

MAPLE LANE NEWS

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Registration for New Kindergarten Students

Children born in 2014 can register for Kindergarten starting Thursday, November 1st, 2018. New Kindergarten students can be registered at their neighborhood school from November 1st, 2018 to November 30th, 2018. Registration after November 30th, 2018 will need to be completed at the Richmond School Board Central Registration Office. If you are registering a child at Maple Lane, you can come to our school office between 9:00am and 3:00pm.



If you are interested in any district programs, you can register at your neighborhood school and then take the program registration to the Richmond School Board Central Registration Office.

Children who are not Canadian citizens can be registered at the Richmond School Board Central Registration Office, starting November 1st.

To have the best chance to register your child for their neighborhood school, register any time during the Priority 1 Registration Session between November 1st, 2018 and January 25th, 2019.



Parking Lot Before School

As you know, our parking lot can be a busy place before and after school. We ask that parents use the drop off lane to let students out of their car in the morning. Students should get out of their car using the doors on the passenger side (right side) of their car, so they don't step out into traffic. We also ask parents not to park in the drop off lane before school and wait with their child(ren) in their vehicle until 8:30am. When cars park in the drop off lane and wait until 8:30am, an unsafe situation for students is created because other cars have to park around waiting vehicles. Please stop in the drop off lane, let your child out of your car, then drive out of the parking lot so the traffic keeps moving in a safe manner.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

Students Arriving Late to School in the Morning



Last week we noticed a significant increase in the number of students arriving at school after 8:40am, and many arriving late after 8:45am. If your child is consistently arriving late in the morning, your child's levels of worry and stress increase because they are entering their classroom late and they need to catch up on what they have missed. Being on time is an important habit in life, particularly as children mature and become adolescents and young adults. The habits your child learns now will shape how they behave in the future. If your child is often late, try a new routine: packing their backpacks the night before school; making lunch the night before school; or getting up 15 minutes earlier in the morning.



Flu and Cold Season

It is that time again – flu and cold season is beginning and we are reminding students to wash their hands regularly. Using soap and hot water is a great way to clean hands. The school is discouraging hand sanitizers because they are hard on your skin and they kill all bacteria, even the good bacteria we naturally have on our hands that help keep us healthy. PLEASE do not send sanitizers to school: just remind your children to wash their hands with soap and warm water on a regular basis throughout the school day.

If your child has been ill, please do not send them to school, they will not get better at school and they will make other students and staff ill. Students should not come to school until they have gone 24 hours without a fever or vomiting.



SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT: Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. **Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.** Most of these will be private schools. Listen to radio: CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; CBC 690AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the district's website
- all elementary schools' websites will have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather). The message will include a link back to the district's website containing detailed information.
- the snow closure hotline, (604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are open or closed
- Twitter at RichmondSD38

Please do not phone the school. The administration will be too busy planning the day and will not be able to answer the phone.

- ❖ It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
- ❖ School will remain open until 3:00 pm and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home).
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
3. Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school before a snow day.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER: It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have a proper jacket, footwear, a hat and gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside.



Around the School



GRADE 6/7 COED VOLLEYBALL

Our Grade 6/7 Volleyball team is practicing hard with their coaches, Mrs. Lew and Mr. Mason. The team has several games coming up against neighboring schools. Come out to the Lightning Dome (AKA Maple Lane Gym) to watch the action.

Remembrance Day Assembly



This year our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, Nov. 9th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Gym. Students who are members of Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms for the assembly and to take part in the presentation of the Flag. Poppies will be distributed to students on November 9th. We hope that your family can make a donation to the Poppy Fund on November 9th. Money raised in the Poppy Fund helps to aid Canadian Veterans and the programs that assist our Canadian Veteran Heroes. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special Assembly of Remembrance.

HALLOWEEN CANDY ACCEPTED...

Once again, McMath Secondary students and Maple Lane Elementary students are working together to support a project which assists the homeless living on the Lower Eastside of Vancouver. 7 days a week, 365 days a year - **GOOD SHEPHERD** volunteers provide homeless people with candy bags, food, hope, and encouragement. It is not unusual for volunteers to give out 90 candy bags per night. In support of this project, McMath and Maple Lane are collecting **LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY** from students and families. Maple Lane made a large donation of candy last year and this helped set a record number of candy bags ~ we are hoping this year, with your help, we can beat that record. Please drop-off any donations in the blue tote bin located at the front of the school.

MAPLE LANE PAC NEWS



For the last two years, the Maple Lane PAC has hosted a very popular, family focused Winter event at the start of December. The PAC would like to continue with their tradition and host **Winter Wonderland**. This family evening will take place on **Friday, December 7th from 5:00-7:30pm in the Maple Lane Gym**. Like last year, the Me to We students will be working hard at organizing many of the activities and requesting food bank donations from families. An email will be sent out soon to families with a link to sign-up for this fun evening. Mark your calendars.

Next Hot Lunch - Friday, November 17th, 2017 - Sushi! Please remember to return your completed orders by the deadline. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Next PAC Meeting - Monday, December 3rd, 2018. We look forward to seeing you there! Child-minding will be provided.

Hot Lunch Coordinator Needed. Stacey Mathot, our fantastic Hot Lunch Coordinator is graduating with her Grade 7 daughter at the end of this school year. We are looking for

a parent(s) to continue in her role as the Hot Lunch Coordinator. If you are interested in knowing more about the position, please contact maplelanepac@gmail.com

As always, we need parent volunteers to assist with all PAC supported events and programs. If you would like to help-out, please contact maplelanepac@gmail.com
Thank you!

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday November 6th
 - Friday November 9th
 - Monday November 12th
 - Wednesday November 14th
 - Thursday November 15th
 - Friday November 16th
 - Friday November 16th
 - Monday November 19th-22nd
 - Thursday November 22nd
 - Friday November 23rd
 - Monday December 3rd
 - Friday December 7th
- Dream Rider Theatre 11:00am
 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am
 - Remembrance Day Holiday
 - Gr. 6/7 City Centre Volleyball Tournament at SLSS
 - Photo Retake Day
 - Hot Lunch Day
 - Fire Drill #3
 - Zumba Dance Classes
 - Zumba Parent Presentation 1:30pm
 - ProD Day
 - Evan Dunfee Kids Sport Presentation
 - Winter Wonderland Evening