

**PARENTS,**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING, SIGNING AND RETURNING THE FRONT PAGE.**

**PLEASE KEEP THESE FOLLOWING PAGES AT HOME FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT THE SCHOOL.**

**WALKING FIELD STUDIES:**

Classrooms are the primary learning environment, but sometimes teachers extend classroom walls by going out into the neighborhood to explore and learn. These trips are limited to Maple Park and the very closest neighbourhood roads (not along 84<sup>th</sup>). The teacher will ensure that appropriate supervision and proper safety rules are enforced during any of these outings.

Any fieldtrip which go beyond this will have a separate parent permission letter.

**NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE:**

Over the course of a school year, the Surrey School District sometimes receives requests from the news media to interview, photograph or video record individuals or groups of students in connection with news stories. Also, reporters are sometimes invited to schools to publicize events, as well as student and school successes.

There are great stories in our schools to share and as a public body, we attempt to cooperate with the media whenever possible. However, your right to personal privacy is our priority. Therefore, we ask that this consent form be signed and returned to the school so we can respect your wish for family privacy.

**(School & district staff cannot control news media access or photos/videos taken at public locations such as field trips, or school events open to the public, such as sports tournaments, student performances, school board meetings, etc.)**

**SCHOOL/DISTRICT WEBSITES & PUBLICATION:**

In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Surrey School District requires consent to use a student's full name and/or photograph/video in a public way, such as on school or district websites or in written publications such as brochures, reports, and advertisements. **Therefore, your permission is requested to publicly post or publish your child's full name, photo or video of your child in connection with school or district activities for websites, brochures, reports or advertisements.**

(Consent for elementary students will remain on file for subsequent years. However, you may resubmit a new consent form to your school at any time to change your consent. )

**INTERNET-BASED TOOLS ACCESS:**

An important part of our class work this year will involve using Internet-based tools to create and share our learning -- to continue building a lifelong digital portfolio. Many tools may require your child to create a personal account, using his/her School District provisioned email account ([doe.j@surreyschools.ca](mailto:doe.j@surreyschools.ca)). Please note that your child will use Internet-based tools for both classroom activities and homework assignments, and will continue to hold accounts after their coursework is completed.

Your written consent to your child's use of Internet-based tools is required by British Columbia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*.

If you choose not to provide your consent to your child's use of Internet-based tools, your child will not be penalized in any way and alternate activities will be provided, as appropriate.

It is important to be aware that the majority of the Internet-based tools noted below are online services hosted outside of British Columbia and possibly Canada. While stored outside

the country, information in your child's accounts may be subject to the laws of foreign jurisdictions, including, in the United States, the USA Patriot Act.

As a general safe practice, when interacting with any online service, students should take care and avoid posting personal information or personal location that could be used to identify them or other persons.

To find extra reading material, students may choose to use Brightware to access district and library e-books.

To explain and document their learning, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Prezi*, *Showme*, *Kidsblog*, *Edublog*, *Voicethread*, *Wordpress*, *Flickr*, or similarly related sites/apps.

To communicate with other learners, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Twitter*, *Wordpress*, *Kidsblog*, *Blogger*, *Skype*, *wikispaces*, or similarly related sites/apps.

To store and manage assignments and other information, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Dropbox*, *YouTube*, *Evernote*, *Google Drive*, *Discovery Education Canada*, or similarly related sites/apps.

### **MAPLE GREEN CODE OF CONDUCT**

Kindly read and discuss the attached school's Code of Conduct.

### **LUNCH TIME INFORMATION**

At Maple Green Elementary, the lunch break begins at 11:42 am and concludes at 12:25 pm. During this time, students eat lunch until 11:57 pm, then have the opportunity for supervised play and/or team practices and/or club meetings with other students.

To ensure student safety, it is important that the school is aware of any student(s) going home for lunch. If your child(ren) will be going home for lunch on a daily basis we have a "Home for Lunch" form that must be filled out and returned to the teacher. We also ask that you discuss with you child(ren) the expectation to go straight home and return promptly to school in time for the 12:25 pm bell.

If your child is going home for lunch on an occasional basis, a signed note to the teacher on that day will suffice. Also, the child is to inform the office staff when they are leaving for lunch and check in at the office when they return.

Please understand that when students leave school property, parents assume responsibility for their child(ren)'s behavior and well-being.

### **FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM**

Maple green will once again be participating in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program (a province-wide healthy living initiative) sponsored by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom foundation and ActNow BC.

Fruits and vegetables are essential for good health. They include many vitamins and minerals that are important in children's growth and development. Less than half of BC students eat the recommended minimum of five servings of vegetables and fruits. Healthy eating habits established in childhood are important for long term health.

One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to the students during instructional time. Our students will receive washed and ready to enjoy produce for 13 weeks at no charge. They will decide whether they want to try it or not.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The safety of each and every student is of utmost importance at Maple Green! Therefore, we ask that you read the following carefully, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the stated expectations.

Parents at Maple Green are asked to please help keep every one of our children safe by committing to the following:

- Do not stop and/or park in the posted “No Stopping” and “No Parking” zones in the pick-up / drop-off bay in front of the school. Please follow the posted signs. Whenever using the bay, be sure to pull into the curb lane while your child(ren) exit or enter the car. We have found that three minutes is sufficient time to complete this drop off / pick up. If you merely slow down and do not pull into a spot, other cars cannot backup, you slow down traffic flow and your child(ren)’s safety is compromised. The following (red) reminder will be placed on the windshield of cars which are left parked in this location either before or after school:

<p><b>NO PARKING</b></p> <p>You are in a <b>Drop Off / Pick Up</b> area only – 3 minute maximum</p> <p>Please do not leave your vehicle unattended</p> <p>Thank you for keeping Maple Green students <b>SAFE</b></p>
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- Remember that the Speed Limit in a school zone is 30 km/hour between 8:00am and 5:00pm.
- Do not block driveways. Please be respectful of our neighbours as you park in the community.
- Parents and children are encouraged to use alternative forms of travel - bicycle or walk - and leave the car at home.
- When walking, please use the crosswalk in front of school property to cross 84<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and obey the crossing guards and their supervisor or use the cross walk by Spenser Drive and 149A Street.
- Students need to wear helmets when riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. They must be walked once students are on school property.
- In addition to not parking in the designated lower Staff Parking lot; thank you for also not walking through it with your children. With so many staff and district personnel coming and going at these times, cutting through this area presents a significant safety concern for our students. Please use the adjacent sidewalks and walk around the parking lot.

Because of the increase in safety-related incidents, we would like our community to be aware that our RCMP School Resource Officer, Cst. Carla Olsen, along with fellow officers, will be periodically enforcing the Motor Vehicles Act along 84<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in front of Maple Green and on Spenser Drive.

As a reminder, we would like our community to be aware of the following MVA sections and fines:

Unsafe U-turn	Section 168(a) MVA, \$121
Cross double solid line	Section 155 (1) MVA, \$109

As the most influential adult(s) in their lives, the above traffic requests are opportune times to model appropriate behaviours to your child(ren). When they see their parents following the rules of the road, they understand that you respect and obey the laws of this province. When they know that you follow the posted signs around Maple Green, they appreciate that you also desire to keep all students safe. When they see you using the crosswalk regularly, they learn that it’s well worth the few extra steps to cross the road in the safest way possible.

Please remember to share this information with anyone dropping off or picking up your child(ren) on your behalf.

Together, we work to ensure the safest possible environment for our children! Thank you!