

Maple Green Elementary Community Newsletter #5

December 1, 2025

Important Dates

Monday, December 1
Tuesday, December 9th
Wednesday December 10th
Wednesday December 17th
Thursday, December 18th
Friday, December 19
Monday, January 5

PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
Deadline to order hot lunch 11:59pm
Treat Day
Hot Lunch - Pizza Pizza
Winter Performance Div. 6-18
Last day of school before winter break
First day back in the New Year!

PAC MeetingTonight at 6:30pm!

The PAC meeting tonight is at 6:30 pm in the library. As you are aware from the notice last week, Mrs. Pilchak is retiring at Christmas so this will be her last PAC meeting, but we are welcoming the incoming principal Mr. Speak who will be attending tonight. Please try to join us!

Term 1 Reporting



As we approach the end of Term 1, families will find that some teachers are using SpacesEDU Digital Portfolio and others are communicating student learning using the Student Progress Report Template also in Spaces. Teachers in Surrey have the option to choose the method they wish to communicate with. If you are not connected to your child's account in Spaces, you will not be accessing important information on their progress.

Teachers who are using Spaces may share student learning and feedback through a digital platform which requires you to log in to see your child's work. The SpacesEDU portfolio will look different from one class to another as the activities vary from class to class. Other teachers have chosen to use the Student Progress Template also in SpacesEDU which will be emailed to the address we have on file and you and you may choose to print it.

Both formats should give students and families a clear picture of where children are at in their learning, what they can do, what they are working towards, and next steps to achieving learning goals. Teachers will also share information about how families can support learning at home. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers if you have any questions about your child's learning progress.

Student Absences

Did you know that Surrey students can be de-registered (removed from registration) from a school?

District procedures outline that a student who has been absent for more than 10 school days and the school has not been able to make contact with the parents/guardians to confirm an acceptable date of return may be de-registered.

Likewise, <u>students who miss more than 25 school days due to travel are not</u> <u>guaranteed to have a space held for them</u>. Many of the classes at Maple Green are full so that if a new student arrives, a student on extended vacation beyond 25 school days can be de-registered to make space for the new student. When the student returns from vacation, the family will have to register again and there may not be room in their previous class or in the school at all. Please consider this carefully when making your travel plans.

Winter Performance - Dec. 18 1:00 pm

This year Div. 6-18 will be putting together a short musical performance organized by our music teacher, Mr. Solis. More information will go home from those classes as you must have tickets as space is limited.

Spirit Week - Dec. 15-19

Here is the schedule for Spirit Week December 15-19 for students who would like to participate.

Merry Monday: Wear Christmas/Winter Colours! Red, Green, Blue and Whitel

Toasty Tuesday: Wear a Christmas Sweater

Work It Wednesday: Dress like North Pole Helpers - wear Santa hats,

reindeer antlers, elf hat/shoes

Tree-mendous Thursday: Dress like a Christmas Tree - wear garland,

tinsel, lights, and ornaments

Flannel Friday: Wear your favourite school appropriate pajamas



Treat Day!

Wednesday Dec 10th

TREATS ARE
ONLY
\$0.50 - \$2
EACH

- Cookies
- Chips
- Candy
- Doritos
- Chocolate bars
- Fruit Roll Ups
- And more....





Order Your Hot Lunch!!!

Pizza Pizza on Wednesday Dec 17th



- Pizza
- Chips
- Doritos
- Cookies
- Juice

Order & payment deadline 11:59pm Tuesday Dec 9th

<u>www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen</u> or find the quick link at <u>www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen</u>

REMINDERS: Late orders cannot be accommodated. 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.

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

If you have any questions or problems with ordering and/or payment through munchalunch please feel free to contact us at: maplegreenpac@gmail.com

Dress for the Weather at Recess & Lunch

We are fully in the rainy season and it is getting colder but 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.





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



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

December - Winter health

Keeping your child healthy during winter

As the chilly winter season is upon us, there's a few extra things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well. Navigate this season with these essential tips.

Bundle up for the cold

Dressing appropriately for the cold weather is vital in keeping your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.

Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and insulated boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.



Protect against winter illnesses

Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flus. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (nine to 11 hours for elementary-aged children), eating a variety of foods and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, they can wear a mask to reduce the risk of spreading their illness. Learn more about masks here: Masks (bccdc.ca)

Keep their bodies moving

While colder weather may limit outdoor activities, it's crucial to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity boosts their immune system and keeps them energized. Encourage indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or interactive video games that promote movement. Look for winter programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities.

Find more tips for a healthy winter: https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/winter-health