



Whonnock Elementary

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Upcoming Events

Nov 1

Photo Retakes

Nov 8

Hot Lunch

Nov 10

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Nov 11

Remembrance Day

Nov 13

In Lieu – No School

Nov 22

Hot Lunch

Nov 24

Gratitude Feast

Nov 27

Santa Mall

Dec 1

Entrepreneur Fair

Dec 4-8

Scholastic Book Fair in Library

Dec 7

Dismissal @ 11:30

Parent Teacher Conferences

Dec 8

No School

Parent Teacher Conferences

Dec 21

Christmas Concert

Dec 5-Jan7

Winter Break!

Message from the Principal:

October was a very busy month, and it has been wonderful to see students hard at work and involved in many different activities. Last month we were treated to a performance by Ache Brasil, a traditional Brazilian dance group, as well as musical performances from our own students under the direction of Mr. Kujawa. We cheered primary and intermediate students on at the district cross country races held at Albion Sports Complex and Alouette Lake, and we were grateful that the races this year were less rain-soaked than in previous years. As volleyball season wraps up, we would like to thank our coaches, Ms. Toupin and Ms. Kotwal. Finally, we capped off the month with our costume parade in the gym on Halloween.

This month we are looking forward to marking Remembrance Day with an assembly on November 9, and I am very excited to take part in the Whonnock tradition of the Gratitude Feast, happening on November 24.

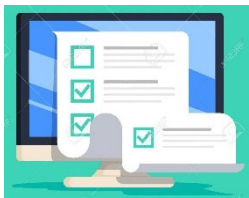
Please enjoy this month's newsletter, and please pay special attention to our parking notice. It is vital that designated "No Parking" zones, including the staff parking lot and roundabout loop, remain clear, to keep traffic moving and to keep pedestrians safe. In addition, we have been in communication with our neighbours at the Fire Hall, who have expressed concern about unauthorized vehicles. Our community firefighters always need the parking spaces at the Fire Hall in the case of an emergency.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Whonnock community. We are grateful for all that you do to support our students, we wish all our families and community members a safe and rewarding fall season.

Megan Olynyk
Principal



PARENT PORTAL



THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out the online consent forms and the Emergency Release Forms. If you have not completed these forms, please go onto the parent portal, and complete them ASAP, there will be a red alert when you log in to let you know they are not complete.

STUDENT ABSENCES: Thank you for remembering to submit absences over the portal, emails, or calling into the office. All Voicemail gets sent to Ms. Lorrie as an immediate email so feel free to leave a detailed message!

Please if your child is going to be late, absent, or requires an early pickup.



EXTRA CLOTHES:

We are into wet and muddy season here at Whonnock! Please send an extra change of clothes to school for your student and label with their names. Thanks for your help!

PARKING – Reminder to all parents/guardians that we have a “kiss and go” policy when dropping off students in the morning and picking up at the end of the day.

There is **NO** stopping or parking in the round-about and **NO** parking in the **staff parking or at the fire hall**. This creates too much congestion in the mornings and afternoons. Please be considerate of other families and staff coming and going at these times of days.

LOST & FOUND – The Lost and Found is at the GYM entry, please feel free to have a peek and take what is yours, items left for over a month will be donated to our local shops.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATES

Parent teacher conferences will be taking place Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8.

P.A.C.

- 1 – Neufelds & Purdys Deadline Nov 7
- 2 - PAC meeting - in the library at 7pm on Nov 9
- 2 - Whonnock Handmade Craft Fair on Nov 12
- 3- Santa Mini Photos 3-7 on Nov 15
- 4 – Santa Mall on Nov 27 (still need more donations please!)

Home Alone Zoom Workshop

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, in partnership with the Family Education & Support Centre, is offering evening Zoom workshops.

The Family Education & Support Centre is excited to present the Home Alone workshop for parents/guardians who want to prepare their nine-year-old child for staying at home when they turn 10 years old. This workshop looks at what works for your family unit in relation to safety and making wise choices when your child is home alone. We will look at topics such as earthquake preparedness, fire preparedness, power outage preparedness, key safety, door safety, phone safety, and much more. Parents/ guardians must participate with the child.

Cost: \$10

October 17 (6 to 8 p.m.)

How to register

- Go to <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>
- Create an account if you are new to the site
- Login
- Click on the 'Schedule' icon at the top left of the screen
- Click on District Program Registration (Under Program Registration)
- Click on Virtual Online Sessions
- Click on your course of interest then enrol
- A Zoom link will be emailed to you after you register

For more information, contact Hannah Macdonald: 604.837.2384 or hannah_macdonald@sd42.ca.

Education Assistant Program at Ridge Meadows College

If you or someone you know may be interested in a career working with children and youth with diverse abilities, Ridge Meadows College (operated by SD42) still has seats available for the January cohort of its Education Assistant (EA) program. Courses take place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and occasionally during the day on Saturdays. If you'd like to learn more about the program, you can visit the website at <https://rmcollege.sd42.ca/program/education-assistant/> or register for the next [information session](#), taking place November 2nd. The demand for this job is high as the province faces a shortage of EAs and virtually all graduates of the program move on to work in school districts across B.C., including Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows SD42.

Youth (12Y-18Y) & Emerging Adults (19Y-24Y)

TAKE THE SURVEY, SHAPE THE FUTURE.



How can our community better support youth and emerging adults to allow them to grow and develop to their highest potential?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Your feedback will help identify gaps in programs and services for your age group.



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Fraser Valley Regional Library Events



Diwali is one of the most vibrant events on the South Asian calendar. Join the library, Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society, Ridge Meadows Multicultural Society, and Family Education and Support Centre to learn about the customs of this joyous day, enjoy music and dance performances and taste delicious South Asian food.

Maple Ridge Public Library November 4th 2-4 pm



Join the Mission Ukulele Circle for an afternoon of music. Bring your ukulele or borrow one from FVRL and practice with experienced players.

- Adult drop-In: 1:30 pm - 3 pm
- Children & Teen drop-In: 3 - 4 pm

Held at the Mission Library meeting room.