

Maple Green Community Newsletter #7

January 13, 2025



Important Dates

Monday, January 13

Friday, January 17

Thursday, January 23

Tuesday, January 28

Friday, January 31

Friday, February 7

Sunday, February 9

Kindergarten Registration Begins - children born 2020

Treat Day

Early Dismissal 1:28 pm

PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library - everyone welcome!

Hot Lunch - Pizza Hut (Deadline for orders Jan. 23)

Hip Hop Show for ODD Divisions 1 pm

Hip Hop Show for EVEN Divisions 1 pm

Pink Shirt Orders due

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! Everyone is settling back into the school routines and we are busy planning for the many rich and wonderful learning experiences for the second term. One event to ask your child about this month is the Hip Hop lessons and performance. Families are invited to come and watch their child at the end of the week at the Friday performance. Details with dates and times are included in this newsletter.

Black Excellence Day - Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Black Excellence Day recognizes the significant contributions of Black Canadians that have too often been overlooked and unacknowledged in our history and curriculum, along with the past and present ongoing struggles of Black and racialized Canadians.

Black Excellence Day Goals:

- Raise awareness around struggles that #BIPOC faces here and worldwide.
- Speaking up and out against racism wherever it shows itself.
- Being actively anti-racist.
- Preparing for Black History Month (February).
- Fighting for our future generations.

School Attendance:

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves.

As you set goals for the New Year, we must stress to families the importance of school attendance. Did you know that missing 18 days of school over the entire school year is considered "chronic absenteeism"? The research is very clear about the negative impact it has on students right from Kindergarten.

Here are some attendance facts:

- Chronic absence in Kindergarten is associated with lower academic performance in first grade, and the learning gap continues to grow each year if attendance rates don't improve.
- Poor attendance can influence whether children can read proficiently at the end of Grade 3.
- By Grade 6, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

The foundation for success begins in elementary school.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Try to schedule appointments and extended vacations when school is not in session.

Being away just 2 days a month can add up very quickly over the year. How many days has your child missed this year? If you are unsure, please check the last report card or connect with your classroom teacher. We want to support you to ensure your child is at school and is successful not just this year, but in the years to come. Please connect with the school to start a conversation and let's work together to make it happen!

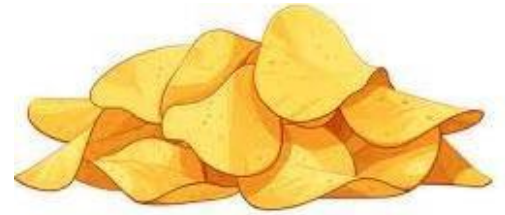


Welcome Back Treat Day!!!

Friday January 17th

**TREATS ARE
ONLY
\$0.50 - \$1.50
EACH**

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



Order Your Hot Lunch!!!

Pizza Hut on **Friday Jan 31th**



- Pizza
- Chips
- Doritos
- Cookies
- Juice

Order & payment deadline 11:59pm Thursday January 23rd

www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen

or find the quick link at www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen

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!

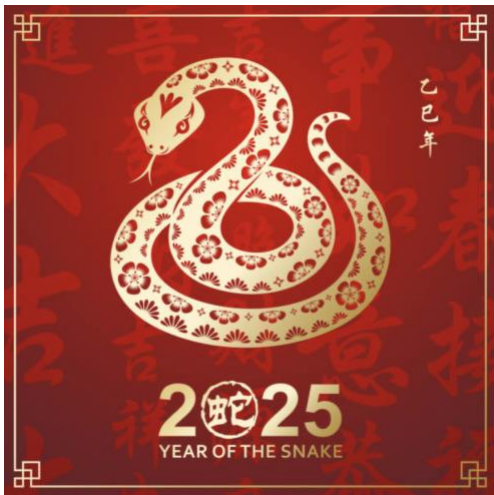
If you have any questions or problems with ordering and/or payment through munchalunch please feel free to contact us at: maplegreenpac@gmail.com

PAC Meeting - Tuesday, January 28 6:30 pm

Join us on **Tuesday January 28th at 6:30pm** in the library for an update and discussion of our current PAC initiatives at the school. All caregivers are welcome!



Lunar New Year - (Year of the Snake) Wednesday, January 29, 2025



Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and other East Asian communities in Canada and around the world will mark the beginning of Lunar New Year.

This moment is a time of celebration and is marked by festivities like parades, lion dances and fireworks, while families and loved ones share a meal and exchange gifts. It is also a great opportunity for Canadians to celebrate the significant contributions that these communities make to our country. Symbolizing wisdom, intuition, and transformation in Chinese culture, the Year of the Snake highlights our shared values to encourage inner reflection and outward progress.

Dress for the Weather at Recess & Lunch

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?



January - Child and youth mental health

Support your child's mental health

Mental health is a key component of healthy child and youth development, and also has an impact on their relationships and their performance in school.

How can parents support positive mental health?

Parents can help support positive mental health by forming strong and caring relationships with their children.

- Connect – talk and listen to their feelings and experiences.
- Be active together – take a walk and build physical activity into family time.
- Take notice – encourage and praise the positive behaviours and choices your children make.
- Keep learning – encourage your child to learn from both positive and negative experiences.
- Give – your time, your words and your presence.

Sometimes, parents feel like they don't know what to say or how to interact with their youth. Learn more about [tips for how to talk to your child or teen about mental health](#).

Get more information about positive mental health for children and youth: [Positive mental health for children - Fraser Health Authority](#)

Find out what services, programs and resources are available for your child and/or youth: [Child and youth mental health - Fraser Health Authority](#)



***Pink Shirt Day Orders -
Due February 9, 2025 online***

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 26th this year. Families who would like to order a shirt for their child can use this link

[Pink Shirt Day Order](#)

or print the paper order sheet at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office no later than February 7.



Registration for next year is now open!

We welcome your child to kindergarten!



The kindergarten year is a significant milestone. Our team of dedicated educators is committed to fostering a love for learning, creativity, and curiosity in every child.

Below is important information about kindergarten registration at your catchment school. In addition, there are details about our Programs of Choice that are offered at select schools throughout our district. While Programs of Choice are open to out-of-catchment students, families are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.

How can I register my child for kindergarten?

All kindergarten students register at their catchment school.

Your catchment school is determined by your address and where it falls within the district's School Boundaries Map. To find your catchment school, please input your address into our [School Locator](#) tool which is available on our website.

When you are ready to register, use the QR code above or visit us at our website www.surreyschools.ca and click on the "Register Today" button in the top right-hand corner.



When is my child eligible to register for kindergarten?

To register, children must turn five years of age by December 31 in the same calendar year that they begin school. Students born in 2020 are eligible for kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year.

What are Programs of Choice?

The Surrey School District provides a variety of programs across several schools. Applicants can enter through district lottery or the school's application process. We strongly recommend that anyone interested in applying for a Program of Choice attend the information meeting hosted by each school. Once scheduled, dates and times will be posted on www.surreyschools.ca.

Is there any registration information that may be helpful for families with children that have diverse abilities and needs?

During the registration process, we encourage families to share details about their child's needs. This information can help facilitate a smooth transition to school and ensures that the educational team is well-informed about the student's unique needs, fostering a more supportive and tailored educational experience.

Which documents are required for registration?

The following documents are required when registering:

PART ONE: Required documentation
(does not have to be from British Columbia)

1. Photo identification for the **parent/legal guardian** such as: driver's licence, passport, Photo BC Services Card, BCID card
2. A declaration of the **parent/legal guardian's** citizenship status (can be completed as part of online registration or in person)
3. Evidence of legal guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation, such as, landed immigrant document or guardianship order)
4. Evidence of birth date for the student (e.g., birth certificate or passport)

PART TWO: Proof of residence for the parent/guardian in BC

1. Valid government issued documentation showing the address of residence with the name of resident parent/legal guardian (e.g., BC Driver's License, BC Services Card, BCID or ICBC Registration document, etc.)

Other documents that can be used if you do not have valid government issued documentation showing your address of residence (provide at least 2):

- Property purchase agreement
- Utility bill
- Rental agreement (or letter from landlord)
- Health documents (medical reports and letters)
- Letter-mail with name and address of resident
- Employment pay-slips
- Bank statements
- Letter from employer
- Insurance statements or policies
- Statement or letter from a Notary Public
- Other documents that indicate resident's name and address

HIP HOP IS COMING TO MAPLE GREEN ELEMENTARY January 31, 2025

FAMILIES WELCOME!

Dance Performance 1:00 pm
January 31 for Divisions

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17

Seating is very limited. Please
line up outside the gym starting
at 12:40 pm.



HIP HOP IS COMING TO MAPLE GREEN ELEMENTARY

February 7th, 2025

FAMILIES WELCOME!

Dance Performance 1:00 pm
February 7 for Divisions

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

Seating is very limited. Please
line up outside the gym starting
at 12:40 pm.





SURREY SCHOOLS IS HIRING



Great opportunities exist in your own community.

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

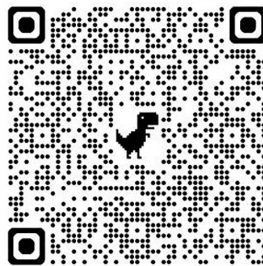
Lunch Hour Supervision Aides

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

Why Choose French Immersion?



KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY
APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY
27 @ 9:00 AM (EARLY FRIM)

GRADE 6 LOTTERY
APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY
27 @ 9:00 AM (LATE FRIM)



PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETINGS

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION
(K ENTRY)
MON JAN 13 @ 7:00 PM

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION
(GRADE 6 ENTRY)
THURS JAN 23 @ 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING LINKS HERE



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



BECOME PART OF THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD AND OPEN THE DOOR TO A VARIETY OF CULTURAL EXPERIENCES TAUGHT IN AN AUTHENTIC WAY. STUDENTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE MUSIC, DANCE, ART, FOOD, AND LANGUAGE FROM ACROSS THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD THROUGHOUT THEIR K-12 EXPERIENCE. STUDENTS IN FRENCH IMMERSION ALSO DEVELOP THEIR INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, HELPING THEM TO BECOME RESPECTFUL AND EMPATHETIC GLOBAL CITIZENS.

DEVELOP PRIDE IN A BILINGUAL OR MULTILINGUAL IDENTITY

STUDENTS IN FRENCH IMMERSION ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SENSE OF PERSONAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITY AND TO EXPLORE HOW FRENCH FITS FOR THEM. BEING BILINGUAL OR MULTILINGUAL ENRICHENS OUR SENSE OF IDENTITY.



STUDENTS MAY ALSO ACCESS MORE LEARNING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES BY LEARNING BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES.

CAN ELL STUDENTS REGISTER?

YES! IN FACT, WE ENCOURAGE IT! RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS OFTEN DO EXTREMELY WELL IN FRENCH IMMERSION. THEY BRING THEIR LANGUAGE EXPERIENCES INTO THE PROGRAM AND ARE STILL ENTITLED TO ELL SUPPORT. FAMILIES FROM ALL CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC BACKGROUNDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER FRENCH IMMERSION .

COGNITIVE ADVANTAGES



LANGUAGE LEARNING CAN IMPROVE COGNITIVE FLEXIBILITY, WHICH IS THE ABILITY TO SWITCH BETWEEN TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES. IT CAN ALSO IMPROVE PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES.

HOW CAN PARENTS SUPPORT LEARNING IN FRENCH IMMERSION?



ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING IN YOUR HOME LANGUAGE(S), LISTENING TO FRENCH MUSIC, OR ATTENDING FRENCH PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS AS A FAMILY. EMBRACE RISK TAKING! YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S JOY AND CURIOSITY FOR LANGUAGES.

2025 PINK SHIRT Order form



Name: _____ Division: _____

		Circle Size						Qty.		
Spread the Love T-shirt	YOUTH	S	M	L	XL	\$9.00	X		=	
Spread the Love T-shirt	ADULT	S	M	L	XL	\$9.00	X		=	
Spread the Love T-shirt	ADULT				2XL	\$11.00	X		=	
Spread the Love T-shirt	ADULT				3XL	\$13.00	X		=	
Spread the Love Hoodie	YOUTH	S	M	L	XL	\$28.00	X		=	
Spread the Love Hoodie	YOUTH	S	M	L	XL	\$28.00	X		=	
Spread the Love Hoodie	ADULT				2XL	\$30.00	X		=	
Spread the Love Hoodie	ADULT				3XL	\$32.00	X		=	

**Get Your Pink
SHIRTS and Promote**

TOTAL
Taxes
Included

Anti-Bullying Awareness in your School

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 9TH