

# MAPLE LANE NEWS

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## From the Office

### Registration for New Kindergarten Students

Children born in 2013 and who are Canadian citizens can register for Kindergarten starting Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. If you are interested in any district programs, you can register at your neighbourhood school and then take the program registration to the School Board Central Registration Office.

Children who are not Canadian citizens can be registered at Central Registration at the Richmond School District Board Office, starting November 1<sup>st</sup> as well.

New Kindergarten students can be registered at their neighbourhood school from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration after November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will need to be completed at the Richmond School District Board Office. If you are registering a child at Maple Lane you can come to the school office between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

### Parking Lot Before School

As you know, our parking lot can be a busy place before and after school. We ask that parents use the drop off lane to let students out of their car in the morning. Students should get out of their car using the doors on the passenger side (right side) so they don't step out into traffic. We also ask that parents do not park in the drop off lane before school and wait with their child(ren) in their vehicle until 8:30am when students are allowed to enter the school. When cars park in the drop off lane and wait until 8:30am, an unsafe situation for students is created because other cars have to park around waiting vehicles. Please stop in the drop off lane, let your child out of your car, then drive out of the parking lot so the traffic keeps moving in a safe manner.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

### Flu and Cold Season

It is that time again - flu and cold season is beginning and we are reminding students to wash their hands regularly. Using soap and hot water is a great way to clean hands. The school is discouraging hand sanitizers because they are hard on your skin and they kill all bacteria, even the good bacteria we naturally have on our hands that help keep us healthy. PLEASE do not send sanitizers to school: JUST REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO WASH THEIR HANDS REGULARLY. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

### HALLOWEEN CANDY ACCEPTED...

Once again, McMath Secondary students and Maple Lane Elementary students are working together to support a project which assists the homeless living on the Lower Eastside of Vancouver. 7 days a week, 365 days a year - **GOOD SHEPHERD** volunteers provide homeless people with candy bags, food, hope, and encouragement. It is not unusual for volunteers to give out 90 candy bags per night. In support of this project, McMath and Maple Lane are collecting **LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY** from students and families. Maple Lane made a large donation of candy last year and this helped set a record number of candy bags ~ we are hoping this year, with your help, we can beat that record. Please drop-off any donations in the blue tote bin located at the front of the school.

## Around the School

### GRADE 5/6/7 COED VOLLEYBALL

Our Grade 7 Volleyball team is practicing hard with their coaches, Ms. Metcalf and Mr. Mason. The team has several games coming up against neighbouring schools. Come out to the Lightning Dome (AKA Maple Lane Gym) to watch the action.

### Remembrance Day Assembly

This year our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in the Gym. Students who are members of Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides,



Scouts and Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms for the assembly and to take part in the presentation of the Flag. Poppies will be distributed to the students on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope that your family can make a donation to the Poppy Fund on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Money raised in the Poppy Fund helps to aid Canadian Veterans and the programs that assist our Canadian Veteran Heroes. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special Assembly of Remembrance.

### Sexual Health Education



Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, our school has also brought in experts in the field to address this topic with our school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Dr. Brandy Wiebe of Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Dr. Wiebe will host a parent information workshop on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Dr. Wiebe will return to Maple Lane on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to hold workshops for students. She will tailor her workshops to the grade level she is presenting to. Students will be grouped for workshops in the following grade levels: Kindergarten/Grade 1; Grade 2/Grade 3; Grade 4/Grade 5; Grade 6/Grade 7. Thank-you to our Maple Lane PAC for providing this opportunity for our students.



### MAKER SPACE CURRICULUM

AS PART OF THE NEW PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM (APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES) SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD AND CREATE. TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MATERIALS TO BUILD SKILLS IN THIS AREA OF THE CURRICULUM, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD ELECTRONICS SUCH AS RADIOS, CELL PHONES, LAP TOPS AND DISC MANS PLEASE BRING THEM TO MRS. SANDHU (TEACHER-LIBRARIAN) IN THE LIBRARY. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD TOOLS SUCH AS SCREWDRIVERS, HAMMERS, PLIERS, WRENCHES (AND OTHERS) AND BUILDING MATERIALS LIKE WOODEN BLOCKS, PLYWOOD AND LEGO PLEASE BRING THEM IN. THESE MATERIALS WILL GIVE STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE, BUILD, AND RECREATE!!! PART OF THIS CURRICULUM INCLUDES SEWING. IF YOU HAVE THREAD, YARN OR SEWING NEEDLES, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM. WE WOULD ALSO LOVE TO TAKE A WORKING SEWING MACHINE FROM ANY FAMILY THAT DOES NOT NEED THEIR MACHINE.

THANK-YOU,  
MRS. SANDHU

# Communicating Student Learning (Reporting)

On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, term one reports will come home for students in Divisions 4 through 8. The reports will be a short concise snapshot of the progress your child has made in their learning this term. No one piece of paper can ever capture who your child is, but their portfolios, work, projects, and journals speak volumes as to who they are as a student. It is this work that is the true communication of your child's learning, along with conversations with their teacher.

With the Ministry making a shift in curriculum, there is also a shift in reporting and Richmond has begun this shift on report cards by making them more succinct. The Ministry of Education makes the following recommendations in order for us to move forward successfully with the new curriculum:

- Shift from "reporting" to "communicating student learning"
- Support meaningful communication between teachers, parents, and learners
- Report on core competencies and key areas of learning
- Focus on learning standards and big ideas in areas of learning (subjects)
- Enable ongoing communication (with provincial guidelines and supports)
- **Maintain formal, written summative reports at key times in the year**
- Use clear performance standards-based language

*The essence of these recommendations is: there is a shift in how schools communicate student learning towards meaningful descriptions / collections / and demonstrations of student learning.*



Some information about report cards to help you talk with your child:



1. Teachers assess a child's progress based on the widely-held expectations for children of that age. Letter grades for intermediate students and performance scales for primary students give parents an idea how their children are doing based on these criteria.
2. It is important to remember that children are all learning and progressing at their own rate. Some children may learn more quickly or easily than others. Some children take a longer time to learn. Teachers need to report on a child's current development. Both parents and teachers need to celebrate each child's progress and growth in learning.
3. **When you and your child look at the report card, it is important to celebrate growth and improvement and to talk about areas for improvement in Term 2.**



**SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:** Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. **Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.** Most of these will be private schools. Listen to radio CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, QM 103.5FM or watch on television CBC, GlobalTV and CTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the district's website
- all elementary schools' websites have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather). The message will include a link back to the district's website containing detailed information.
- the snow closure hotline, (604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are open or closed
- Twitter at RichmondSD38

**Please do not phone the school. The administration will be too busy planning the day and will not be able to answer the phone.**

- ❖ It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
- ❖ School will remain open until 3:00 pm and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home).
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
3. Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school before a snow day.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:** It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have proper jackets, footwear, hats and gloves so that they can enjoy playing outside.



**If it should snow, students should have extra clothing and boots or a dry pair of socks and shoes to change into if they want to play in the snow at recess and lunch.**

## MAPLE LANE PAC NEWS



Since last year's family holiday-themed event was so popular, plans for a repeat are already in the works. Please mark your calendar for a *Winter Wonderland* taking place on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm in the Maple Lane Gym**. Like last year, the Me to We students will be working hard at organizing many of the activities and requesting food bank donations from families.

***Family Photo Night Fundraiser***- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & Nov 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 -8:30pm. Spots are filling up! Don't miss out! Book your family's photo session with DeConti Photography at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45afa828abf58-maple>.

***Next PAC Meeting*** - Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We look forward to seeing you there! Child-minding will be provided.

***Next Hot Lunch*** - Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - **Sushi!** Please remember to return your completed orders by the deadline. Late orders cannot be accepted.

As always, we need parent volunteers to assist with all PAC supported events and programs. If you would like to help-out, please contact [maplelanepac@gmail.com](mailto:maplelanepac@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Other Dates to Remember

Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Hold and Secure Safety Drill
Wednesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	- PAC Meeting 6 p.m. in library
Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Family Photo Night
Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	- 10:30 a.m. Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Family Photo Night
Monday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	- No school on this day in honour of Remembrance Day
Wednesday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Body Smarts Presentation for Parents
Thursday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Photo Retake Day
Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Body Smarts Presentations for Students
Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Hot Lunch Day
Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	- ProD Day Curriculum Implementation Day
Wednesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	- Steveston London Band plays at Maple Lane 1:30pm
Friday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	- Skating Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6
Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	- Polar Express Evening for families, presented by the PAC
Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Skating Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	- Report Cards Home for Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Whole School Field Trip to Bowling
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Last Day of School Before Winter Break