

Community News Flash #2

September 12th, 2022



Important Dates

Tuesday, September 13 th	- PAC Meeting 7:00 pm - online
Friday, September 23 rd	- Terry Fox Run 1:00 pm
Monday, September 26 th	- Pro D Day - No School
Thursday September 29 th	- Orange Shirt Day
Friday, September 30 th	- Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed

Class Organization Update

Over the past two weeks, registrations for new or returning students and notifications for students who have moved have resulted in our school being roughly the same size as last year at about 385 students. The Surrey School District management team and School Board will soon approve our class organization plan and students will be placed into their permanent classes early this week.

As students settle into their new classrooms, we are often asked how decisions are made regarding the organization of classes. We consider each child's placement carefully based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual development
- Social/Emotional development
- Students with exceptionalities
- Known student history e.g. previous class placements
- Compatibility of students
- The match between student and teacher
- Study/work habits
- Program characteristics
- Learning Style
- B.C. teacher class size and composition requirements
- Parent request letters

As much as possible, attempts are made to have balanced classes. The placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. We feel confident that your child will be placed appropriately.

Most children are excited about being in a new class! However, some children may feel anxious about their placement. Generally, our experience is that children easily adjust within

the first few days. If your child is finding the change difficult, please let them know it is typical to feel anxious in new situations, but that soon their new classroom will feel like home!

Thanks for your support with this process and for helping us begin another wonderful year together at Maple Green!

Crossing Guard Needed

Maple Green is one of several schools in the area that is in need of a crossing guard on 84th Avenue. Please contact the office if you think you could do this important job to keep the students safe.



School Supplies

School supply lists have been posted on our website.

Medical Alerts

Parents should ensure that the school is informed of any medical conditions which require emergency response. **There are forms at the office for students with life threatening allergies, asthma, seizures etc. Please make sure that all information is up to date and any medication that is needed is labeled and all information is current.**

When a child needs medications at school, particular District policies must be followed. Please make sure to see the office if this pertains to your child.



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, please email us at maplegreen@surreyschools.ca and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division



Parent Handbook / Student Planners

All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. Money will be collected by classroom teachers once students are put in to classrooms.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day, which honours the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters.

Order your Orange Shirt by following the link below.

The store will close September 19th at 11:59pm.



<https://maplegreenorangeshirtday.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

A Portion of Our Proceeds will be Donated to the Orange Shirt Society.

New Mobile Apps - Please get the app for Maple Green!

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

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

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



Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Several companies offer accident insurance. Parents who would like to purchase accident insurance for their child are advised to choose an insurance provider and plan that suits your family's individual needs. For your convenience Surrey Schools has made available information on student accident insurance through [Insuremykids](http://Insuremykids.com), and studyinsuredstudentaccident.com.

Some plan features:

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans, for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Covers Ambulance fees
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses (limits may apply)**.
- **Low** annual premiums from \$13 - \$33 per student.
(Discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to purchase directly online, please visit Insuremykids.com or studyinsuredstudentaccident.com.