



**A News Update From  
MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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<http://www.mapleridgesecondary.ca>**

### **Student Conferences Cancelled**

Due to the current job action initiated by members of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, the Student Conferences scheduled for October 20th has been cancelled and may be rescheduled at a later date. The school day for all students on this day will be a full day of regular classroom instruction with school start at 8:30am and dismissal at 2:40pm. Parents are advised that you are welcome to contact your child's teacher at any time should you wish to have discussion on matters relating to your child.

The October 21 Non-Instructional Day will remain unchanged, so students will not be in attendance on this day.

### **PAC Message**

The MRSS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) encourages parents to join their committee. We have so much to offer and welcome your ideas. Unlike elementary school, the PAC focus is not fundraising.

Becoming a member of our PAC is your opportunity to keep informed so your family can maximize the high school experience.

PAC meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Confirm the dates in your student's planner. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 17 at 7:00 pm.

### **Fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation**

Congratulations to our Maple Ridge Secondary community for raising \$1035 for the Terry Fox Foundation in a tooney drive and in PE classes. Spearheaded by our Journey students and teacher Katie MacLeod, announcements were made everyday to educate students about Terry and his *Marathon of Hope*. Students manned the donation station every day at lunch, gladly receiving every donation by students and staff alike. Their message, like Terry's, was one of hope and optimism.

A special thank you was extended to the Journey students by Fred Fox, Terry's brother, who came out and met with the group on October 6th. Fred spoke with the students and gave them the kudos they deserve as well as inspiration to continue to make positive choices in their future. Thank you to Mrs. Huber, a friend of Fred's, who arranged for Fred to visit.



### **Take Your Kids to Work**

On Wednesday, November 2, hundreds of thousands of grade 9 students across Canada will spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer. MRSS has participated in this program since its arrival in BC and look forward to seeing the majority of our grade 9's exploring career options with their parents.

All students taking part in this activity are required to have a parent/guardian complete a permission form. Permission forms are now available in the Career Centre for pick-up. These forms are essential and are in place to protect the student and employee.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Huber at the school.

### **Cabaret Night Coming**

On Wednesday, October 26 at 7pm MRSS will be hosting our first Cabaret Night of the year. Cabaret Night is a night of laughter and entertainment as our students brave the stage to show off their unique talents. It's always a good time so plan to join us. Tickets are \$5 at the Drama room door.

## Canadian Parents for French News

CPF – BC & Yukon's Annual Membership Drive runs September 1 to October 31, 2011! Please Join NOW or renew your membership! Remember 80% of your membership fees comes right back to your local RidgeMeadows Chapter. That means more fun events in schools, more resources for parents, teachers and students, and more extra-curricular activities in French for our students. Do it before October 31st to be eligible to win wonderful prizes! Some of the great prizes we have lined up for you include: Kidsbooks - 2 gift certificates; Radisson Hotel – 1 Sunday Brunch voucher for 2 at Fresh Restaurant in the Vancouver Airport hotel; Red Robin – 2 gift certificates; White Spot gift certificate; Ethical Bean – 1 gift pack of coffee; Rogers Media, publisher of L'actualité – 2 one year subscriptions to the magazine; and Théâtre la Seizième – 1 performance of Portrait Google.

### *Thinking about joining CPF? Why should you and your family join?*

In addition to receiving provincial and national newsletters keeping you informed about French second language issues, you will receive discounts with reputable providers of French language products and services, as well as access to member-only events such as summer camps. But really, you should join because you care about your child's education. Your membership gives CPF a stronger voice to advocate for access to quality FSL education with ministers and administrators at the national and provincial/territorial levels and with school boards in your community.

Remember that CPF RidgeMeadows has a special membership drive rate of only \$5 per new or renewing family membership until Friday, October 28, 2011 only. Please print off the application form ([http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/attachments/124\\_MemberAppForm2010.pdf](http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/attachments/124_MemberAppForm2010.pdf)) and return it to the MRSS office with the \$5 fee. Envelopes should be marked CPF. Remember, in order for your grade 12 student to be eligible for the CPF Annual \$500 bursary given out at the graduation ceremony, you must be a CPF member since your student's grade 10 year!

After this deadline, you may still join for only \$25 for one year or \$60 for 3 years. Be sure to include your spouse/partner on your application form! Each family is entitled to two votes!

Winners will be determined by draw and will be announced in December 2011.

**Top 10 Reasons to Join CPF:** \* Please note reasons 1, 3, and 5 especially for your high school student. Click on this link: [http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/attachments/1538\\_2011.08.08.10%20Reason%20to%20join%20CPF.pdf](http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/attachments/1538_2011.08.08.10%20Reason%20to%20join%20CPF.pdf)

The next CPF RidgeMeadows Chapter meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15 at 7pm in the library at Pitt Meadows Elementary. All parents of students taking French courses are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please remember to regularly check the French/CPF webpage from the MRSS website at: <http://www.mapleridgesecsecondary.ca>



### **SD42 Spring Break 2012 France Trip: Final Call!**

This fabulous trip is open to all current grade 11 & 12 School District #42 students.



Even though the primary curriculum aspect of the trip is to explore some of the culinary diversity in France, it will also include history, cultural and language components.

No culinary experience is necessary to participate in the trip. Please visit the following website ([http://web.me.com/lesgau/Spring\\_2012\\_France/Welcome.html](http://web.me.com/lesgau/Spring_2012_France/Welcome.html)) for itinerary and travel highlights or contact Trevor Randle, MRSS Chef Instructor for more information.



## Something For Everyone at Community Dinners

Our Community Dinners kicked off with an amazing dinner on October 6th with over 105 delighted diners! Their taste buds were in for a real treat when they tasted the mouth watering selections at the



buffet style which culminated with a carving station. There really was something to delight everyone's palette!



Our dinners are held every Thursday evening (that we are in session) and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 4:30pm, with the buffet open from 5:00-6:00pm. The cost of dinner is \$9.50 for students & adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$4.50 for children

under 10. We also have take-out options available: \$7.50 for dinner only or \$9.00 for dinner and dessert.

To view our menu visit our website at [http://www.mapleridgesecundary.ca/pdf/pdf/Community\\_Dinner\\_Menu.pdf](http://www.mapleridgesecundary.ca/pdf/pdf/Community_Dinner_Menu.pdf)

### Mission Statement

At Maple Ridge Secondary we create a caring and safe environment where all students have the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, and positive attitudes to contribute to society.

**“Creating Community,  
Providing Opportunity”**

### Halloween Safety

This is a reminder to parents that some of our students will be dressing up for school on Halloween. Costumes need to be appropriate for the learning environment as this is a regular day of instruction.

Fireworks and fire crackers, of any kind, are prohibited at school. They are illegal to purchase and to discharge in Maple Ridge.



### School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: To foster respect for learning with the school community.

Goal 2: To improve students' ability to comprehend course content.

### Today at Ridge

The *Today at Ridge* page on our website is a great reference for students and parents alike, giving a snapshot of activities, meetings, team events, etc. for each day and information about ongoing events. The page is updated each morning and is usually posted by mid-morning for your reference.

We encourage parents and students to take a look at our site [www.mapleridgesecundary.ca](http://www.mapleridgesecundary.ca)

### Yearbook Sales

Students have the opportunity to purchase yearbooks this month. Our yearbooks are beautiful keepsakes with hard covers and a plethora of student pictures, teams, clubs, activities and candid shots. The cost of the yearbook is \$50 and purchase is optional.

Sale of yearbooks takes place during the lunch break as follows:

October 11 – Grade 12

October 12 – Grade 11

October 13 – Grade 10

October 14 – Grade 8 & 9

October 17-19 – Any student who missed the dates above.

Yearbooks are distributed mid-June prior to the end of the school year.

### MADD Presentation

On October 19th facilitators from MADD will be hosting an assembly for our grade 11 and 12 students. Their message is a potent one, which hopefully students will take with them and remember always.



### Important Dates to Note

Oct. 10-14 Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 11-19 Yearbook Sales

Oct. 17 PAC Meeting @ 7pm  
Photo Retakes

Oct. 18 Sr. Music Concert  
@ 7pm

Oct. 19 Jr. Music Concert  
@ 7pm

Oct. 20 Regular Day of  
Instruction  
**Student Conferences  
Cancelled**

Oct. 21 Pro D Day - District  
No Classes

Oct. 26 Cabaret Night @ 7pm

Nov. 2 Take Your Kids to  
Work Day

Nov. 14 Altered Calendar Day -  
No Classes