

Maple Green Elementary Community Newsletter#3

October 8, 2024



Important Dates

Thursday, October 9	Hot Lunch Order due at midnight
Friday, October 11	Photo Retakes
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving - School Closed
Friday, October 18	Hot Lunch
Monday, October 21	Interim Reports Go Home
Tuesday, October 22	PAC AGM Meeting - 7:00 pm in the library
Thursday, October 24	Early Dismissal 1:28pm (Caregiver & Teacher Conferences)
Friday, October 25	Pro-D Day - No School
Thursday, October 31	Halloween Activities
Friday, November 8	Pro-D Day - No School
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day - School Closed

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGM Meeting

- Tues. Oct. 22 7:00 pm - PLEASE ATTEND!

Every parent/guardian is a member of the PAC and is welcome to join us at the PAC meetings, volunteer for events, or contact us with questions or concerns at maplegreenpac@gmail.com. The PAC is the group that plans great events for our students like treat days and hot lunch days as well as other fundraisers that help to support the school to do things like purchase additional technology, invite performers, arrange for special learning opportunities, and help to ensure that students have a rich educational experience with field trips, enhanced library resources etc. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 22 and this is the meeting when the executive positions are elected for the school year. Please come out and see what the PAC is all about!

Terry Fox Run 2024

The weather was beautiful for this year's Terry Fox run! Our community did a great job raising money towards cancer research with over \$900!! Thank you to everyone who donated.



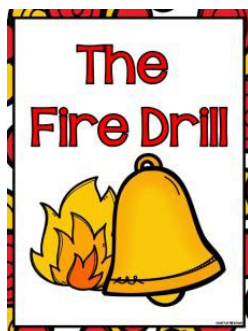
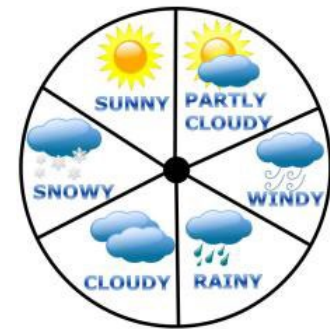
Traffic Safety

Please do not park your vehicle in the school's circular driveway. It is for **drop off** only. Use it to "Kiss and Drop", pausing just a few seconds for the children to leave the car and for you to be on your way. The same is true for pick up time. This is a no stopping zone so you must drive through and circle back if your children are not ready for pick up. The City of Surrey requires that this area be available at all times for emergency vehicles and the Surrey Bylaws Department can ticket vehicles that are not following regulations. Ideally, families should walk to school, but if this is not possible, families may use a marked parking spot in the upper parking lot. **DO NOT** use handicapped parking spots for drop off or pick up. Thank you for modelling good traffic safety for our students!

Dress for the Weather at Recess & Lunch

We are getting closer to the rainy season and unless there is a severe weather warning, students will continue to go outside for recess and lunch. Free play, fresh air and social interactions outside are a valuable part of students' learning each day. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (including proper footwear, change of socks / clothes, warm waterproof outerwear and maybe an umbrella). Students will not be calling home during the day to have dry clothing brought to school, so please prepare in advance.

HOW'S THE WEATHER TODAY?



Emergency Drills

All Surrey Schools practice emergency drills throughout the school year. These include fire, earthquake, and other drills to prepare us for various threats. We appreciate how students at our school respond to drills in a calm and orderly fashion.

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 maplegreen@surreyschools.ca and provide the following information:



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



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 private insurance providers offer accident insurance to help cover unexpected expenses. Parents interested in purchasing student accident insurance are encouraged to select a provider and plan that best meets their family's needs. For added convenience, Surrey Schools provides information on available options through [Insure My Kids](#) and [Study Insured Student Accident](#).

Some of the Plan features:

- Provides coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Coverage for expenses that may be limited or excluded under MSP, private, or group insurance plans—such as private tutoring, lump-sum payments for fractures and dislocations, counseling services, and more (see plan details for a full list)
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Ambulance fees
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses** (limits may apply).
- Annual premiums range from \$17 - \$33 per student.
(Discounts are available for families with 3 or more children).

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

October - Respiratory season and fall immunizations

Article for website or newsletter:

Protect your children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people breathe in or touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks here: [Masks \(bccdc.ca\)](https://www.bccdc.ca)

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: [Immunizations - Fraser Health Authority](#)


School-aged immunizations

As children get older, the protection from some infant immunizations can wear off. Children can be at risk of new diseases as they enter kindergarten and, in their pre-teen and teen years. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect them from many dangerous diseases.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child has not yet had all their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not up to date but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online at <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority](#)



Learn the best way to prevent illnesses this fall and winter.



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SURREY SCHOOLS IS HIRING



Great opportunities exist in your own community.

Surrey Schools is currently seeking people within your local neighbourhood to work as:

Lunch Hour Supervision Aides

What is every child's favourite time of the day? Lunch! This job is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth, that are free during lunch hour to head outside and spend time with kids at schools. Be part of their favorite time of day!

Supervision Aides work 1 hour per day.

The rate of pay is \$26.00/hour.

Follow this QR Code to view job posting!



For more information about working with Surrey Schools visit: www.surreyschools.ca/careers



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POSITIVELY PARENTING SERIES

Tuesdays October 8 - 29, 2024
6:30 - 8:00pm Online

Positively Parenting is an interactive and informative parent education series for parents and caregivers of children & youth of all ages.

This FREE, 4-part online series provides opportunity for discussion, effective strategies and resources. Each week builds on the next, with topics including:

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Being in connection and parenting your unique child

Why Are you Acting this Way?

Understanding challenging behaviour & ways to respond

Listen to Me!

Listening, communication, emotions & the brain

We Have a Problem...

Problem solving strategies and more

Register at this link, or contact
us to register & for more info!
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