



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Halloween Family Dance

Thank you to all the families that attended the dance. It was a lot of fun and a great success for the PAC.

Terry Fox Run 2019

It was great to see everyone participating in the Terry Fox Run on such a rainy day. Thanks to everyone's school spirit and fundraising efforts, we raised over \$1900!! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to spot and direct our students, we truly appreciate it! The students enjoyed an extra recess since we reached our goal.

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. Donation boxes are located in the front foyer.

Leadership

Leadership students will be sponsoring a family in need this Christmas. We will host a bake sale on December 2nd to raise funds for food and buying gifts. Each item at the bake sale will be \$1.00

Evacuation Drill

Thank you to all our families for your cooperation at the evacuation drill! It was a great success and we are thankful that the rain held off!

PALS

Parents as Literacy Support – PME Library – Tuesday November 5th at 2:45 pm, Tuesday February 4th at 2:45 pm, Tuesday April 7th at 2:45 pm

We are pleased to offer the PALS program again this year! This is a program for children 2 and a half to 4 and a half 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.

Intermediate School Dance

On October 31st the Intermediate student will have a Halloween dance in the afternoon. Grades 4 and 5 will attend from 12:35 pm to 1:35 pm and grades 6 and 7 from 1:35 pm to 2:15 pm.

We are asking students to bring in a non-perishable donation for the food bank or a loonie or toonie as an entry fee, although no student will be denied access. Remember to wear your costumes.

Remembrance Day

On November 7th we will be having two Remembrance Day Assemblies. The Primary assembly will be at 9:00 a.m. and the Intermediate assembly at 10:40.



Christmas Concerts

This year PME will be holding Christmas concerts for the primary classes only. There will be an evening performance on Thursday, December 19 at 6pm and a morning performance on Friday, December 20 at 8:45.

We will be sponsoring a family in need for Christmas. Will host a bake sale to raise funds for food and buying gifts in December.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing. Please take a look in the bin located outside of Mme MacDonald's class. Any items remaining at the end of December will be donated.

Pajama Day November 1

After a long night of trick or treating, student leaders would like all PME students to come to school on November 1st in their comfiest Pajamas. Show your PME pride!

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

Bake Sale

Congratulations PME! We raised close to \$700 with our bake sale! Funds raised go toward beautifying our school! Thanks for everyone's contributions!

Communication

Please check our website and Facebook page for school updates:

<https://elementary.sd42.ca/pittmeadows/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PittMeadowsElementary/>

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Pitt Meadows Elementary*



How has the curriculum been redesigned & how does this benefit student learning?

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to support the changing world students are entering. The redesigned curriculum is student-centred and flexible, maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy skills, and includes Aboriginal perspectives.

Kindergarten to Grade 10 teachers are already using the new curriculum in all our schools. The redesigned curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 is being fully implemented this September.

So how and what will your child be learning? Each month in our school newsletter, we will highlight a key feature of the redesigned curriculum and share stories about how this feature is being implemented in your child's classroom. We will also tell you why these skills and abilities will help your child succeed

Below, you will find the first installment of our monthly feature on the redesigned curriculum.

For more information about the BC curriculum, visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

Personal Awareness and Responsibility

Why is personal awareness and responsibility so important to a child’s education? Personal awareness and responsibility is a core competency integrated into all areas of learning in the curriculum.

When a student is personally aware and responsible, their sense of self-worth and confidence grow as they develop skills to ensure their well-being. Students learn how to set goals, regulate their emotions and stress, express their needs, and seek help when needed. When students understand how their choices affect their educational, emotional, and social well-being, they recognize that they have a personal responsibility for their future.

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Coming in November – Compassion.



This is the “Warm-up Crew” for the Terry Fox Run. Students showcase strengths and work through challenges to build enthusiasm for this schoolwide event.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?
The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication, personal and social, thinking.** They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.

2019 – 2020 School Calendar

Hot Lunch Hot Dog	Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Grade 6 Immunization	Tuesday, November 5, 2019
PALS 2:45-3:45 in Library	Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Hot Lunch Pizza	Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Remembrance Day Assembly	Thursday, November 7, 2019
Non-Instructional day	Friday, November 8, 2019
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
PAC Meeting	Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Hot Lunch Subway	Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Christmas Market	Thursday, November 21, 2019
Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)	Thursday, December 5, 2019
Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session)	Friday, December 6, 2019
PAC Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Christmas Concert - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, December 19, 2019
Christmas Concert - 8:45 a.m.	Friday, December 20, 2019
Last Day before Winter break	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Break - Schools not in Session	Monday, December 23, 2019 - Friday, January 3, 2020
First Day back from Winter break	Monday, January 6, 2020
Non-Instructional day	Friday, January 24, 2020
Non-Instructional day	Thursday, February 13, 2020
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)	Thursday, March 5, 2020
Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session)	Friday, March 6, 2020
Last Day before Spring break	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Break - Schools not in Session	Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020
First Day back from Spring break	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Non-Instructional day	Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Last Day for students	Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 26, 2020