

Welcome Back!

We are so happy to see everyone back at school and we look forward to a great year together. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare their rooms and to plan engaging and exciting curriculum. The seismic project is ahead of schedule and the school looks absolutely fantastic.

To ensure that everyone feels comfortable, safe, and happy at school, we will continue to follow health protocols and safety guidelines at Maple Lane. Here are a few reminders to help us start the school year in a safe manner, as outlined by our Provincial Health Officer.

- Students in Kindergarten to grade 3 are recommended to wear masks
- Students in grades 4 – 7 and staff are required to wear masks
- Students and staff will continue to practice regular hand washing
- Students and staff should complete the Daily Health Check before attending school
- All students should bring their recess snack and lunch with them when they come starting Wednesday, September 8th. We kindly ask that families send their child's lunch to school.
- We will be practicing safe distancing and minimizing crowding in our facilities
- Moving forward, we will continue to minimize the use of the main doors and minimize access for visitors. All visitors must continue to sign in and hand sanitize.
- If you have an appointment, you will need to do a formal sign in at the office.

Important Calendar Update

- The government recently passed legislation to make **September 30th** a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. As such, all schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021.
- This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to ensure that students understand the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.
- School will not be in session. Please mark your calendar.

Schedule for the First Week.

Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

9:00-10:00 am All students grade 1-7 attend.

- Students should proceed to their classroom from last year. Please go to the exterior door of your child's classroom.
- Division 10 will be with Ms. Hung and Ms. Robertson in the Library (outside door 14)
- Ms. Allesia and Ms. Lin's Classes (Division 7 and 9) go to outside door 9
- Mr. Philip's Class (Division 8) will be with Ms. Sineh Sepehr
- Mr. Brackman's Class (Division 5) will be with Ms. Lau
- New students will come to the main entrance and wait under the covered area

9:00-9:45 am New Kindergarten students Group A and C

- Group A meet at outside door 13
- Group C meet at outside door 12
- Parents stay outside to visit and meet Mrs. Schwartz and students go inside to their classrooms with their teachers

1:00-1:45 pm New Kindergarten students Group B

- Students and parents meet outside door 13
- Parents stay outside to visit and meet Mrs. Schwartz and students go inside to their classrooms with their teachers

Wednesday-Friday

Students in Grades 1-7 are in attendance all day; dismiss at 2:45 pm

- Students return to last year's classes
- Students who were in Ms. Zalunardo and Ms. Godfrey's class will be in the library (outside door 14)
- Students who were in Ms. Allesia's class will return to the Wildflower Community (outside door 9)
- New students go to the classroom they were shown on Tuesday or if unsure, go to the office and someone will direct them where to go

Kindergarten students attend according to their gradual entry schedule.

*** We hope to have students in their classrooms by Friday morning, but there is a possibility that this may not happen. We thank you for your patience as we sort through this important process.

