

MAPLE LANE NEWS

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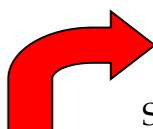
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From the Office



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. Last week we sent home the School Supplies and Agenda Form. The school supply fee is \$30 for students in all grades. All of the classroom supplies your child will need through the year is covered in a one-time cost of \$30. You do not need to go and purchase your child's supplies. We have everything your child will need in terms of day to day classes and activities.

Most parents agree that paying a one-time fee of \$30 for school supplies saves them a considerable amount of time and money. Please make your payment for school supplies through the Cash Online System. If your child was a student at Maple Lane last year, you should already have a Cash Online Account. If your child is new to Maple Lane, your child was given a notice that explains how to set up a Cash Online Account. Follow the instructions on the notice and simply pay online. New this year: you can use your credit card when using Cash Online.

Student Agendas – If your child is in Divisions 1 to 8 they will be using a Student Agenda. The cost for a student agenda is \$6. Please pay for your child's Student Agenda in your Cash Online Account.

We thank you for your help to quickly make your payment. 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. If you have questions or concerns about the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program, please contact Mr. Mason.



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

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.



At Maple Lane, we have a Social Responsibility Focus. Our Social Responsibility Acronym, SPARK, was created last year with the help of our students, parents and staff. SPARK guides the way we treat others, treat ourselves and treat the community and environment. SPARK stands for:

S – safe
P – positive
A – accountable
R – respectful
K – kindness

These core values are very important to us. They guide how we interact and care for each other, how we care for ourselves and how we care for our community and the environment.

At Maple Lane, we encourage parents to use the SPARK values at home with their child(ren). When both home and school reinforce learning by using the same common language, our children have a deeper understanding of these values.



Professional Development Days at Maple Lane



On Professional Development Days, students do not attend school. Staff at British Columbia schools use ProD Days to learn new instructional strategies and curriculum. Educators apply what they learn during ProD Days to their instructional practice in the classroom, so they can help your child learn better. Thank-you for supporting these learning days for educators.

Upcoming ProD Days are: Friday October 19th and Friday November 2nd

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 Mrs. Lew and Mr. Mason to build their skills. Later in October, our grade 6/7 team will play teams from other schools. Thank-you to Mrs. Lew and Mr. Mason for volunteering their time to coach our team.





Terry Fox Run

We had our Terry Fox Run on Friday September 28th. 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 \$750 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Our total money raised surpassed our goal, we raised more than \$900. This money goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to help find a cure for cancer. Way to go Maple lane!

Great Pumpkin Run



Our third annual Great Pumpkin Run will take place on Friday October 26th 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 to school in the mornings!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

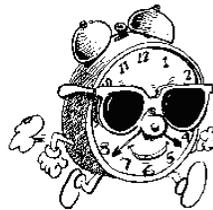
When your child is just **5 minutes late every day** for his/her class this equates to:

=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, the time needed to locate a missing child could be affected 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 school doors open at 8:30am, and children are encouraged to come to the school at this time. The warning bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and students should be in their class by this bell.

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 ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Mrs. R. Richardson ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Mrs. M. Grant ELL Teacher

Mr. T. Maa 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) for children with special learning needs, and they work with children in the classroom and/or in one of our resource rooms. Our Resource Team is part of a School Based Team that meets weekly. The School Based Team meets to talk about individual students and their needs. When the School Based Team meets to discuss an individual student, it is comprised of a classroom teacher, Mr. P. Selitti, our school Counselor and Ms. K. Quinn-Heaney, our Speech and Language Teacher. Mr. Mason also attends these 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 form went home recently 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. If you have not already sent a comfort kit with your child to your child's classroom teacher, please do so as soon as possible. If you have

not seen the comfort kit notice, please let the office or your child's classroom teacher know and we will send another form to you.

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

The next PAC meeting will be held on

Monday, November 5th, 2018 in the Maple Lane Library from 6 – 7:30pm

Childcare will be provided by some of our senior students.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 10 th	- Family Photo Night	
Thursday, October 11 th	- Family Photo Night	
Friday, October 12 th	- Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Testing	
Tuesday, October 16 th	- Grade 6 Immunization	
Thursday, October 18 th	- Earthquake Drill	
Friday, October 19 th	- ProD Day – No School for Students	
Monday, October 22 nd	- Lockdown Safety Drill	
Friday, October 26 th	- Hot Lunch Day	
Friday, October 26 th	- Great Pumpkin Run (1:45pm)	
Friday, October 26 th	- Movie Night by the Maple Lane PAC	
Tuesday, October 31 st	- Halloween at Maple Lane – wear a costume	
Friday, November 2 nd	- ProD Day – No School for Students	
Monday, November 5 th	- PAC Meeting 6pm	
Friday, November 9 th	- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am (parents are invited)	