINE REGISTRATION

1



Registration opens at **12 pm (noon)** on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**. 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.

DETERMINING CATCHMENT SCHOOL

2



The registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school based on the residential address on file with your child's elementary school.

You can also find your child's secondary catchment school using the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/>.



New development areas may not show accurate results. Please confirm with your child's elementary school if necessary.



If the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

3

The size of the school facility may limit the number of out-of-catchment registrations that can be accommodated. The school district will accommodate **catchment registrations first**, then attempt to accommodate **sibling out-of-catchment registrations**. Sibling placement cannot be guaranteed, however. Our acceptance criteria are as follows:

1. *In-catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;*
2. *In-catchment area students who, in the previous year, were placed by the district in a different school due to a lack of space*
3. *Siblings of in-catchment area students (grades 8 to 11);*
4. *New in-catchment area students;*
5. *Siblings of out-of-catchment area students enrolled in the school (grades 8 to 11);*
6. *Out-of-catchment area students currently attending an SD42 school;*
7. *Out-of-district students currently attending an SD42 school;*
8. *Students not currently attending an SD42 school but residing in Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows;*
9. *Out-of-district non-resident students.*



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ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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Deadline for Grade 8 online registration is **12 pm (noon) on February 20, 2019**. 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

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

TRANSFERS AFTER DEADLINE

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Movement between schools after the February 20 deadline requires a transfer process. Transfer forms are available at all secondary schools.



The ability to transfer will be limited by building space and available staffing. See Student Transfer Guidelines.



A review of transfer requests will be completed before the Grade 7 orientation date in May. Individual meetings and/or visits will occur after placement.



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READY SET LEARN

A special invitation for families with children age 3 or 4

READY, SET, LEARN (RSL) is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children age 3 or 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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2019

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RSL EVENTS AND OCCUR ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

REGISTER AT <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

Pitt Meadows Neighbourhood Event	Maple Ridge Central Event	READY SET LEARN PARTNERSHIP EVENT	Maple Ridge West Event	Maple Ridge East Event
Davie Jones Elem Edith McDermott Elem Highland Park Elem Pitt Meadows Elem	Albion Elem Alouette Elem Eric Langton Elem Glenwood Elem Golden Ears Elem Harry Hooge Elem Kanaka Creek Elem	Open to children ages 3 and 4 in all Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Neighbourhoods	Fairview Elem Hammond Elem LaityView Elem Maple Ridge Elem	Alexander Robinson Blue Mountain Elem Webster's Corners Whonnock Yennadon
FEB 5, 2019 5:30pm - 7:00PM Highland Park Elem	FEB 27, 2019 5:30 - 7:00PM Harry Hooge Elem	MAR 12, 2019 5:00 - 6:30PM THE ACT THEATRE	APR 3, 2019 5:30 - 7:00PM Hammond Elem	APR 30, 2019 5:30 - 7:00PM Garibaldi Secondary School

The following schools offer additional RSL events called PALS. Please call the school to register:

ALBION 604-463-4848: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Apr. 24 (3:00pm - 4:00pm)

ALOUETTE 604-463-8730: Jan. 24, Feb. 20, Apr. 24 (3:00pm - 4:00pm)

DAVIE JONES 604-465-9908: Jan 23 (2:45pm-3:45pm), Feb. 28 (5:30pm - 6:30pm), Apr. 17 (2:45pm-3:45pm)

ERIC LANGTON 604-463-3810: Feb. 20, Apr. 17, May 8 (4:00pm-5:30pm)

KANAKA CREEK 604-467-9050: Feb. 22, May 24 (3:15-4:15pm)

PITT MEADOWS ELEM 604-465-5828: Jan. 29, Apr. 9, May 14 (2:45-3:45pm)



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2018-2019 School Calendar

Schools reopen after Winter Break	Monday, January 7, 2019
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Kindergarten Sibling Registration	January 21 - January 25, 2019
Non- Instructional day (curriculum implementation day)	Friday, January 25, 2019
Family Literacy Night	Monday, January 28, 2019
PALS 2:45 - 3:45	Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Cyberschool Information Night	Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Little Caesar's Pizza Day	Thursday, January 31, 2019
Late French Immersion Information Night	Thursday, January 31, 2019
Kindergarten Choice Registration	Friday, February 1, 2019
Lunch Lady	Friday, February 1, 2019
Spirit Day - Wear Red and White & Maple Man	Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Grade 8 Registration Day 12:00pm	Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Quebec Trip	Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Kindergarten General Registration	Tuesday, February 12, 2019
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, February 12, 2019
PAC Lunch - Subway	Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Quebec Trip returns	Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Non- Instructional day (school based)	Thursday, February 14, 2019
Schools not in session	Friday, February 15, 2019
Family Day (school not in session)	Monday, February 18, 2019
Lunch Box Theatre Performance at 11:00a.m.	Thursday, February 21, 2019
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Kindergarten Late Registration	Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Little Caesar's Pizza Day	Thursday, February 28, 2019
PME Carnival	Friday, March 1, 2019
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)	Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session)	Thursday, March 14, 2019
Last day before school closes for Spring Break	Friday, March 15, 2019



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Spring Break	Monday, March 18, 2019 to Friday, March 22, 2019
Schools not in session	Monday, March 25, 2019 to Friday, March 29, 2019
Schools reopen after Spring Break	Monday, April 1, 2019
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non- Instructional day (district)	Monday, April 29, 2019