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What's on the calendar

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| Thursday, Oct 13 th | Cross Country Meet @ Maple Creek! |
| Friday, Oct 14 th | Photo Retakes See Mr. Robertson's email regarding registering |
| Wednesday, Oct 19 th | Grade 8 French Immersion Trip Meeting 6:30-7:30 in Library |
| Friday, Oct 21 st | District Pro-D Day |
| Monday, Oct 24 th | Maple Creek PAC Meeting 7pm in Library |
| Thursday, Oct 27 th | PAC Hot Lunch! Munch-a-lunch link for ordering! |
| Monday, Oct 31 st | Halloween – School activity in afternoon |
| Wednesday, Nov 2 nd | Early Dismissal: Triad Conferences (parent-teacher-student reporting conversations) |
| Thursday, Nov 3 rd | Early Dismissal: Triad Conferences (parent-teacher-student reporting conversations) |

Forms and Fees Reminder:

Thank-you to all parents that have completed our online forms. The forms and fees can be completed online through [School Cash Online \(KEV\)](#). As a reminder - these include:

- District Policy Form** (mandatory)
- Medical Alert Form** (if necessary for your child)
- Volunteer Application Forms** (Optional)
- \$35 Student Activity Fee** (Please let Mr. Macmillan know if this is a challenge)
- \$15 Athletic Fee** (Optional for students joining team – will be open to pay all year)

Also added to your things to do:

- Emergency Release Form** to be completed and sent in. We will send home a blank copy in the coming days but a great idea is to fill in the fillable PDF ([click here](#)), save it, and then email it to maplecreek@sd43.bc.ca. Of course, once you have saved it...you can use the same form again next year! Please know we recognize the time required to do this form each year – unfortunately it is a legal requirement. Again - we will send home a blank form to write on, but if this method works, please email to maplecreek@sd43.bc.ca

Activities to join!

Currently we have volleyball, field hockey, swimming, cross country, math club, leadership and drama club up and running (wow – that is an incredible list, and I might be missing something!). **A new activity we are advertising for is Baking Club!** See the end of the ENews for information on how to register! More opportunities to get involved coming soon!

Grade 6: Stay Active!

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to once again offer the Grade 6 Stay Active! Program for all School District 43 Grade 6 students. This program has been approved by the Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody to promote youth involvement in physical activity. If you are a grade 6 parent / guardian, see the attached info for instructions on getting your money saving card!

Indigenous Learners K-12 (information attached):

Coquitlam School District 43 is committed to the academic success, cultural connections, and socio-emotional development of all Indigenous Learners K to 12.

The revised curriculum now being implemented across the province as per the Ministry of Education, includes integrated material related to Indigenous culture, history, and ways of knowing in each grade, K-12. The best summary of why this is important for *all* students is embedded in the First Peoples Principles of Learning. For more information on this topic, please access the Ministry website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/documents.htm#curriculum>

What does “self-identification” mean?

It means any individual can self-identify as an Indigenous person: First Nation (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry if they believe they have Indigenous ancestry in their family tree. No matter how far back in generations, you can “self-identify” as having ancestry. Official documentation or paperwork is not required.

Why self-identify yourself or your child?

Knowing who you are and where you come from is an essential aspect within an Indigenous worldview. Knowing your identity can lead to an increased positive self-image. By self-identifying as an Indigenous student you may have access to a wide variety of academic, cultural, and social/emotional supports, programs, and activities (see examples below). By acknowledging your Indigenous ancestry, you can help contribute to the provision of high-quality learning opportunities that are responsive, flexible, and accessible to Indigenous students and contribute to strategic goals, strategies, and policies set up by the Indigenous Advisory Council.

How Do We Self-Identify?

Elementary, middle, and high school lists of Indigenous students are carried forward from the previous year. The ‘self-identification’ forms have been completed and authorized by parent/guardian or student. A new form is required when the students transition from elementary to middle, or middle to high school. Each school has an Indigenous Youth Worker assigned to the school. Please call the school youth worker or Indigenous Department if you have any questions or concerns. Please see the documents attached to this ENEWS for more information.

**Maple Creek Middle School
Offering Baking Club after school.**

This is a very popular activity, while both fun and delicious, will help you perfect your cooking and baking skills. Learn to make some delicious recipes that you will be able to take home with you. This will be a 6 week club on Wednesday after school starting at 3PM Oct 26, 2022 in the Home Ec. room. There are only 18 spots that will be given to the first 18 students that pay for the Class through Cash online.

Dates: **Wednesday Oct 26 – November 30, 2022** (6 Sessions)
Note that November 2 is early dismissal and club will start at 1:30

Cost: **\$15.00-payment done with Cash online**

Where: **Room 103 (Home Ec.)**

**Please return this form with your child's name and Div. #
and emergency contact information for afterschool.**

Maximum of 18 participants – offered on a first to complete payment.
By paying with cash on-line you are giving your child permission to join the afterschool cooking program.

Once the Club is full access to Cash online will be denied. If this is the case bring this form in to Ms. Debby and we will reserve a spot for the next Cooking Club in January.

BAKING CLUB INFO:

Student's name _____ Div. _____

Emergency contact number: _____