

# MAPLE LANE NEWS

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## From the Office



### IMPORTANT FORMS

School start-up is a busy time in our office. There are many forms that need to be sorted out as we start our school year. Next week and over the past weeks, we have sent home the

- a. Walking field trip form
- b. Media release and Email consent form
- c. Data Verification form (pink form)
- d. School Supplies, Agenda & Kindergarten Cooking form

We thank you for your help with all of these. *If you have any questions about any of these, please call Mr. Mason.*

### BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Our school participates in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program. Students will receive 13 different fresh BC fruit or vegetables over the year free of charge. We are promoting healthy eating.

*We have had this program at our school for several years. A form was sent home earlier this week asking you to let us know if you do not want your child involved. Do not return the form if your child is participating in the Fruit and Vegetable Program.*



### **Nut Allergies**

Some of the children in our school have serious nut allergies. We ask that you **DO NOT** send food containing nuts or nut products to school.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** is a Richmond School District goal. As in previous years, our school will continue with lessons in the areas of empathy, anger management and solving problems: all important aspects of Social/Emotional learning. We know that students who feel safe and connected, who are self-aware and have good self-regulation skills, will be better learners and citizens.

## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

### **Sports at Maple Lane**

- Volleyball season is starting for grade 6 and 7 students. Our team of talented players are working with Mrs. Adjei-Achampong and Ms. Metcalf to build their skills. Later in October, our grade 6/7 team will play teams from other schools. Thank-you to Ms. Adjei-Achampong and Ms. Metcalf for volunteering their time to coach our team.
- Lunchtime basketball is up and running for grade 5, 6 and 7 students. Mr. Miller has the group working hard and having lots of fun. Thank-



you to Mr. Miller for volunteering his lunchtime twice each week to make this opportunity available for the students.

## Terry Fox Run

We had our Terry Fox Run last Thursday. Students, staff and parents enjoyed the beautiful afternoon as they ran through the Maple Lane neighborhood. Thank-you to our wonderful parent volunteers who marked the course through the neighborhood and helped to cut and serve oranges to our students. It was a great community builder for the school as we came together to achieve our goal of raising \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our total money raised was \$572. Way to go Maple lane!



## SCHOOLWIDE BOLLYWOOD DANCE PROGRAM



During the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, all students will be involved in a Bollywood Dance Program. Classes will have at least 4 sessions during the week. Parents are invited to join us on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> for a final presentation, where all classes will 'show their stuff'. This will be a great fine arts experience for all. Thanks to our PAC for supporting this initiative!

## Great Pumpkin Run

This year at Maple Lane we are going to hold a new event called the Great Pumpkin Run. The Great Pumpkin run will take place on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> and will start at 1:45 in the gym. This is an opportunity for a fun run through the Maple Lane neighborhood. After the run we will return to the school gym, where we will hold a lucky draw for a chance to win a pumpkin. 11 lucky names will be drawn. What a great way to keep fit and to have a little fun before Hallowe'en.



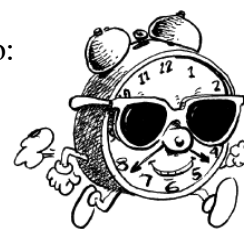
## Arriving at School on Time - an important life skill!

Maple Lane, unfortunately, has many children arriving late in the mornings!

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

When your child is just **5 minutes late everyday** for his/her class this equates to:

- =five min/day or 25 min/week
- =100 min/month
- =1000 min/school year
- =**3 ½ school days missed/year!**




Disruption to the rest of the class for the time it takes while your child gets settled and caught up:

- =15 min/day or 75 min/week
- =300 min/month
- =3,000 min/year
- =**9 ½ school days missed/year!**

If your child is 'missing' and not just late, we would want all of our time concentrated on finding that child. If there is a child who is habitually late, this time is diluted because our staff must now try to locate two students instead of one.

Please be considerate of others and ensure that your child is not late for school without a good reason. The first bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and students should plan to arrive no later than 8:40 a.m.

If you are driving your child to school in the morning, leave 10 minutes early to avoid the rush coming into the drop off zone.



## Tea and Talk

On **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:15 a.m.** parents are invited to the school Library to chat with Mr. Rusty Mason and our Settlement Worker, Mr. Bill Chow. Topics will vary each meeting through the year. This meeting will focus on:

Our school system – how it works. Mr. Mason will talk about learning, combined classes, curriculum and instruction. Parents are invited to bring their questions. All parents are welcome.

### **Our Resource Team**

There are a number of people who make up our Resource Team. They include our school-based team:

Mrs. A. Hung	Chair and ELL/Learning Resource Teacher
Ms. H. Sandhu	ELL/Learning Resource Teacher (on Maternity Leave to Jan. 2017)
Mrs. H. Goto	ELL/Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. G Adjei-Achampong	ELL/Learning Resource Teacher (through to Dec. 2016)

Each of these teachers works with specific classroom teachers to support children learning English and children needing some assistance with other subjects. They help in the development of IEPs (Individual Learning Plans) when needed and can work with children in the classroom and/or in one of our resource rooms. They meet weekly with different classroom teachers and Mr. P. Selitti, our Counselor and Ms. N. Hewamudalige, our Speech and Language Resource, to discuss student progress. Mr. Mason also attends the weekly team meetings. Parents who have concerns about their child's learning are to first speak with the classroom teacher who might then consult with his/her resource teacher and the rest of our Resource Team.

The School-based Team (SBT) can also access other district professionals when necessary to support student learning.

### **PAC Corner**

**Hot Lunch:** Your PAC (Parent Advisory Counsel) prepares a Hot Lunch Day once each month for the students at Maple Lane. A paper order form will go home approximately 2 weeks before each Hot Lunch day for student orders. To participate in the Hot Lunch Day student orders are due one week before the Hot Lunch Day.

**Comfort Kits:** An important yellow form is going home with each student about Student Comfort Kits. Comfort Kits are kept in your child's classroom to be used in the event of a natural disaster emergency like an earthquake. The kits contain personal items for your child and a letter including from the family. We hope we never have to use these kits, but know they will help our children cope following a serious emergency situation. Be on the lookout for this form.

**Nova Foods Hot Lunch Presentation:** Nova Foods, a Richmond based company that provides hot lunches to Richmond Elementary Schools will provide an information session to our PAC. Come out to hear about their service and help us decide if we would like their service for student lunches at Maple Lane this year.

**The second P.A.C. meeting for this school year will be held:  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in the library from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Childcare will be provided by some of our senior students.**

### **Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Early Dismissal at 2pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	- Early Dismissal at 2pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Thanksgiving Holiday – school is closed
Wednesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	- PAC Meeting at 6pm
October 17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	- Bollywood Dance Workshop for students
Friday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	- ProD Day – no school for students
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	- Bollywood Dance Presentation Assembly (10:45am)
Wednesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	- Gr. 6 Immunization
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	- Tea and Talk (9am)
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	- Hot Lunch Day
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	- Great Pumpkin Run (1:45pm)
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Hallowe'en at Maple Lane – wear a costume