



Pitt Meadows Elementary

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Dear PME Families,

We are off to a great start to the 2021-2022 school year. The students are settling very well into their new classrooms and are smiling, eager and working hard already. Everyone has that wonderful new school year energy and on behalf of all of the staff, I want to say how happy we are to be working with your children this year. A special welcome to our new Kindergartens and to students new to our school. We hope you will soon feel very much at home.

We have had a few staff changes this year and I would like to introduce them to you. We welcome to our school the following staff members:

- Teachers: Ms. Eltemtamy. Welcome back Mme MacDonald and Mme O'Neill
- Educational Assistants: Ms. Mukuda, Ms. Asghar, Ms. Mangan, Ms. Ouellette
- Child Care Worker: Danielle Greene
- Office: Shannon Gibson, Secretary
- Counsellor: Anna Montabello
- French Support Teacher: Melissa Joseph

Shelley Linton

Sickness/Vacation/Late Arrivals

If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, please remember to log the absence on the portal, contact the school at (604) 465-5828 or email pme_reception@sd42.ca. Voicemail is available 24 hours a day for your convenience. If your child is late after 8:40 a.m., please check in at the office or go directly to their class if your child has an outside door. For the safety of your children, please be sure to advise the office if your child is going to be away.

Student Photo Day

Photo Expressions will be taking student photos on Monday, September 20, 2021.



Student Verification Forms

Student Verification forms (green) will be sent home this week. It is imperative that all parents fill this form out as accurately as possible and return it to the school promptly. In the event of illness or an emergency, we need accurate information about how to contact you. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated. Please ensure you check the complete form, sign and date it.

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.

We are pleased to announce that Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) has been awarded our waste services contract and will join us as we work to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill. With the new contract, there is also an opportunity to provide parents and students with better communication about what is accepted in the School District 42 waste streams, in hopes that parents can help pack snacks and lunches for their children in reusable containers or packaging that is recyclable. Teachers will be reviewing several resources with their students, such as a program brochure and posters to help students make the right decision when handling their waste. The brochure can be found on our website.

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.

School Schedule

8:25 – Warning Bell

8:30 – School begins

10:20 – 10:35 Recess for all students

11:50 – 12:15 Play for all students

12:15 – 12:30 Lunch for all students

2:25 – Dismissal

Electronics at school

Please encourage your child to leave his or her device at home. When they come inside at lunch, it is time to eat and talk to their friends, not a time to play an electronic game. Messages can always be passed on to students through the office. We require students to keep their devices in their backpacks and turned off. Thank you for your support on this.

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.

Cops for Cancer

Last June, we raised over \$1000.00 when we did a freezie fundraiser to support the Cops for Cancer Ride. We are fortunate to be included in the ride by that will take place on Tuesday, September 21 at 12:50 on Harris Road outside of the school. Participating classes will be outside cheering them on.



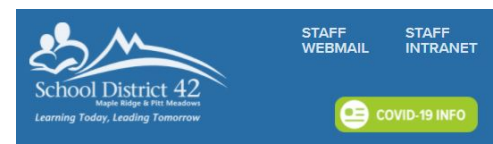
Parking Lot Reminders

- Always drive in and out of the parking lot in the correct direction, that is enter through the west entrance and exit through the east entrance.
- Use the drop off lanes for drop off only. Do not leave your car parked in the drop off lanes.
- There is now a drop-off lane on 119 Avenue. Please comply with the signs put up by The City of Pitt Meadows.
- Please do not block the entrance or exit areas by waiting there for your child. The drop off lanes do not extend around the curve toward the entrance of the parking lot. There is a large lot across from our parking lot that you are able to use if our lot is full when you arrive.
- Drive extremely slowly and with caution and vigilance. Students may be walking in the parking lot at any time.
- Please do not park in staff parking spots. We have many itinerant staff coming and going during the day and they need a place to park. Thank you.
- Most of all please be respectful of your fellow drivers. We are all in a hurry at some point and we need to slow down and remember that student safety is the only thing that is truly important.

Thank you so much for your patience and support. Together we can ensure the safety of everyone.

Required Daily Health Screening

Parents/guardians must conduct a daily health assessment of their child(ren) each school day before sending them to school. A copy of the health assessment can be found on the district website. Click the green COVID-19 INFO button www.sd42.ca.



Masks

Students in Grades 4 to 12 are required to wear non-medical masks. Students in Grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear non-medical masks.

Elementary Band Program

The Band Program is on hold at the moment as PMSS is in the midst of hiring a new band teacher.

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.

Who is an Aboriginal Student?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. Self-identification forms can be picked up at the school office. Alternatively, you can download a copy of this form on our website under Parents, Forms.

Alders Acres

This fun activity will be returning to our school October 12 – 14. More details to be sent later.



Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run will be Friday, October 8th. More details will be sent through the Parent Portal.

Consent Forms

Consent forms have now been sent to parents through the Parent Portal. Please complete these as soon as possible. Should you make a mistake, please call the office to have the form reset.

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PAC News

Visit the PAC website:

<https://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/>

Your PME PAC is helping you kick off your new school year with lots of fun fundraisers and events this September.

We have an amazing Back to School pack available for purchase thru these links below:

Colibri -Runs from September 8th until the 20th with delivery to parents Oct 4.

Flyers for this would have gone home this week with the kids. Use this link to order "green" re-usable snack and bags and other reusable items.

<https://colibrifundraising.com/collections/shop>

Sun Oka Farm Apple Sale - Run from September 10th until 30th with delivery mid to end of October.

Yummy 10lbs bags of Honey Crisp and Ambrosia Apples are available for you to purchase. Orders open on the 10th, please use the link below for ordering- You can also send this link to family and friends to help raise more money for the school.

<https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/b/pittmeadowselementarypac>

Oliver's Labels - Runs all year round

The PME PAC has found a solution to help you keep better track of your kids' supplies and clothing, help reduce the Lost & Found pile at our school **and** raise funds at the same time. Oliver's Labels offers completely customizable, durable labels that can be put on almost anything and **20% of the cost** of any order made through the link below will go to the PME PAC to fund field trips and activities for the children at our school.

www.oliverslabels.com/PMEPAC

HOT LUNCHES ARE BACK!!!!

We will be launching Muncha Lunch on the 13th of September once all the classrooms have been placed. When your child is assigned to a teacher for the year, you can login to your Munch a Lunch account to set up your new Teacher and order your first round of Lunches for our Fall Session which runs from September to December.

Returning Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/login>

If your new to Muncha Lunch use this link below to get set up it has helpful hints and a HOW TO section. Then place your Hot Lunch orders.

New Kinder Parents or New Users

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

PAC News continued...

PME Spirit Wear

Launching September 14th, we are bringing back some old favorites like the classic hoodie and some new items such as hats, toques and rain jackets!! This will be the **only** time this year to order your PME Spirit Gear so make sure to order before the cut off on September 23rd. Sample sizing will be available on Wednesday, September 15th before school and after school outside Mrs. Sandhu's Class and on September 17th outside Mme Whitelock's classroom by the entrance off 119th. You can place your orders thru our Muncha a Lunch System (use links below to order) If you don't have an account, please make one using this link:

New Kinder Parents or New

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

Returning Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/login>

Items cannot be returned please make sure to order correctly. If you are personalizing items for the additional charge, you can email the name you would like to pmepaclunch@gmail.com along with your child's full name , division number and teacher's name.

We hope everyone has had an amazing summer and we are excited to be back in action!! If you would like to Volunteer to help at any of our events, please fill in the form on our website at <https://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/>

If you need any help with the above links or have any questions, feel free to reach out to our admin team at pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com or pmepaclunch@gmail.com

Heather and Rachel are always happy to help. If you're not already on our Parent of PME Facebook group, please join!! We keep the page updated with all events and everything PME. Join using this link - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/420663014649301?hoisted_section_header_type=recently seen&multi permalinks=4224307994284765](https://www.facebook.com/groups/420663014649301?hoisted_section_header_type=recently_seen&multi_permaLinks=4224307994284765)

PME PAC TEAM

Thank you for Supporting PME!!

2021-2022 PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:25pm.

Please check the website regularly for an up-to-date version of the calendar.

Schools opening day for students – 11:00 am Early Dismissal	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Friday, October 1, 2021</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 22, 2021</i>
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 12, 2021</i>
11:30 am Early Dismissal – Student Conferences	Thursday December 2, 2021
Student Conferences – No School for Students	Friday December 3, 2021
Schools close for break	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 20, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 3, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 24, 2022</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</i>
11:30 am Early Dismissal – Student Conferences	<i>Thursday March 3, 2021</i>
Student Conferences – No School for Students	<i>Friday March 4, 2021</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, March 11, 2022
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 14, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022</i>
Spring break	Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last day for students	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day	Friday, June 24, 2022
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Monday, June 27, 2022

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