

Maple Green

Community Newsletter #11

February 22, 2022



Important Dates

Wednesday, February 23

Pink Shirt Day

Friday, February 25

Pro-D Day - No School

Friday, March 11

Last school day before Spring Break

*****Kindergarten registration for Sept. 2022 has started online!*****

Litter/Vandalism at Maple Green

Many parents were concerned this past Wednesday to see the parking lot covered in foam chips that were dumped overnight. Not only did this prove to be messy, but this pollution also harms birds and small animals who may eat the pieces. This has been coupled with graffiti spray painted on the school and an increase in dog waste left in the areas where children play. Dogs are not permitted on school property. Your vigilance as neighbours is needed to help keep our school safe and clean. Please report any suspicious activity at the school to the authorities.

Budget Consultations 2022

As many of you are aware, in late February, our district typically holds an in-person community forum and invites PAC representatives to attend sessions to learn more about our budget and other key priorities. In the interest of health and safety, we have once again moved our 2022 budget consultations online. All of the presentations have been pre-recorded so they can be viewed safely at home from this [web page](#). As with previous years, there is also an [online survey](#) to gather priorities and feedback from parents, students, staff and the larger community.

This year's agenda includes:

- [Introduction](#) (Surrey Board of Education)
- [Budget 2022](#) (presenter: Simon Ayres, Assistant Secretary Treasurer)
- [Capital projects](#) (presenter Dave Riley, Director Capital Project Office)

Consultations

As mentioned above, Surrey Schools is inviting all staff, students, parents and members of the Surrey, White Rock and Barnston Island communities to learn about and provide

input on the 2022-23 district budget. Participants can share their feedback via an [online survey](#), or reach out to us through email (consultations@surreyschools.ca), traditional mail or your local Parent Advisory Council representative. The survey will run until end of day, March 4, 2022.

It is important to remember that while the majority of the district's budget is pre-allocated to operating and capital costs (i.e. school construction, additions, seismic upgrades, teachers, educational assistants, programs/services and supplies), there is some room to address priorities identified by the community. This can include anything from funding scholarships, to classroom enhancement funds to new programs and social initiatives.



February is Black History Month

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

Black history in Canada

Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Black Canadians and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812. Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadians stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.

Recognizing Black History Month in Canada

The commemoration of Black History Month in North America dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the [Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month](#). Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

Student Absences



If your child is going to be away from school or late to school, please call (604-594-8838) and leave a message or email the office at maplegreen@surreyschools.ca and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence

Daily Health Check

The Ministry of Education has released an updated Daily Health Check and "What To Do When Sick" resource. Please use this updated resource to do your daily health check. It applies to both staff and students. Please use this link to access the new daily health check.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20220121/daily-health-check---jan-2022.pdf>

Everyone needs to do their part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL.

Supervision Aides Needed!



The Surrey School district invites applications for the following position:

SUPERVISION AIDES

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth. You will work one hour per day providing lunch supervision to elementary and secondary students. The hourly rate is \$22.21 per hour, and preference will be given to those available Monday to Friday.

Apply online at www.surreyschools.ca/careers

Questions? Contact Heidi Haywood, Human Resources **604-595-6145**

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment. Only those persons selected for interviews will be contacted. To all others, thank you for your interest.