



**EARLY WARNING LINE
FOR ABSENCES**

604-668-6192

Maple Lane WAAG - Feb. 16 - 20

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	Family Day Holiday - No School
Tuesday	Basketball Practice - all players (8am) Crochet Club (11:50) Open Team Basketball Game - AWAY at Steves
Wednesday	Basketball Practice - Boys Team (11:50) Boys Team Basketball Game - HOME vs. Wowk
Thursday	Crochet Club (11:50) Open Team Basketball Game - AWAY at Errington
Friday	Basketball Practice - Open Team (11:50) Hot Lunch

Maple Lane

Elementary School

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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

Feb. 25 - Pink Shirt Day

March 3 - Uzume Taiko Drumming Performance

March 6 - Hot Lunch

Feb. 26 - PAC Meeting - 6:00pm in the Library

March 3 - SLSS Basketball Jamboree

March 13 - Hot Lunch; Last Day Before Spring Break



Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year 2026 starts on February 17. This is the start of the 15-day Spring Festival, a major celebration of family, renewal, and luck observed by many in Canada. 2026 is the Year of the Horse, which symbolizes energy, speed, and intelligence.

Students can visit the Maple Lane library to find books about Lunar New Year and can [click here](#) to learn more about this celebration.

Happy New Year to all our families who are celebrating!



Ramadan - Feb. 17 - March 19

We extend our best wishes to our Muslim students and families as the holy month of Ramadan begins. May this holy month of reflection, fasting, giving to charity and community continue to foster compassion, gratitude, and spiritual renewal for you and your loved ones.

“Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic calendar, which marks important holidays and events for Muslims. During Ramadan people fast, or refrain from eating and drinking, while it’s light outside. Once the sun sets, families meet for big meals that may include stew, rice, dates, lentils, and more. People also have a morning meal before the sun rises. For the hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world who observe Ramadan, the month is a time to focus on their faith and perform generous acts. People raise money and donate supplies to help others in need. Many fast to remind themselves about those in the world who don’t have enough to eat.” (Excerpt from National Geographic Kids)

[Click here](#) for more information about Ramadan

Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) - February 15

Warm wishes to members of the Hindu community observing Maha Shivaratri, the “Great Night of Lord Shiva” — honouring the triumph of light over darkness and the power of spiritual renewal. May this observance bring peace, strength, and spiritual renewal. [Click here](#) for more information.



Free Virtual Workshop: *Navigating Big Emotions: Kind Minds for Parents and Caregivers*

Did you miss the *Navigating Big Emotions: Kind Minds for Parents and Caregivers* workshop during Kind Mind Month, or would you like to join a second time? The Kelty Foundation is excited to offer four additional virtual workshop dates: March 5, April 8, May 5 and June 9

- **Who:** All caregivers and educators who participated in **Kind Mind Month** during the 2025-26 school year.
- **What:** The same engaging workshop offered during Kind Mind Month in a virtual format led by Sheldon Franken.
- **Register Here:** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/navigating-big-emotions-kind-minds-for-parents-and-caregivers-workshop>
- **Questions?** The team at **The Kelty Foundation** is here to help! Please email contact@thekeltyfoundation.org.

Workshop Description

This 1-hour interactive session explores how anxiety and big emotions impact the brain, body, and behaviours. Participants will gain practical tools for supporting both child and parent well-being, using the Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) ACCEPTS Model—a set of six coping skills: Activities, Contributing, Comparisons, Emotions, Pushing Away, Thoughts, and Sensations. Designed for both parents and teachers, this workshop provides actionable strategies to navigate anxiety and emotional challenges effectively. Followed by a Q&A.

Lights and Litter Free Lunch

The Green Team is organizing lights and litter free lunches. They will be visiting each class to teach students about the environmental benefits of using less energy and reducing the litter we create. Please support this campaign by helping your child pack their lunch in reusable packages.



Hot Lunch Cutlery

To reduce waste, utensils will no longer be provided for PAC hot lunches. Please send cutlery from home for your child (e.g. forks, spoons, chopsticks).

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, February 26, 2026, 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!

