Spring Newsletter

Whonnock Elementary

27471 112th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2W 1P9 Principal: Megan Olynyk *Website*: schools.sd42.ca/Whonnock

Message from the Principal:

Dear Whonnock families,

It has been a busy and rewarding term at our school. February kept us busy with our Kindness month initiatives, as well as two important fundraisers supporting Jump Rope for Heart and Coldest Night of the Year charities. We thank Ms. Kieneker for organizing both fundraisers, and our PAC for donating cold treats to help us raise over \$700 for Mission Youth House! Our grade 7 leaders helped to organize our Jump Rope for Heart Day at the school, and we thank them for running such a fun and engaging day for all students. We also welcomed RCMP members, including Safety Bear, for our Fist Bump Friday event.

Basketball season has wrapped up, and we would like to thank Ms. Murray for coaching, Mr. Murphy for refereeing, players for their hard work, and families for providing encouragement and transportation to the games! We look forward to next season.

Conferences are just around the corner, and I know that teachers are looking forward to sharing progress, and working with students to set goals for our final term. Today I felt so fortunate to tour the gym to see our intermediate students' Science Fair projects. It was fantastic to see the passion, hard work, and learning on display. Congratulations to all the classes for their work on their projects!

I know I'm not alone in looking forward to spring, especially spring weather! Take care and have a safe and fun Spring Break

Megan Olynyk



Upcoming Events

March 13 Hot Lunch

March 14 Early Dismissal 11:30 Parent/Teacher Interviews – PM

March 15 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Interviews – AM & PM

March 18 Spring Break Starts

March 29 Spring Break Ends

April 1 Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

April 2 Back to School

April 4 BC Lions Energy Champions Assembly

March 29 Hot Lunch

April 10 Garibaldi Band Performance

April 12 Terry Fox Run

April 21 Spring Market 10-3

April 22 EARTH DAY

April 24 National Administrative Professional Day

April 26 Gr 6 Immunizations (round 2)

April 28 Public Speaking in the Gym

(cut me out and put me on the fridge!)

Please check the Parent Portal for all current and upcoming school events with times, Ms. Olynyk posts frequently to keep everyone informed.

ARE YOU PLANNING A HOLIDAY? Reminder to parents/guardians to please let your teacher and Ms. Lorrie know if your child will be away to avoid unnecessary phone calls.

ARE YOU MOVING?

NEXT YEAR PLANNING: If you know you will be moving from the Whonnock area and will not be attending Whonnock Elementary for the 2024/2025 school year, please let Ms. Lorrie know, we are starting our planning for next year and would like to have as accurate an idea of enrollment as possible.

KINDERGARTEN

Final Phase of Kindergarten registration is currently open:

Late Registration: February 21 – July 27

Open Registration: August 21 – Sept 19

EMERGENCY RELEASE REPORTS: In case of emergency closures please ensure that you have gone on the parent portal and filled out all the information necessary to avoid any confusion for staff and students, when you log in, you will see a red exclamation to show what forms are still needed to be filled for each student.





Apply to become a **Pitt Meadows Youth Ambassador**

Do you want to represent and celebrate amazing youth in our community? Here's your chance! Starting with Pitt Meadows Day, the Youth Ambassadors will take part in the parade, opening ceremony and enjoy a special luncheon with the Mayor and Council. Throughout the year, the Ambassador will have the opportunity to give back to the community by participating in a variety of City events. For full details, view the attached application form or visit **pittmeadowsday.ca**.

Youth Ambassador roles:

Pitt Meadows Ambassador (Grade 6) Medallion Bearer (Grade 5) Record Bearer (Grade 5) Flag Bearer (Grade 4) Flower Attendants (Grades 1-3)

Apply today!

Submit an application of interest by **April 14, 2024**, in-person at the Pitt Meadows Recreation Centre or by email to artsandculture@pittmeadows.ca.

pittmeadowsday.ca









come have fun with the Lower Mainland Green Team & Alouette River Management society on March 9 & 10!



Remove invasive blackberry!

DATE: Saturday March 9, 2024 TIME: 9:45am - 1pm LOCATION: Reg Franklin Park, Maple Ridge info/ Sign up: <u>bit.ly/greenteam-mar9-2024</u> Remove invasive blackberry & plant native shrubs!

DATE: Sunday March 10, 2024 TIME: 9:45am - 1pm LOCATION: Reg Franklin Park, Maple Ridge info/ Sign up: bit.ly/greenteam-mar10-2024

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! All ages and abilities welcome. Gloves, tools, snacks and educational instruction provided.

Questions? Email and rea robles, program coordinator, at and rea@greenteamscanada.ca

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SPRING MARKET

27471 112 Ave, Maple Ridge SUNDAY, APRIL 21 10 - 3

over 50 vendors live entertainment food bank donations welcomed

raffle baskets food truck free admission