



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

MAPLE LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mrs. Lisa Schwartz, Principal

Maple Lane Community The Week Ahead May 8th -May 12th, 2023

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY: SLSS Grade 7 Fun Day

FRIDAY: Spirit Day- 80's Day
Division 3 and 4- Scientist in our Schools
Hot LunchDay- Pizza

As part of Mental Health Week, Dr. Deborah MacNamara led a virtual session for parents, guardians, and caregivers on **Holding Onto Our Kids in a Digital World** this past Tuesday. The video link ([click here](#)) to this presentation is available until May 16, 2023.

Please note the presentation is tailored for an adult audience, not children.

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A summary of the presentation:

As if parenting wasn't hard enough in having to deal with screens, peer pressure on kids - and then we had to add a pandemic on top of it! How can we hold on to our kids so we can influence and guide them? What do kids really need from us to grow into socially and emotionally responsible beings? This presentation will discuss issues from technology to peer problems and how parents are the ultimate answer for what kids need most of all. Practical suggestions for (re)building strong relationships with kids from preschoolers to teenagers will be discussed along with managing challenging behaviour - including screen time!

BIO: Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one), and her children's picture book, The Sorry Plane. She is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and Director of the counselling practice, Kid's Best Bet.

Student Placements (Organizing Classes for 2023-2024)

In the spring of each year schools begin their planning for the coming fall. We have preliminary staffing meetings with school board office personnel and review possible scenarios for organization in the Fall. The school population fluctuates as students continue to move into the area, and some students transfer out. The final school organization and class placements occur the first week of school in September.

During this time, the professional staff at Maple Lane begin to gather and share information in preparation for student placement in September. We are restricted by grades that are assigned to divisions (based on student numbers), and at times there are few options. We do however devote time, care, and effort in determining September placement. We include information about student strengths and needs, their social relationships (we try to ensure they have at least one friend), their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Parental Input

Students are placed into classes in consultation with classroom teachers, learning resource teachers and the principal. Should parents wish to describe the learning situation and environment they feel best suits their children, or other factors which might influence placement, we ask that a letter be directed to Mrs. Schwartz (lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca) by Friday, June 2nd, 2023. The information you provide should not include a request for a specific teacher, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. All letters regarding placement are shared with teaching staff.

Schwartz directly, lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca

PAC CORNER

PAC Annual General Meeting

Please see attached notice of PAC Annual General Meeting that will take place on:

Wednesday June 7th at 6:00pm via Microsoft Teams

Spring Fling and Silent Auction

We are all so excited for the Spring Fling that is coming up on May 18th.

Volunteers are still needed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A48A5AD28A4FE3-maple>

A separate email will go home on Monday with information about wrist bands sales and activities that will be at the Spring Fling. Stay tuned for details.

What's Happening at Maple Lane

May 17th- Welcome to Kindergarten

May 18th- PAC Sponsored Spring Fling

May 19th- Professional Development Day- No School for Students

May 22nd- Victoria Day- No School

May 23rd- Saleema Noon Parent Information Session @ 6:30

May 24th- Saleema Noon Student Sessions

May 26th- Division 1 and 2 Expo

June 2nd- Core French Cultural Experience- Sand the Circus Leader (grade 4-7)

June 2nd- Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)

June 6th- K, 1, 6 and 7 Immunizations

June 8th- Shayna Jones Story Telling Presentation (Popping Toads and Lion Skins)

June 9th- Sports Day and Hot Lunch Day (Subway)

June 16th- Whole School Field Trip: Swimming at South Arm (9:30 am & 11:30 am)

June 21st- National Indigenous Day

June 23rd- Recognition Assembly

June 26th- Whole School Field Trip: Spanish Banks



June 27th- Term 3 Learning Update posted to MyEd

June 28th- Grade 7s to Victoria

June 29th Last day for students and Grade 7 Farewell

June 30th- Admin Day