

April 8, 2022

Mission Statement: We strive for personal excellence and promote enthusiasm for lifelong learning. We participate in and share responsibility for creating a caring, safe and respectful community, while encouraging and maintaining positive relationships.

Déclaration de Mission: Nous visons l'excellence personnelle et la promotion de l'enthousiasme pour l'apprentissage pour toute la vie. Nous participons et partager la responsabilité de la création d'une communauté

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 6** First day of Cooking Club 3:00-4:30pm (registration required)
- Apr. 7** Term 2 Reports Posted to MyEdBC by 6 pm
- Apr. 12** *Happy Scarecrow Drama Production*
Elementary school show 1:15pm
Parents of performers show 2:00pm
- Apr. 15** Good Friday Holiday- No School
- Apr. 18** Easter Monday Holiday – No School



- Apr. 21** Terry Fox Run Day
Class Photos
- Apr. 22** Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- May 18** **Student – Led Conferences (2-6 pm). Early Dismissal @ 1:54 pm**
- May 19** **Student – Led Conferences (2-6 pm). Early Dismissal @ 1:54 pm**
- May 20** 2nd School Based Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- May 23** Victoria Day – Holiday
- June 6:** Grade 6 Immunizations
- June 13:** Grade 7 Immunizations
- Jun. 29:** Last Day of School for Students

“We don’t just go to School, We go to Maple Creek”



Report Cards are available soon!!

Students and parents will be able to view, on MyEDBC, the second term formal report card on April 11th. The report card is meant to reflect the work habits, social responsibility traits and academic achievement in relation to core and curricular competencies of each student at this moment in time in the school year. It is important to keep in mind that an ongoing view of your child's education is the best method for determining your child's academic progress as the report card only provides a snapshot of the sum total of all the learning experiences that our students encounter during an academic term. We encourage students to view their progress throughout each term and use each learning activity as a means of evaluating their on-going day-to day progress. The daily feedback from teachers enables students to reflect on their progress, better understand themselves as learners and take responsibility for their learning. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any time so that you can work together ensuring a successful third term.

We look forward to working with you, continuing to grow as a learning community and ensuring that our students continue to receive a rich and nurturing experience here at Maple Creek Middle. We are hoping to see more of you in the building as the protocols as eased.

Warm regards,

Andrew Graham – Principal

Ian Robertson – Vice-Principal



Thinking of Moving?

As we begin to plan our school organization for the next school year, we are looking carefully at the number of students we anticipate for September. If your family will be moving before September, we would appreciate a call or an email informing us. This will greatly assist us in our planning.



Planning Ahead

With only a few months left of the school year, we are busy planning activities to help students' transition to the new school year. This is an especially important time for our incoming Grade 6 students as well as our Grade 8 students who are preparing for Secondary School. Several activities have been planned for our Grade 5 students to help them prepare for the jump to Middle School. Grade 8 students have chosen their courses and will continue to plan to make the leap to Secondary school. This month is also the time when the Maple Creek staff begins to plan and organize for next school year. Much thought, time and effort goes into the planning process as we work to figure out our organization for the 2022 school year. It is always an exciting time as we plan ahead for the future!



Student Absences/Lates

Please be reminded that it is appreciated if you contact the office by 8:30 am whenever your child is going to be absent or late. As a safety measure, each morning, our secretary contacts the home of any student who has an unexplained absence or late. At times, this can be quite a time-consuming task. Please remember that we do have an answering machine so your calls do not have to be limited to regular office hours.

You may also use the [Absence Report](#) found on our website under [Quick Links](#), to email Maple Creek Attendance: MapleCreekAttendance@sd43.bc.ca

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek/>

Thank you for your help!

YEARBOOK!

Hello parents,

Our annual yearbook is available to be purchased online. Go online to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com> to purchase a yearbook for \$35. See below for a sneak peek into what was in the yearbook last year.



Quantities are limited so order soon!

Jeff Kwok - Yearbook Coordinator

Did you know that Maple Creek has a Return-It Express account?



Fill a transparent bag with your empty refundables and bring it to your local Return-It Depot. Once there, you'll find a kiosk where you can print an account label using the school's phone number (604-464-8581). Simply stick the label on your bag, toss it in the bin and Maple Creek will receive the deposit. No sorting. No mess. No line-up!

Our closest Return-It depots are at 104-2560 Barnet Hwy & 2577 Kingsway Avenue

Cobs Bread also generously supports our school!

Whenever you make a purchase at your local Cobs, mention that your family attends Maple Creek and they will donate Dough to our school! Participating locations include Sunwood Square, Oxford Market & Suterbrook Village.



These are FREE and EASY ways to support our school.

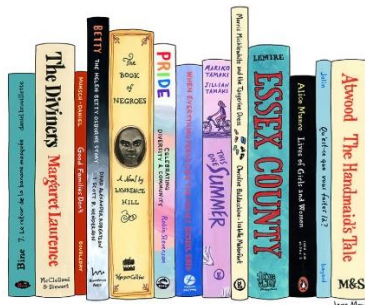
Library News

Next week is Freedom to read week in Canada. It is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about what they read and their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the Charter or Rights and Freedoms. We will have a new bulletin board up to promote these weeks in the library.

freedom
to read week

February 20–26, 2022

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accès à l'information

As we draw nearer to Spring break students need to return their overdue library books. I will be giving students overdue fine notices, so start looking for those misplaced books and get them returned to the library.



A message from the Maple Creek Middle School Parent Advisory Committee (MCM PAC):

First of all, a very big thank you to everyone who has attended one or more of our PAC meetings this year. It's an important way to stay involved in your child's school, and to chat directly with the school administration about current goings on. Your attendance has helped ensure we have lively discussions and we all come away better informed. These past two years have been very trying on all of us, children, parents, teachers, and administrators, and communication has been key to keeping everything running as smoothly as possible.

Thanks to your involvement, we have been able to distribute over \$20,000 in gaming funds to support various initiatives and projects to support all the students of Maple Creek Elementary! Some of the interesting items include sports equipment to support the children at recess and lunch who were restricted to their zones during the pandemic, some new uniforms, and also some new technology to support an extra-curricular STEM program.

We still have the Grade 8 leaving ceremony coming up. We need volunteers to help the event run smoothly, and we always turn to grade 7 parents to assist as a way to pay it forward so that the Grade 8 parents can focus on their child. Please reach out to the PAC (maplecreekpac@gmail.com) and we will put you in touch with Raquel and Kelsey who have volunteered to coordinate.

Finally, we have the Staff Appreciation Lunch coming up as well. Due to remaining pandemic restrictions, it will still look a little different this year than in previous years, but we still plan to do something to let all the staff know how much we have appreciated their extra effort this year through all the uncertainty. Again, please reach out to the PAC (maplecreekpac@gmail.com) for more details, and watch this space in future e-newsletters.

Thank you!

MCM PAC





FASD CAREGIVER CONNECTION SERIES

IN COLLABORATION WITH SD43 AND KINSIGHT

SD43 and the FASD Research Action Project welcomes parents and caregivers to this exciting education and connection series. Join Natascha Lawrence, MA, RCC, BCRPT, a BIPOC neurodivergent clinician, educator, author, and parent of a child who has FASD in learning how to navigate systems and empower your child through an FASD Lens. Online modules will cover topics such as demystifying FASD, how to talk about FASD with service providers, educators and your child, myths, and misconceptions, FASD as a whole-body diagnosis, sensory processing, interoception, connection, communication, and memory strategies, how to build structure and routine, online safety, and planning for the future. Live Share and Care sessions provide opportunity to questions and connect to other families. Please email Tara Marinkovic, Inclusion Support Teacher & POPFASD District Partner, at tmarinkovic@sd43.bc.ca for more information or to sign up.

Open to parents and caregivers of SD43 students diagnosed or suspected to have FASD

Virtual Modules – learn at your own pace. Access to the course from March 1st to June 30th, 2022

Modules include short videos, supplemental reading materials, and handouts

Four Virtual Share and Care Sessions
Mondays 6:30-8:00pm

Share and Care Sessions:
April 4th – Health and FASD
April 11th – Sensory Strategies
April 25th – Communication
May 4th – Safety and the Future

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