

Newsletter

February 13, 2019



February 2019

Friday February 15th

Division 2 to A Rocha

Monday February 18th

Family Day

Schools Not In Session

Friday February 22nd

Professional Development Day

Schools Not in Session

Monday February 25th

Keery Park Walking Field Trip

Div. 2 & 3 - 12:30-2:25

Wednesday February 27th

Pink Shirt Day

March 2019

Friday March 1st

Hot Lunch Day

Tuesday February 5th

Early Dismissal at 1:25
& Student Led-Conferences

Thursday March 7th

PAC Fundraising Pub Night

6:00 pm until late

Monday March 18th to 29th

SPRING BREAK

Schools not in session

April 2019

Monday April 1st

Schools Reopen



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Snow Days

I hope you and your children had a chance to enjoy the snow the last two snow days we had! The children are loving the fresh snow we have at school today. Thank you to everyone who was tuned into our school email announcements or caught up on the local news about the district's decision to call the snow days. It's better to be safe and stay off the roads during these rare wintery events.



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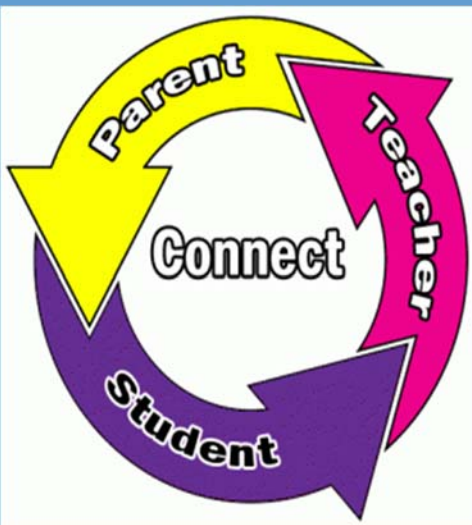
Wetland Planting

Due to the amount of snow on the ground and the likelihood that the ground will be frozen, we are postponing the wetland planting we had planned for this Friday. Jesse and his interns from A Rocha and some of the school staff will be here on **Friday, February 22** to plan the layout of the new pond and the placements of the plants. (no parents or students needed).

Our **new planting day** will be **Friday, March 1**. In the morning, Division 1 and volunteer parents will work with Jesse and his interns to dig the pond extension. In the afternoon from 12:30 pm, parents are invited to help the whole school plant the trees and plants. Please let your teacher know if you are able to assist in either digging the pond or planting.

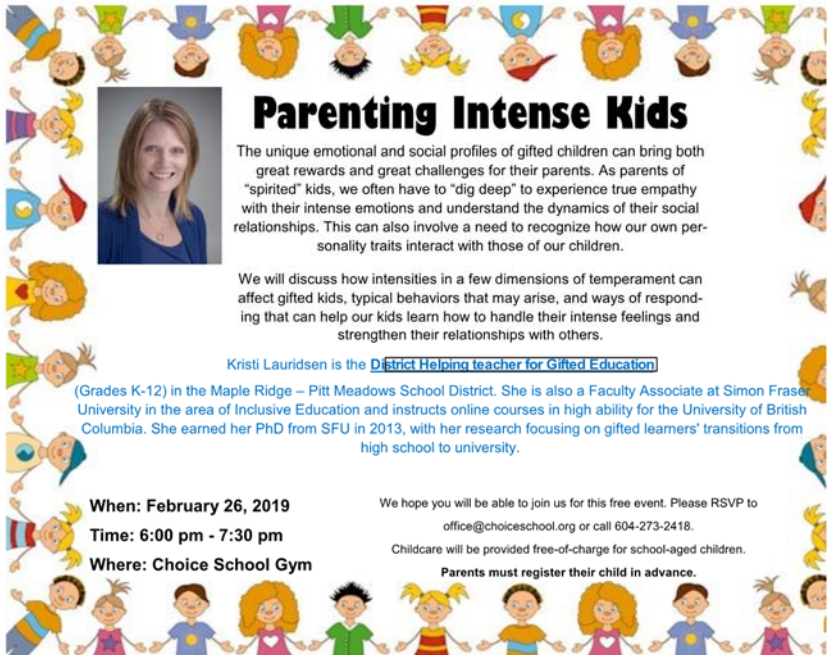
Second Term 3-Way Conferences and Early Dismissal

An important part of your child's learning process is our ongoing dialogue about their learning success and **setting goals** for learning growth. You continue to receive learning snapshots on Fresh Grade. You will also receive a **second summary** of your child's learning for the second term on March 14. This will outline their development in literacy and numeracy.






Parenting Session



Parenting Intense Kids



The unique emotional and social profiles of gifted children can bring both great rewards and great challenges for their parents. As parents of "spirited" kids, we often have to "dig deep" to experience true empathy with their intense emotions and understand the dynamics of their social relationships. This can also involve a need to recognize how our own personality traits interact with those of our children.

We will discuss how intensities in a few dimensions of temperament can affect gifted kids, typical behaviors that may arise, and ways of responding that can help our kids learn how to handle their intense feelings and strengthen their relationships with others.

Kristi Lauridsen is the [District Helping teacher for Gifted Education](#) (Grades K-12) in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. She is also a Faculty Associate at Simon Fraser University in the area of Inclusive Education and instructs online courses in high ability for the University of British Columbia. She earned her PhD from SFU in 2013, with her research focusing on gifted learners' transitions from high school to university.

When: February 26, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: Choice School Gym

We hope you will be able to join us for this free event. Please RSVP to office@choiceschool.org or call 604-273-2418. Childcare will be provided free-of-charge for school-aged children. **Parents must register their child in advance.**

PAC News

Our **next Hot Lunch** is on March 1st for those that ordered.

Reminder about the **PAC Pub Night** on **Thursday, March 7**. Please return forms for tickets as soon as possible.

PAC meeting has been cancelled for this evening. We will let you know when it is rescheduled.

