



## **MYP Authentication - Middle Year Programme.**

In the past few weeks Garibaldi has completed the last few steps of the MYP Authentication journey. We hosted an external team that reviewed our school practices and had an exceptionally positive experience. In the coming weeks, upon presentation of the final report, we expect to be a fully accredited IB - MYP (Middle Year Programme) and IB DP (Diploma Program) school.

What does that mean?

Garibaldi is now one of only 3 public schools in BC that offer programming at the MYP Level and DP level. Additionally, we are the only school that offers the CP (Career) program. We are in unique company.

As part of the IB programme our teachers take additional training and work together to plan and evaluate in a more collegial manner. The planning includes aspects of the day to day classroom preparation, assessment and evaluation.

For your child, in the classroom, they are experiencing a set of teachers who actively incorporated the new initiatives from the Ministry of Education. Assessment, and reporting practices align with the future standards that other schools are now working to incorporate or develop.

I am proud of the standards at GSS. It takes great courage to invite an external team into your school, and have your practice explored, however, in the end we have grown as a staff. Your children will be the benefactors.

### **Grade 7 Day - May 25 2022**

The current grade 8 students will have a non school day. These students need to remain away for school to support the grade 7 transition.

In the past, one day in the last week of May, grade 7 students attended their new high school in place of the grade 8 student. Activities and lunch will be provided.



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### Report Cards Coming:

Report cards will be electronically issued April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to download the report card in its digital format from the MyClass System, which will be available for 30 days.

We do care about each student's pace and progress at school. Please feel free to contact teachers by email, or if you have a concern that is greater than a single teacher or subject, be sure to be in contact with the grade counsellor or grade administrator as necessary.

Improvements mid-year are best supported with good planning and good communication. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about setting realistic goals for improvement.

### Course Planning Well Underway

Students have completed selecting which courses they plan to take for the next school year. Course information presentations were done for each grade and the course information has been posted to the web at: <https://gss.sd42.ca/students/course-selection>

To complete their course selection, students met individually with a counsellor, vice principal or principal to have their data entered.

While changes can be made at a later date, the early data helps support school planning. Late changes often cannot be completely accommodated, so please be prompt in any changes.

If you have any questions regarding course selection and/or program choices please contact your student's counsellor.

### Garibaldi IB Diploma Programme Gr 11 and 12

Garibaldi is one of only 14 public British Columbia International Baccalaureate World Schools. The IB Diploma Program (IB DP) offers students the opportunity to complete their high school education in an internationally-recognized and internationally-focused program that will open many doors to the world of post-secondary education. Even more importantly, the IB Diploma Program exposes students to the wider, international world of lifelong learning by focusing on both depth and breadth of learning in all subject areas.

Students in the IB Diploma Program are given a unique education. They will:

- be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning.
- become knowledgeable, global minded citizens.
- become more culturally aware, through the development of a second language, and through the international focus of the curriculum.
- be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.

The IB Diploma Program is recognized worldwide as the very best preparation for university and college bound students. Students who participate in the Diploma Program unanimously report that their first year at university is much less difficult and stressful because of their experiences in IB DP.

Students considering IB should plan for an academic pathway. While there are no specific required courses, it is important that students planning on a full IB Diploma remain in the Pre Calculus math stream and French. GSS offers a Guided Inquiry elective 9 that supports a positive progression to the grade 11 start of the DP programme.

The DP programme at GSS does not have an admissions assessment. We maintain an open policy supporting students who wish to enter as a full diploma student or certificate student, taking individual courses.





## GSS Yearbooks Remain for Sale

We hope you are all keeping well in these trying times. We are working on having the Yearbook completed on time. While we have sold many yearbooks, we still have about 50 books left to sell. They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. You can order them from the Parent Portal by completing the online form. This year's Yearbook more so than any other year, will be one that you truly want to have for your student or Grad.



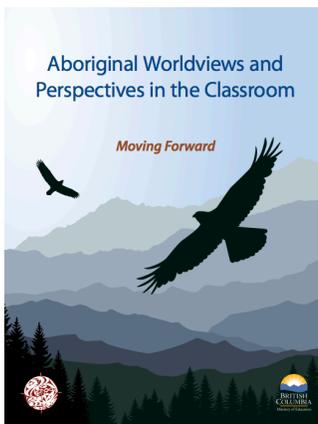
## Student Teachers from UBC, UFV and SFU

Building a school community means showing that the staff is active in the leading and leadership process. A great way to do this is to support student teachers in their journey. We also need to be sure to find a balance where teacher candidates are spread across grades and elective areas. This school year GSS has hosted teachers from UFV, SFU and UBC. Additionally we support practicum EA placements for Ridge Meadows College and Douglas College.



The provincial need for qualified teachers is increasing so we are fortunate that our staff is supporting a positive entrance into the workforce for several teacher candidates, and as a byproduct, we create a pool of new teachers, keeping SD 42 ahead of the challenging employment environment.





## First Peoples Principles of Learning

There are 9 First People Principles of Learning. Each is unique and reflective of positive values we look to bring to our school community:

Learning involves patience and time

This principle reflects the awareness that knowledge and understanding is built over time, often requiring a recursive approach to teaching and learning. It reflects the understanding that Indigenous knowledge is the result of centuries of learning and teaching by Indigenous peoples.

This principle directly supports the idea that learning is an individualistic process that cannot be rushed or arrived at according to a pre-determined schedule (including specific age). This refers to the understanding that learning happens when a person is ready for it, and that learning is most effective when it occurs in a setting where the learning can be applied in an authentic context. The need for patience and time is also a requirement to

develop thorough conceptual and transferable understandings, rather than surface level familiarity. In order to develop understanding, information needs to be examined/explored from multiple perspectives, in different contexts, and over time.

In First Peoples' contexts, this understanding of learning is also the result of cultural values of collaboration and taking the time needed to develop consensus. Collaboration requires that all people in a group contribute according to their specific skill sets, or "gifts". Through collaboration group members also learn from each other.

Traditionally, group decisions were often made through consensus rather than by voting, and this requires the time needed for everyone to have a say and be heard. It requires skilled negotiation, a process that also requires patience and time, and encourages people to listen to and understand differing perspectives. And while the process takes longer than a "majority wins" process, decisions that result from the consensus process tend to build stronger communities.

From: <https://firstpeoplesprinciplesoflearning.wordpress.com/>

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## Mental Health Resources:

310 Mental Health Support -24/7 emotional support):

<https://pathwaysbc.ca/programs/42>

BC Health Link:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/mental-health-substance-use/resources>

## Parent Communication:

Maintaining contact with parents and students is more important than ever.

We update the Gazette on the school website daily. Additionally, information from the school district and the Province is posted to the GSS Main Page.

The Parent Portal is essential. Please ensure that messages from the portal do not move to your email spam folder.



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## Information from SD 42:

### A Conversation for Families About Digital Well Being and Mental Health (See attached)

April's Family Smart workshop is titled A Conversation for Families About Digital Well Being and Mental Health. Parents and caregivers will find it informative and will walk away with some concrete strategies.

<http://www.familysmart.ca/workshops>

- Help for the Hard Times (See attached)

This Family Smart workshop is for parents with children who have been in APU, CAPSU, even in and out of hospital due to required psychiatric care. This three-part free event will continue to take place online.

<http://www.familysmart.ca/workshops>

- Ridge Sports

Ridge Sports is offering fun and affordable sports for everyone, regardless of circumstances and opportunities. Here's a link for more information about the sports programs offered: <https://www.ridgesports.ca>.

Our next season goes from April 30 to June 4, and we will be offering soccer and volleyball for \$30 per child

**EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.**

#### A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health

As parents, we struggle with balancing our children's time spent in the digital world and what we consider the real world. It's not easy to know how much time on technology is too much and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Join us for a conversation with a digital wellbeing expert to learn some practical solutions to our everyday concerns and challenges around our kids' use of screens and their mental health.

Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.

#### Dates (BC Time):

April 4, 2022 at 6:30pm  
April 12, 2022 at 5:00pm  
April 20, 2022 at 12:00pm  
April 26, 2022 at 6:30pm  
April 28, 2022 at 5:00pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: [www.familysmart.ca/events](http://www.familysmart.ca/events)

[familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca)



## BC Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey - Parents

Each year, students in Grades 4, 7, **10 and 12**, their parents in ALL B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. **All responses are anonymous and confidential.**

The survey website:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

No password is required.



## Information from SD 42:

### Parents Night Out

One of the greatest challenges as an adult is talking about difficult subjects with another adult in our lives, let alone starting and having these conversations with our children. How often have you heard “I know, I know, you told me this before” or just seen the eye roll, knowing something is not quite as it should be. Difficult conversations cover any topic that might be embarrassing, upsetting or controversial for either you or your young person. It could also be something that might cause an argument or a conflict between the two of you. It can be challenging to know how and when to support someone who is feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or struggling with their mental health. As adults in the lives of young people, we set the precedent for how our youth react and respond to changes and challenges. We know young adults who have connections to caring adults tend to feel and do better. You do not need to have all the answers to start a conversation about mental health.

Join us for a panel discussion about listening and creating a safe space for ongoing conversations with the young people in your life.



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**MARCH 29, 2022  
7:00 PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON  
EVENTBRITE  
[HTTPS://SDS\\_PNO.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://SDS_PNO.EVENTBRITE.CA)

You do not need to have all the answers to start a conversation. Join us for a short video and panel discussion about listening and creating a safe space for ongoing conversations with the young people in your life.

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## Information from SD 42:

### Science Rocks

UFV's Science Rocks! Program has new events this Spring, now open for registration! We wish to request your help with the distribution of information to grades 4-8 households for our science day-events!

- Organization: University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), Faculty of Science
- Science Rocks! Days at UFV for young people in Grades 4-6 and 7-8. Fun and exciting science activities exploring physics, biology, chemistry, math, and computer science.
- Saturday events in April and May; one-day camps, each with a different and exciting theme
- Abbotsford and Chilliwack campuses of UFV
- web address: [ufv.ca/science-rocks](http://ufv.ca/science-rocks)
- Contact Dr. Robin Endelman at: [sciencerocks@ufv.ca](mailto:sciencerocks@ufv.ca) for additional information



**Send your kid to university for the day!** Our program is designed especially for Grades 4-8. UFV Science Rocks! events are fun learning opportunities for your kids.

Kids get to learn something new, see real science labs, play outside, and experiment with fun activities that explore physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, geography and computer science.

#### ABBOTSFORD CAMPS

**CAMP 1:** Saturday, Saturday, April 2 (Ages 9-11)

##### Science in Space!

Explore all the fun and excitement space has to offer right here on Earth with our "Science in Space" camp. Learn all about gravity and why things fall, the possibility of life in space, create a replica of the phases of the Moon, and even make your own spectroscope! This camp is jam-packed with all things physics, chemistry, math, and biology; it's out of this world!

**CAMP 2:** Saturday, April 9 (Ages 12-13)

##### Super Spy!

Have you ever wanted to be an international super spy? This camp is for you! Learn spy secrets like fingerprinting, create a code to crack the system, encode and decode secret ciphers, and even learn how to isolate DNA! This camp is full of science activities that include chemistry, math, and biology!

#### MASKS & VACCINE INFORMATION

At UFV, the health and safety of our community is paramount. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) has implemented orders that directly affect UFV. Masks must be worn in all public indoor areas which include classrooms, labs, lobbies and hallways, stairwells and elevators, so masks will be required for all campers. As this is a discretionary event, we unfortunately cannot accommodate children with a mask exemption.

We request that all campers be vaccinated. Campers aged 12+ will be required to show proof of vaccination.

#### ABOUT THE CAMPS:

**Time:** 9 am – 4 pm

**Location:** UFV Abbotsford and Chilliwack Campuses

**Student/leader ratio:** We have a limit of 24 campers/week, with a camper to instructor ratio of 6:1. One or more UFV science faculty members will be on site at all times.

Questions? Contact Robin Endelman, Coordinator by phone at 1-888-504-7441 ext 4779 or email at [sciencerocks@ufv.ca](mailto:sciencerocks@ufv.ca)

Register online! [ufv.ca/science-rocks](http://ufv.ca/science-rocks)

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**Cost:** \$40 - includes camp t-shirt, lab book, and bag!

**Visit us online** at [ufv.ca/science-rocks](http://ufv.ca/science-rocks) for more details and registration information!

## Pack in and Pack out - Reducing school waste

At the start of this school year we were very worried about the amount of garbage and waste that the new normal would create. This is due primarily to a recent reduction in the classroom number of garbage bins as SD 42 moved to a recycling based program several years ago. In September GSS asked students to please pack out their personal / lunch waste. Today, I believe this will be a positive legacy of the pandemic.

Everyday more than 1000 people eat lunch, mostly outside. The amount of waste and litter, while not perfect, is much less than I expected. Thank you the families that have taken the pack in pack out mindset into your planning. It has made a difference.





# Ridge Meadows College

*Ridge Meadows College (RMC) provides quality, employment-focused, educational opportunities for students from Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and surrounding communities.*

*RMC partners with local industry to provide direct opportunities for employment following graduation.*

## Certificate Programs:

- **Administrative Office Specialist**  
*1 or 2 Semesters - \$3,210 - \$6,420*
- **Education Assistant**  
*10 months - \$8,700*
- **Building Service Worker**  
*3 weeks - \$629*
- **Early Childhood Educator**  
*3 semesters - \$7,704*



## General Interest Classes:

- Forklift
- Skid Steer
- WHMIS
- Foodsafe
- Spanish
- Employment Prep
- MS Office classes
- Bookkeeping

Email or call to register for an upcoming info session!

<http://rmcollege.ca>

[rmc@sd42.ca](mailto:rmc@sd42.ca)

604-466-6242

Affiliated with:



20575 Thorne Ave, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 9A6



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# Certificate Programs

## Administrative Office Specialist (AOS)

**AOS Core (\$3,210) - Intakes: Jan., May & Sep.**  
Prepares students for the office environment by providing a foundation in basic computer, organizational and employment skills.

- One Semester Program (210 hours)
- Students receive Microsoft Office Specialist certification testing
- Students can attend online or in person

**AOS Advanced (\$3,210) - Intakes: Jan. & Sep.**  
Focuses on more advanced office skills including bookkeeping, accounting and communications.

- One semester program (225 hours)
- Students receive Microsoft Office Specialist (expert-level) certification testing
- AOS Core is NOT a prerequisite but students must have basic MS Word and Excel ability.

**Cost for both: \$6,420 + books**

## Early Childhood Educator (ECE)

The ECE program prepares students to work with young children in a variety of early learning settings. Students may take the entire one year program, or a single approved course to become an ECE assistant.

- Program consists of 13 classes and 3 practicums
- Full-time program takes 3 semesters (1 year)
- Students can study casually or full-time during days, evenings and weekends.

*Intakes in January, May and September annually.*

**Cost: \$7,704 + books**

## Education Assistant (EA)

Education Assistants work with K-12 students with special physical, behavioural or learning needs.

- Program consists of 19 classes and 2 practicums
- Full-time program takes 10 months.
- Courses run primarily in the evening and on weekends.
- Graduates are considered for a job with School District 42.

*Intakes in January and September annually.*

**Cost: \$8,700**

## Building Service Worker (BSW)

The BSW certificate provides students with classroom and technical hands-on training, including cleaning practice, chemical handling, floor maintenance and safety procedures.

- 3 week (60 hour) program.
- Includes WHMIS
- Classes run Monday to Friday in the evening
- Graduates are considered for a job with School District 42.

*Intakes in January, May and September annually.*

**Cost: \$629 + supplies**