

# MAPLE LANE NEWS

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## From the Office

### We Are Planning For September 2017

**Kindergarten Registrations.** If you have a child turning five in 2017, please register them at the Board Office right away for Kindergarten. This helps us start our planning for September 2017. If you have a neighbour with a Kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to register now.

**Forms regarding Expected Attendance for 2017/18.** Thank you to those who have returned the survey regarding expected attendance for 2017/18. If you haven't returned it yet, please hand your form into the office asap. If your plans change, please let the office know. We appreciate your assistance in helping us plan for next year.

## Maple Lane Clothing Sale



Maple Lane gear will be on sale starting Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing through to Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. All school clothing items will have the Maple Lane Logo on them and will be in our school colours of Navy Blue, Grey and White. When students wear Maple Lane clothing they help to build school community and spirit. We encourage all students to have some form of Maple Lane clothing. This sale is not a school fundraiser. We want to keep prices as low as possible to make clothing affordable to Maple Lane families. There are two ways to order clothing, by paper order that is handed in at the school and through an online store created by our clothing provider. There will be a notice going home on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> outlining the ordering process in more detail. In addition, we will have samples of clothing available at the school for students and parents to try for proper fitting.

## Nova Foods Hot Lunch Program Continues

Nova Foods is a new hot lunch program for Maple Lane students. Orders will be delivered to the school between 11:30am to 11:45am every Tuesday and Thursday. The program is flexible -- you can order hot lunches every Tuesday and Thursday!

The Nova Foods website is available in English and Chinese. All orders must be done online.



CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT:

1. Create an account by clicking on this link: <http://www.novafood.ca/join.html>
2. Once you have completed the online form, Nova Food will assign you an account number.
3. Log into your account and create a profile for each of your children: name, school (select Maple Lane in drop down list), grade, division and teacher name.

**PURCHASE CREDITS:**

1. Log into your account and click "Purchase Credits."
2. You can pay for credits with your Visa or MasterCard.
3. All refill credit purchases less than \$20 will be subject to a \$1 service fee.

**ORDERING LUNCH:**

1. Log into your account and click "Order Now."
2. You can pre-order all lunches daily, weekly or monthly. The dates, menu and prices are pre-set in the delivery calendar.
3. Tuesday lunch orders must be submitted or cancelled by Monday 11:59pm.
4. Thursday lunch orders must be submitted or cancelled by Wednesday 11:59pm.

## Around the School

### Chinese New Year Cooperative Teams Activity Day



On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> all students will be working in their Cooperative Teams while participating in 4 stations that celebrate Chinese New Year. Each of the 4 stations will be organized and run by Maple Lane parent volunteers. We look forward to learning more about Chinese New Year together. Thank-you to our parent volunteers and the Maple Lane PAC for organizing this event.

### Scholastic Book Fair - Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

The Book Fair is coming once again to Maple Lane! Your support of this great literary event is important for helping us to obtain new resources for our library and classrooms.

You can support our library by both purchasing books and volunteering at the book fair. If you are able to help out, please sign up on the sheet posted outside the library. We would need four (4) parent volunteers per shift.

The book fair will be open during the following dates and times:

Monday, February 6	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Tuesday, February 7	12:20pm – 1:10pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm (early dismissal)
Wednesday, February 8	12:20pm – 1:10pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm (early dismissal)
Thursday, February 9	12:20pm – 1:10pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm

## We are a Caring School



Caring starts with empathy – recognizing how someone is feeling and connecting with them to let them know that you see and understand.

### PINK SHIRT DAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> – “Say No to BULLYING”

All of our students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear PINK on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> as a stand against bullying. In classes we will talk about the importance of “Pink Shirt Day”. Building a caring community is our best defense against bullying.

## Being on time for school shows caring for your classmates and teacher!

Many students are still arriving after the first bell at 8:40 a.m. We need all students at school by 8:35 a.m. so that they can say hello to their friends and prepare for school by taking off their coats and emptying their backpacks. Then, at the first bell they can head to their desks to start their school day.



Parents, we ask for your help in this matter. Leave your homes earlier. Arriving on time is an important part of developing social responsibility. Please help your children develop this important skill. The school office will keep track of students arriving late over the next month. Thank-you for your help.

## GOING AWAY ON VACATION?



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS TALK WITH THE PRINCIPAL, MR. MASON, IF YOU ARE GOING AWAY DURING SCHOOL, OR IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THE SCHOOL CANNOT ALWAYS HOLD A SPOT FOR A STUDENT IF THEY ARE ABSENT FOR MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FAMILIES USE THE SCHOOL BREAKS FOR TRIPS. PLEASE CHAT WITH MR. MASON IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP DURING SCHOOL DAYS, BEFORE BOOKING FLIGHTS!

## Maple Lane Recycles!!!! YAY! YOU CAN TOO!

As a school and as a school district, we are trying to reduce our waste. Students are learning to recycle properly – it takes time, information, effort and modeling. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

1. PLEASE RECYCLE AT HOME. Set-up your recycling stations, and model how we recycle properly. Show your children that you care.
2. Try not to buy packaged snacks – use plastic REUSABLE containers to help eliminate waste.
3. Keep up the good work with reusable water bottles. We have a water bottle filling station in our school that provides cold filtered water for students.
4. DO YOU ORDER NOVA FOODS FOR YOUR CHILD? Encourage your child to clean out the container and recycle it properly at school.

**WE ONLY HAVE ONE PLANET AND WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IT. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



RELATED TO THIS – REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CARS DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS. **We need to walk to school when we can. Grade 5, 6 and 7 students can be walking to and from school with friends. Parents can be walking primary students to school if you live in our catchment area.**

**Make a family pledge to do this one more day a week – it is not hard ☺**

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	- PAC Meeting in the library 6:30pm
Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Chinese New Year Cooperative Teams Activity
Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	- Maple Lane Clothing Order forms go home
Monday, Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Maple Lane Clothing Sale
Monday, Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Scholastic Book Sale in Library
Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	- Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences 2pm
Wednesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	- Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences 2pm
Friday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Skating Divisions 1, 2, 6
Monday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Family Day Holiday (school is closed)
Wednesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Grade 7 Parent Information Night at Steveston/London Sec.
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Children's Arts Festival Divisions 3, 5 and 7
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	- Richmond District Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Hot Lunch Day
Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Steveston/London Grade 7 Spectrum Program Applications due
Monday, March 13-26	- Spring Break (school is closed)