

# MAPLE LANE NEWS

Newsletter # 2

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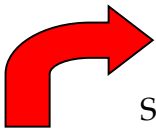
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## From the Office



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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. Over the past weeks we have sent home:

- a. Walking field trip form
- b. Media release and Email consent form
- c. Data Verification form (bright green form)

In the middle of October we will send home the School Supplies, Agenda & Kindergarten Cooking Form that can be paid online through our new payment system

*We thank you for your help with all of these forms. If you have any questions, 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 many years. A form is being sent home today 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 Veggie Program.*



### **Nut Allergies**

We have many children who have serious nut allergies in our school. Please **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 Ms. Metcalf and Mr. Mason to build their skills. Later in October, our grade 6/7 team will play teams from other schools. Thank-you to Ms. Metcalf and Mr. Mason for volunteering their time to coach our team.
- Lunchtime basketball is up and running for grade 6 and 7 boys. 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 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 \$515. This money goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to help find a cure for cancer. Way to go Maple lane!

## SCHOOLWIDE HIPHOP DANCE PROGRAM



*During the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, all students will be involved in a HipHop Dance Program. Classes will have at least 4 lessons during the week. Parents are invited to join us on Friday, October 27<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

Our second annual Great Pumpkin Run will take place on Monday October 30<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. 12 lucky names will be drawn to win a pumpkin, including one winner of the GREAT PUMPKIN! 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!

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

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

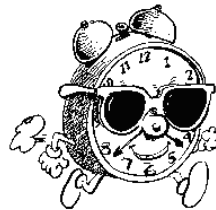
When your child is just **5 minutes late every day** for his/her class this equates to:

=five min/day or 25 min/week

=100 min/month

=1000 min/school year

=**3 1/2 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 1/2 school days interrupted in a 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 warning 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.

## 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

Mrs. H. Sandhu                      ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Mrs. M. Grant                      ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Each of these teachers works specifically with classroom teachers to support children learning English and children needing some assistance with other subjects. They help in the development of IEPs (Individual Learning Plan) 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, Mr. P. Selitti, our school Counselor and Mrs. N. Hewamudalige, our Speech and Language Teacher, to discuss student progress. Mr. Mason also attends the weekly meetings. Parents who have concerns about their child's learning are asked to speak first with the classroom teacher who might then consult with the Learning Resource Teacher and the rest of the Resource Team.

## PAC News



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

**Comfort Kits:** An important yellow form will be 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. The kits can contain personal items for your child and a letter from your family. We hope we never have to use these kits, but we know a comfort kit 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 continue to provide hot lunches each Tuesday and Thursday through the school year. To order a hot lunch from Nova Foods, visit their website at: [www.novafood.ca/join.html](http://www.novafood.ca/join.html)

**The first PAC meeting for this school year will be held on**

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Maple Lane Library from 6 – 7:30pm**

Childcare will be provided by some of our senior students.

### Dates to Remember

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| Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | - Early Dismissal at 2pm for Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> | - Early Dismissal at 2pm for Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> | - Grade 6 Immunization                                  |
| Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> | - PAC Meeting at 6pm                                    |
| Monday October 9 <sup>th</sup>     | - Thanksgiving Holiday – school is closed               |
| Wednesday October 18 <sup>th</sup> | - DreamRider Theatre (Gr. K-5)                          |
| Friday October 20 <sup>th</sup>    | - ProD Day – No school for students                     |
| October 23-27 <sup>th</sup>        | - HipHop Dance Workshop                                 |
| Friday October 27 <sup>th</sup>    | - Hot Lunch Day   |
| Monday October 30 <sup>th</sup>    | - Great Pumpkin Run (1:45pm)                            |
| Tuesday October 31 <sup>st</sup>   | - Halloween at Maple Lane – wear a costume              |

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