



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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PME SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

STAFFING UPDATES:

We bid farewell to the following staff members who will be going to other schools:

Mrs. Asghar, Ms. Helder, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. MacKinnon

We appreciate their dedication and hard work and wish them all continued success in future endeavors!

Heather Larden has been part of the PME staff since 1996. She has made a significant difference in the lives of many students and she will be missed! We wish her happiness and health as she begins her retirement



Mrs. MacKinnon will be moving to Maple Ridge Elementary in the role of principal for the September. Her kind, gentle manner will be missed by all.

Looking forward, we extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Jennifer Beveridge, who will be joining us in September as vice-principal. She brings a wealth of experience and skills to our school.

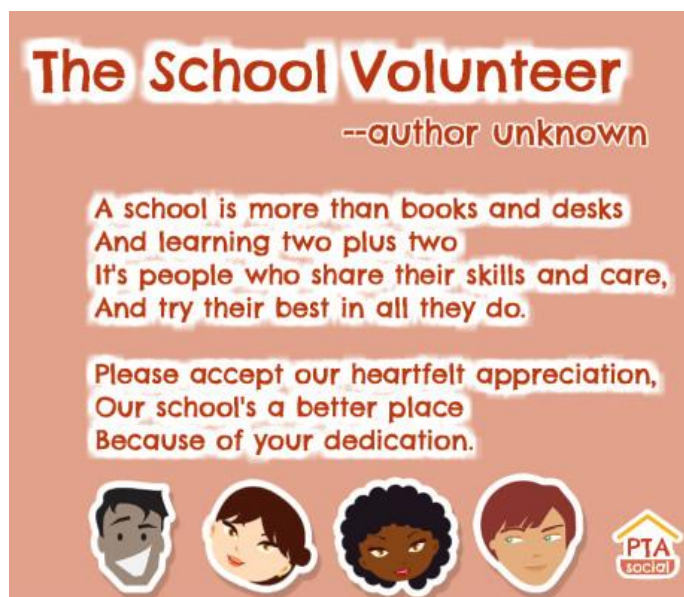
Message from Mrs. MacKinnon

The PME school community will forever hold a special place in my heart. It has been a huge privilege to be a part of this school. Kindness and cooperation are reflected everywhere. I'll miss your smiles and your laughter, your cartwheels and your jump shots, your cooking and your dancing. I'll remember the concentration I saw on your faces as you worked hard to learn new skills, and the satisfied looks when you mastered them. There is joy at PME! I will miss you all.



Volunteers

A warm thank-you goes out to all the volunteers! Sadly, we were unable to honour you at the traditional Volunteer Tea this year, but please know that your gift of time makes a remarkable difference.



PAC

A huge thank you to all of the members of the PAC. Your tireless work has turned many dreams into reality—most recently, the new playground. Kristen MacDonald and Amber Potter, the Chair and Co-Chair are stepping down this year. They have worked tirelessly to make PME better for our students.

Grade Seven Students

To our grade 7 students, we wish you all the very best. We have appreciated your leadership, your commitment to learning and your enthusiasm for school activities. Know that PME will always be a place where you are welcomed. We look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Belongings

Thank you to everyone who has picked up their belongings. If you haven't already done so, please contact your child's teacher before the end of the day tomorrow (June 25), otherwise, you will need to wait until September

Student Medications

If you have left any medication to be kept at school for your child, we ask that you pick it up before summer break.



School Supplies for September

Information is on the portal and on the website. Packs for Grade 1-7 may be ordered up until **Sunday, July 5th** with free shipping to the school. Kits will be delivered during the first weeks of September. Many classes will also be using agendas which cost \$7.00.

Do NOT purchase supplies for children in Kindergarten. We will have their school supplies bulk ordered. Payment for the agenda and Kindergarten supplies will be collected in September via the parent portal. There will be a flat fee of \$50.00 for Kindergarten supplies.

Final Reports

These will be posted to the parent portal today, June 24. Contact your teacher by Thursday if you have questions.

From the Library

Thank you to all students and families who have returned overdue and lost books. If you have any outstanding books, please return them ASAP to the box placed outside our front entrance to the school. Wednesday, June 24th is the last day of school, otherwise, keep an eye out for any lost books that may turn up over the summer and return them the fall.



September Return

First day back to school - **Tuesday, September 8th, 8:30am - 11:00 a.m.**

All returning students go to their current classrooms. New students go to the library. Please do not bring school supplies until students are placed in their new classes. If there are any changes due to orders from the Public Health Officer and Ministry of Education, we will communicate this to you via our portal and website. Please check these platforms the first week of September.

Non – Instructional Day Monday, September 28th
(School not in session for students)

Thank you, everyone, for a memorable and special year. We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing summer.

Gradual Entry for FDK – Option 5

(for schools with more than 1 K who would like to assign children to classrooms after first week)

	Mon. Sept 7	Tues. Sept 8	Wed. Sept 9	Th. Sept 10	Fri. Sept 11
		2019-2020	Group A	Group A	Group A
8:30 – 11:05	Labour Day	Kindergartens	1/2 class	1/2 class	1/2 class
		(SEE NOTE #2)			
11:05 – 11:45		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:45 – 2:20		Early Dismissal	Group B	Group B	Group B
			1/2 class	1/2 class	1/2 class
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		2019-2020 Kindergartens (SEE NOTE #2)	Group A	Group A	Group A
8:30 – 11:05			1/2 class	1/2 class	1/2 class
11:05 – 11:45	Labour Day		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:45 – 2:20		Early Dismissal	Group B	Group B	Group B
			1/2 class	1/2 class	1/2 class
	Mon. Sept 14	Tues. Sept 15	Wed. Sept 16	Th. Sept 17	Fri. Sept 18
	Intake Meetings	Intake Meetings	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH
8:30 – 11:05			GROUPS	GROUPS	GROUPS
			(8:30-1:30)	(8:30-1:30)	(8:30-1:30)
11:05 – 11:45	Lunch	Lunch			
	Intake Meetings	Intake Meetings	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal
11:45 – 2:20			1:30	1:30	1:30
	Mon. Sept 21	Tues. Sept 22	Wed. Sept 23	Th. Sept 24	Fri. Sept 25
8:30 – 2:20	Regular Hours Begin	Regular	Regular Hours	Regular	Regular
		Hours		Hours	Hours

NOTE #1: THIS OPTION FULFILLS THE MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS OF A MINIMUM OF 853 HOURS PER YEAR AND **ALLOWS** FOR AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY IN MAY OR JUNE FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES Will BE DISMISSED AT 11:00 am FOR ORIENTATION.

NOTE #2: In Option 5 the first day is typically a K Student/Parent Orientation option, however, due to Covid-19 there will not be able to be large numbers of students/adults in the classroom therefore Kindergarten teachers can have their 2019-2020 K's for the morning session. This will be made available for 2020-2021 only.

Groups are as follows:

Group A French A-L	Group A English A-H
Group B French M-Z	Group B English K-Z

For clarification, please email karen_bateson@sd42.ca

PME Calendar 2020-2021



Schools opening day for students (Dismissal 11:00 a.m.)	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)	Monday, September 28, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Non-instructional day (province-wide)	Friday, October 23, 2020
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Thursday, November 12, 2020
Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)	Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020
Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session)	Friday, December 11, 2020
Schools close for break	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter break	Monday, December 21, 2020 to Friday, January 1, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 4, 2021
Non-instructional day (district-based)	Monday, January 25, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am)	Thursday, March 4, 2021
Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session)	Friday, March 5, 2021
Schools close for break	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring break	Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday, March 19, 2021
Schools not in Session	Monday, March 22, 2021 to Friday, March 26, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Non-instructional day (district-based)	Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Grade 7 Day (Grade 7's to PMSS)	Wednesday, May 26th, 2021
Last day for students (Dismissal 11:00 a.m.)	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Thursday, July 1, 2021