

Newsletter #2

November 10, 2020

PME staff and students are doing a great job at hand washing, please keep it up. Handwashing is our best defense to stop the transmission of COVID-19. Parents/families are reminded to social distance whenever possible on school grounds. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Shelley Linton & Jennifer Beveridge

Just a reminder that the schedule for this week is as follows:

- November 9 - school in session
- November 10 - school in session
- November 11 - Remembrance Day, students do not attend
- November 12 - ProD, students do not attend
- November 13 - school in session

Photo Re-take Day

Photo Express will be re-taking student photos on November 18, 2020. If you did not receive your photos the first time around, please call Photo Expressions at 604-463-3654.

Pack it in - Pack it out

PME is committed to a litter free lunch. Litter free lunches at school are the best form of recycling. On average, a school-age child with a disposable lunch generates approximately 30 kg (67 lbs) of waste per school year. That means that if your child has 25 students in his/her class, they are producing 737 kg (1,625 lbs) of waste each year. This is more weight than the average car...just imagine what a whole school produces!

We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and food wrappers. In this way, we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch.

Outside Days

Here at PME we try to go outside rain or shine. Please send your children dressed for the weather and have a change of clothes at school.

Portal, Website and Facebook

We are working hard this year to communicate as much as we can with you, as often as we can, and we are committed to keeping you up to date through the parent portal, Facebook and through our website. Our website can be found at <https://elementary.sd42.ca/pittmeadows>. Please check these frequently.

Leadership

Normally our school collects food bank donations in October and in December. Although we cannot collect items this year due to Covid, we encourage those who are able to donate directly to the Friends in Need Food Bank at www.friendsneedfood.com. Thank you for supporting our local community!

Thank you from The Leadership team

Upcoming Spirit Days

December: Seasonal sweaters Dec. 17

January: 80's Day Jan. 22

February: Pink Shirt Day Feb 24 and Mismatch Day – Feb 12

March: Tacky Tourist Day March 12

April: Funky Hair Day April 1

May: Hat Day May 11

June: Jersey & Spirit Wear June 11

Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters

Parents, please reinforce with your child(ren) that if they wish to have the privilege of riding their bike or scooter to school that they **MUST** follow school rules as noted below.

Students are welcome to ride their bicycles, skateboards and scooters to and from school provided they:

- 1) Wear a helmet**
- 2) Do NOT ride on school grounds**

Parents, please reinforce these two rules with your children. The safety of all is our utmost concern.

PAC News

The Pitt Meadows Elementary PAC has their own website!

Visit pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com for the latest information about the PAC including budget spending, upcoming events and fundraisers, meetings and how you can get involved.

If you are new to Munch a Lunch, you will need to register here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/pittmeadows>



Spirit Wear

You asked so we listened. We have re-launched and added more items to the Spirit Wear, and while you're in shopping check out our annual PME PAC Poinsettia Fundraiser!! It's a one-stop shop for cozy sweaters that make great Christmas gifts and beautiful holiday décor.

We have added some sweatpants, shorts and the option of XXL sizing.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

Thank you for Supporting PME!!



Created by Kids

You might start to see some lovely drawings called Art Cards making their way home to you!!! This is a yearly fundraiser PAC hosts for the school. A great gift idea for grandparents is the puzzle, mug or blanket if you're feeling it 😊 Artwork must be returned to school after ordering online – on or before Tues Nov 24. Orders must be placed online NO CASH ORDERS this year due to COVID.



Please return the original art if ordering – and no need to if not ordering Unless your teacher has requested it to add to their scrapbooks.

Final products delivered – Week of Dec 14-18

If all goes well with the timeline up to this point, this is when photo express will be shipping the orders most to the school, some direct to homes if option is chosen. Thank you!!!!

Poinsettia Fundraiser



Ho-Ho-HOLY MOLY... It's nearly Christmas!

Back by Popular Demand, PME PAC & Windsor Greenhouses partnership once again for our annual POINSETTIA SALE!

Available in 6" or 10" this year, with an addition option of a "Poinsettia Garden".

Socially Distant Pick Up will be scheduled December 1st at the back of the stage.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

Poinsettias will be available to purchase starting November 9th through November 23.

Purdy's Chocolates Grade 7 Fundraiser

PME GRADE 7'ers WILL HELP YOU GET READY FOR THE COVID CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

Follow the instructions below:

Click copy or click the following link:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1202580-78426>

Enter your email address to begin

Click "shop on-line from the menu to the top

Click marketplace

Choose any items you would like to purchase

Proceed to checkout.

If you have any questions please email Amber Potter at astone46@live.com or Kristen McDonald at krwern@shaw.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Orders due by **November 23**

Order pick up will be **December 3** after school at the main back playground door
(Hint, hint - might be a great teacher gift)

Lice

Please refer to Fraser Health's Guidelines on Lice:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.X6L2yohKiUI>

Immunizations



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Better health.
Best in health care.

November 4, 2020

Dear Superintendent, Principal or School Partner:

Re: School Immunizations for the 2020/21 School Year

Public Health will commence the School Immunization Program for this year's Grade 6 and 9 students in January 2021.

Public Health will also provide catch-up immunizations to students who did not complete their immunizations last school year or over the summer.

Please share this information with school personnel and parents.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact the manager of your local public health unit.

Sincerely,

Judi Mussenden
Director, Population & Public Health
Fraser Health – Central City Tower
400-13450 102nd Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 0H1

Kindergarten Registration 2021/22

Children who turn 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) are eligible to register in kindergarten for the 2021/22 school year. Registration dates for the 2021/22 school year are below:

Sibling Registration

January 6 – 12, 2021

Choice Registration

January 20 – 25, 2021

General Registration

February 3 – 10, 2021

Late Registration

February 24 – July 31, 2021

Open Registration

August 19 and on

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon).

For more information, visit our website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/pittmeadows>

PME OFFICE



From left to right:

Jennifer Beveridge, Stacey Gloude, Karen Bateson, Shelley Linton

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Parent Portal: <https://parents.sd42.ca/>

2020-2021 PME School Calendar

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	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Thursday, July 1, 2021