

# Maple Green Community Newsletter #10

April 1, 2025

## ***Important Dates***

Friday, April 4	Young Entrepreneurs Event by Div. 1-4 in the gym
Friday, April 11	PAC Pancake Treat Morning for students
Wednesday, April 16	Welcome to Kindergarten for children born 2020
Thursday, April 17	Samosa Treat Day - (preorder on munchalunch))
Friday, April 18	Good Friday - No School
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday - No School
Friday, April 25	Hot Lunch - Fuel Catering
Tuesday, April 29	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
Wednesday, April 30	Early Dismissal 1:28 pm - Student Led Conferences
Friday, May 2	Pro-D Day - No School

**\*\*\*Kindergarten registration for Sept. 2025  
is now due online!\*\*\***



## ***Welcome to Kindergarten - April 16, 2025***

Is your child starting Kindergarten in September? Then you will want to come with your child to our Welcome to Kindergarten event on Wednesday, April 16 from 1:00- 2:15 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our Kindergarten teachers, engage in some fun activities and come away with resources and information to be prepared for your child's first days of school. Please let us know if you can attend by April 10, 2025, by completing our online form via the link below:

**<https://forms.office.com/r/1he6bY9rmy>**

If the above link does not open, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser.

## ***Special Events this Month***

April is a month filled with diverse religious observances that reflect the rich tapestry of our community. The month began with the celebration of Eid al Fitr, a significant celebration for Muslims worldwide, marking the end of Ramadan with communal prayers, festive meals, and acts of charity. It fosters a sense of unity, gratitude, and spiritual renewal among communities. This month, we celebrate Easter, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also observe Vaisakhi, a significant festival for Sikhs celebrating the spring harvest and the formation of the Khalsa. April is also recognized as Sikh Heritage month in Canada. All of these events offer wonderful opportunities for our students to learn about different cultures and traditions, fostering an environment of respect and inclusivity. We encourage families to share their experiences and participate in school activities that highlight these important celebrations.

Regardless of your faith, hopefully everyone enjoyed special time with family and friends over Spring Break!

## ***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](mailto:maplegreen@surreyschools.ca) and include the following information:

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

# **SAMOSA HOT LUNCH DAY**

**APRIL.17, 2025**

**ORDER & PAYMENT DEADLINE 11:59PM**

**APRIL.10**



**[www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen](http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen)  
or find the quick link at [www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen](http://www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen)**

## **REMINDERS:**

- 1. Late orders cannot be accommodated as the vendor needs the order a week in advance.**
- 2. Refunds will not be given for student absences.** If your child is not at school, contact us and we can put the order aside for you to pick up around 11:40am or consider it a donation to a student in need.
- 3. If you cannot order or pay online, contact us for a paper order form and payment instructions.** [maplegreenpac@gmail.com](mailto:maplegreenpac@gmail.com) or ask your child's teacher.

**Please make sure you order and pay, before the deadline, so your kids don't miss out!**

**If you have any questions or problems regarding ordering, please feel free to contact us at: [maplegreenpac@gmail.com](mailto:maplegreenpac@gmail.com)**

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

You and your child are invited to Kindergarten Orientation!



**Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**Time: 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**

**Place: Maple Green Elementary  
School Gym**



This is an opportunity for **you and your child** to meet some of the educators and staff who will be working with your child next school year and participating in engaging, play-based learning activities. We will also talk about the Kindergarten program, what to expect during your child's first year in school, and share tips on how to prepare for Kindergarten over the summer. Each child will receive a goodie bag to help them get ready for this exciting new chapter!

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<https://forms.office.com/r/1he6bY9rmy>

If the above link does not open, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser.

**Please Note:** If you did not provide a copy of a birth certificate, care card, immunization record, proof of address, parent photo id, **AND** proof of guardianship, when you registered, please stop by the office with the appropriate documents.

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# Order Your Hot Lunch!

Fuel Catering on **Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>**



- Quesadillas
- Pasta
- Perogies
- Chicken Nuggets
- Meatball sub or grilled cheese
- Doritos / Chips
- Cookies
- Juice

**Order & payment deadline 11:59pm Thursday Apr 17<sup>th</sup>**

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# ATTENTION Parents and Guardians:

## Don't let your child miss out on a **\$1,200 grant!**

The B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG) is available to eligible children for a **three-year window only**. It can be used for their future post-secondary education and training.



### Is my child eligible?

- ☐ Parent or guardian, plus the child are B.C. residents and have Social Insurance Numbers (SINs)
- ☐ The child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9

### Make a plan today!

**Step 1:** Contact or visit your financial institution and ask if they offer the grant (most will).

**Step 2:** All you need is:

- ☐ Proof of residency: e.g. *BC driver's licence, BC Identification Card, BC Services Card, or recent B.C. utilities bill*
- ☐ Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ☐ Your child's Social Insurance Number (SIN)\*

\*Apply for a SIN: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

**Step 3:** During your appointment with your financial institution:

- ☐ Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child (skip if already done)
- ☐ Complete application for the BCTESG. No need to add any of your own money!

### If eligible, **\$1,200 will be deposited into your child's RESP. Apply today!**

Learn More: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> or contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).



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## April – Outside play and physical activity for children and youth

### Get outside and play

Physical activity is a necessary requirement for optimal health – and the benefits are even greater if you can do it outdoors.

Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence helps to develop cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and bone density, and being outdoors is known to improve mental health.

There are many benefits to unstructured, outside play. When children and youth spend time outside, they:

1. **Sit less, move more and play longer** – key to cardiovascular health and fitness.
2. **Have healthier eyes** – spending more time outside reduces nearsightedness risks.
3. **Sleep better** – sunlight helps regulate sleep hormones and sleep patterns.
4. **Enjoy improved mood** – exercise reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression.
5. **Feel more connected to nature** – experience calm and develop mindfulness.

Planning active outings doesn't have to be challenging or costly. Here are some ideas that you can try this week:

- **Try a new activity** – check out [geocaching](#) or [seaweed searching](#).
- **Unplug and connect** – here are some ideas to decrease recreational [screen time](#).
- **Go for a scavenger hunt** – try this [nature scavenger hunt](#), [plant scavenger hunt](#) or [backyard activity](#).
- **Go for a walk or hike** – try these [10 hikes to take your kids on this summer](#).
- **Play in a forest or park** – try a new [regional park](#) every day for a week or go to this [adventure playground](#).
- **Explore a local stream** – check these [beautiful watershed walks](#) in the region.
- **Swim at the pool, waterpark or beach** – check [beach safety conditions](#) first or stay cool at a [local spray park](#).
- **Ride a bike or scooter** – explore the [Hope Bike Park](#) or check out the pumptrack at [Vedder Rotary Trail](#).
- **Visit farms, fish hatcheries and bird sanctuaries** – this [local family fun guide](#) has unique ideas.

Find more ideas to keep your kids active through the year on Fraser Health's website: [Keeping children active - Fraser Health Authority](#)

