## Maple Green Community Newsletter #1

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022



## Important Dates

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- School Opens 10:00 11:00 am
- First Full Day of Classes (grades 1 7)
- Terry Fox Run
- Pro D Day No School
- Truth and Reconciliation Day School Closed

## Principal's Message - Ms. Jennifer Pilchak

Welcome back to everyone! I hope that Maple Green students and families enjoyed a safe and fun summer break! The Maple Green staff and I look forward to reconnecting with our entire school family. As always, our top priority is student safety and well-being. Please know that your children are in excellent care from the moment they approach our building on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year as we continue to build our positive, engaged, and connected school community!

## Opening Week

This year will follow more of a typical pattern of students remaining in smaller grade groups during the first days of school and experiencing learning lead by teachers at their grade levels. We expect our enrollment numbers to become more solid through the week, which will allow us to continue our class organization work. As always, we greatly appreciate the



support, understanding and patience of families as we work hard to create balanced classes which best meet students' learning needs. Our hope is that students are assigned to permanent classes by the beginning of week two.

## New Mobile Apps - Your best source for school info!!

Surrey Schools has a new mobile App that is now available in the Apple and Android app stores. Anyone can download the app and subscribe to District or School Notifications, News and Events.

In the app store search for 'Surrey Schools' or use the links below.

Android: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey</a>

iOS: https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585



# First Day Procedures at Maple Green Elementary – Tuesday, September $6^{th}$

Signs and maps will be posted around the school to help direct students to their meeting places.

(If your child will not be attending school on September 6th please email <a href="maplegreen@surreyschools.ca">maplegreen@surreyschools.ca</a>).

#### Grade groups will meet outside the assigned classrooms.

Grade 1-7 students attend from 10:00-11:00 am.

- Grade 7 Room 100
- · Grade 6 Room 124
- Grade 5 Room 101
- · Grade 4 Room 125
- · Grade 3 Room 119
- · Grade 2 Room 114
- Grade 1 Room 117

#### New Students meet with your grade group

(if you are not too sure where to go, please follow the maps, signs and ask staff who are happy to assist)

### Kindergarten Students meet outside Room 108 by the Kindergarten playground

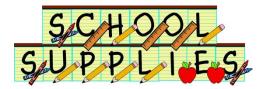
Group A attend from 10:00 - 10:30am

Group B attend from 10:45 - 11:15am

Your Kindergarten package tells you which group your child has been assigned to.

Parents are invited to the gym for an information session with Ms. Pilchak.

Welcome and orientation for Kindergarten families will be on Wednesday.



## School Supplies

School supply lists have been posted on our website.

## Maple Green Bell Schedule 2022 - 2023

8:30 am Welcome Bell 8:35 am Classes begin

10:15 am - 10:30 am Recess 11:45 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30pm Classes resume

2:30pm Dismissal





#### Medical Alerts:

If your child has a medical alert that requires the school to store medication please contact the office at <a href="maplegreen@surreyschools.ca">maplegreen@surreyschools.ca</a> or call 604-594-8838 to make arrangements to drop off medication and make sure your child's medical alert forms are up to date (forms need to be reviewed each year).

#### Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. If your child is going to be away from school or late, please email the office at <a href="maplegreen@surreyschools.ca">maplegreen@surreyschools.ca</a> and provide the following information:



- First and Last Name of the student
- Teacher
- Division

## Back to School Tips to Help Students Succeed

#### \*\*Get Routines Established Early\*\*

- planners signed
- nightly reading time
- set homework place and time-free from distractions
- assignment calendar for quick reference
- lots of sleep

#### \*\*Eat Healthy\*\*

Give your child's mind the fuel it needs to be alert. Keep nutritional snacks, such as cut up fruit and vegetables, cheese sticks, low fat yogurt and butter free popcorn, on hand.





#### \*\*Review Safety Tips\*\*

- make sure your kids know safe routes to and from school
- know their address and phone number

#### \*\*Get lots of sleep\*\*

- establish a bedtime routine that allows for calming down time free of tv, and video games
- this is the perfect time to share in a read aloud of a favorite story
- research shows that there should be NO SCREEN TIME 30 minutes prior to bedtime for optimal sleep

## Health and Safety

Please continue to:

- Check Up: Every day, check to see how you are feeling, and stay home if you aren't feeling well. If you have symptoms, get tested.
- Back Up: Be mindful and considerate of others' personal space. Try to keep your hands to yourself and only play with your friends.
- Wash Up: Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, including after playing outside, going to the bathroom, when putting on or removing your mask, and before and after eating. Be sure to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Masks: The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice should be supported and treated with respect.
- Vax Up: If you haven't already, register to receive your first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to reduce infections and transmission of coronavirus.