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**EARLY WARNING LINE
FOR ABSENCES**

604-668-6192

Maple Lane WAAG - Sept. 22 - 26, 2025

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	Professional Development Day - No School
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Gr. 6/7 Volleyball Practice (11:50)
Thursday	
Friday	Gr. 6/7 Volleyball Practice (11:50)

Maple Lane

Elementary School

7671 Alouette Dr.

Richmond, BC

V7A 4P2

Neal Campbell

Principal

School Schedule:

8:45 – Classes Begin

10:10 - 10:25 - Recess

11:50 - 12:42 - Lunch

2:45 - Dismissal

Sept. 22 - Professional Development Day - No School

Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

Oct. 3 - Terry Fox Run (pm)

Oct. 22/23 - Early Dismissal (1:45pm) for Conferences

Oct. 28 - Photo Retake Day

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - No School

Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day Assembly

Oct. 1 - Individual Photo Day

Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving - No School

Oct. 24 - Pro-D Day - No School

Oct. 29 - Cross-Country Fun Run

Dec. 1 - Professional Development Day - No School



Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Monday, September 22 and continues until sunset on Wednesday, September 24. It's the Jewish New Year, a time to celebrate, enjoy symbolic foods like apples and honey, blow a shofar (ram's horn), and think about how to be better in the coming year. Families often gather for meals, attend synagogue, and eat challah bread. We wish a wonderful celebration to all of our Jewish families.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

September 30th falls during the time of year when Indigenous children were taken away to residential school. In honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. Students are encouraged to wear orange on September 29 in observance of the day. Students will be learning about Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the upcoming weeks. They will engage in a school-wide activity in which they will make a commitment to reconciliation. On September 29, our school will be holding an assembly to give students an opportunity to reflect and learn. The “orange shirt” in Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph’s Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her new shirt. It was never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always reminded her of her experiences at residential school.

Terry Fox Run - Oct. 3 - Parent Volunteers Needed

Students will be participating in a school-wide Terry Fox Run on Oct. 3. Donations for cancer research can be made online on the Maple Lane page on the Terry Fox Foundation website:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/MapleLaneElementary>

Parent volunteers are needed to support at check points along the course. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Neal Campbell (ncampbell@sd38.bc.ca). Students will begin in the gym at 1:30 and will start running at 2:00.



Ninkazu Lunch Option - Tuesday and Thursday

Ninkazu will be providing lunch ordering options for families on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Homestay Opportunity

If you are interested in being a homestay family, [please click here for more information.](#)

Maple Lane Community Fridge



Every school in Richmond has a community fridge to address food insecurity and allow students and staff to access healthy food when it is needed. We teach students regularly about food insecurity, food equity, how to share resources, and understanding wants and needs. Students can access the food whenever they have a need. For example, a student may have finished their lunch and are still hungry or they may have forgotten their lunch at home. We also know that some families will benefit from accessing food from the fridge as a supplement to the food they have sent with their child. We want to normalize accessing food from the fridge when it is needed. At the same time, we want to make sure students understand the difference between a need and a want. We do not want students to take food from the fridge because they prefer it to the food they brought from home. This will only lead to food waste and will deplete a valued resource. We want students to understand what it means to share a common resource and to be thoughtful in how and why they access food from the fridge.



Maple Lane School Story

Our school focus at Maple Lane is to create a school environment where diversity is celebrated and students have a high sense of belonging. For our first week activity, students created self-portraits that are displayed in a rainbow pattern at the front of the school. Our goal was to have all students represented at the entrance to the school.

PAC News

The Maple Lane PAC is always looking for more participants. You can find out more through the school website: <https://maplelane.sd38.bc.ca/parents> or by attending a future PAC meeting.

Next PAC Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6-7 pm. This meeting will be in person in the library. An online option will be available. All Maple Lane parents are members of the PAC and are welcome to attend meetings. We hope to see many parents there.



Updated Website

Have a look at our updated website: <https://maplelane.sd38.bc.ca/>. You can choose your preferred language on the homepage and it will translate attached documents such as this newsletter for you!

