



eNews

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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 aimante, sécuritaire et respectueux , tout en encourageant et maintenir des relations positives.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 16** Reports Posted to MyEdBC
- Dec. 17** Schools Close to Winter Break
- Jan. 4** Schools Re-Open after Winter Break
- Jan. 31** 1st School Based Non-Instructional Day
- Feb. 21** BC Family Day
- Feb. 25** Non-Instructional Day
- Mar. 11** Schools Close to Spring Break
- Mar. 28** Schools Re-Open after Spring Break
- Apr. 7** Reports Posted to MyEdBC
- Apr. 15** Good Friday
- Apr. 18** Easter Monday
- Apr. 22** Non-Instructional Day
- May 20** 2nd School Based Non-Instructional Day
- May 23** Victoria Day
- Jun. 29** Last Day of School for Students

Calendar dates are constantly being updated so please keep an eye on our website and for e-mail updates throughout the year.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/maplecreek/>

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

YEARBOOK!

Hello parents,

Our annual yearbook is available to be purchased online. We've attached a holiday gift card that you can print and fill it out as a fun stocking stuffer for your child. Go online to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com> to purchase a yearbook for \$30 until February 1st! See below for a sneak peek into what was in the yearbook last year.



Quantities are limited so order soon!

Jeff Kwok - Yearbook Coordinator

A Message from our PAC

The PAC executive would like to thank everyone who has come out to our monthly PAC meetings. We hope to see many more of you attend our next PAC meeting on January 10th.

We'd also especially like to thank the school administration, our Principal, Mr. Graham, and our Vice-Principal, Mr. Robertson, for taking the time to patiently sit down with us each month at the PAC meetings, and review in person all the goings on at Maple Creek Middle School, and answer our questions, and engage in conversation.

Those of you who have attended, or have read the PAC meeting minutes on the PAC web page (<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek/Parents/PAC>) will notice that:

We have not yet been able to restart the hot lunch program due to Covid restrictions. We hope we can resume these in the new year.

We are not doing any active fundraising this year, as we are not currently raising funds for any new "Big Thing." All of us as parents have many demands on our finances, especially at this time of year,

and we know that many are involved in other youth organizations that also do fundraising activities competing for the same fundraising dollars. Therefore, it does not seem right to do any active fundraising at this time.

We will continue to do our passive fundraising activities (thank you all for your donations!) to fund our regular PAC commitments, fund PAC initiatives that are not covered by Gaming Grants, as well as maintain our involvement with external organizations like Canadian Parents for French (CPF), Alliance Francaise, and BCC PAC.

The PAC has been fortunate to earmark over \$20,000 of Gaming Grant funds so far to support various initiatives and projects to support all the students of Maple Creek Elementary!

If you have any questions about any of the above, or just want to learn more, please reach out to maplecreekpac@gmail.com, or attend our next PAC meeting on January 10, 2022.

No matter which holiday you and your family celebrate this winter season, we wish you the very best, and look forward to a better 2022!

Mike van der Velden
Chair, Maple Creek PAC

Christmas Hampers at Maple Creek



A friendly reminder that we are still a few more days to donate to our Christmas Hampers, we will be collecting cash donations through your School Cash Online Account only. Donations will be used to buy gift cards from both Superstore and Walmart to help provide food and items for the families in need. We thank you for your kindness and generosity

in advance. You can access the donation item at the following link [School Cash Online](#). We are grateful for any donations you would like to make to support these families. If you have any questions related to the food hampers, please contact Ms. Murillo at dmurillo@sd43.bc.ca.

CELL PHONE USAGE PROCEDURES AT MAPLE CREEK



It is the school's policy that students are not to use their cell phones in the school during school hours. The only exception is when specific permission is given in class by a Teacher for the purpose of using the phone to search for information for a specific projector to listen to music while doing their work.

Any student found repeatedly using their cell phone during school hours will have their phone confiscated and, in the future, stored at the school's office during school hours for a specified period (eg. 1 month).

With this information, we would like to ask our Maple Creek parents to refrain from texting or calling their children's cells with information that requires an immediate response, so the students aren't put in a position of disobeying our school policies. Instead, please remind students to check their cells after school for messages that possibly could have been left for them by you or leave a message at the office for them to pick up.



Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: **www.sd43.bc.ca**

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>



Reminder of to do items for parents...

- **District Policies Forms:** Please complete via your [School Cash Online Account](#).
- **Parent E-Forms (Volunteer):** Please complete via your [School Cash Online Account](#). ***We cannot take volunteers at this time, however, when we are able to, we will have your information on file.***
- **Parent Criminal Rec. Checks and Drivers Abstracts:** In order to volunteer at our school or on your child's field trip, we do require to have your Criminal Record Check on file. **We cannot take driver volunteers at this time, but when we are able to, we will have your information on file.** Please access the following letter to get your fee waived at your local police department: [CRC Letter 2021](#) We also require parents to have a Drivers Abstract submitted each year if they are planning to drive. You can retrieve that at the following: [Drivers Abstract ICBC](#)
- **Medical Alert Form:** (Online at www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek). Click on "Parent eForms". *If your child has any special medical considerations that you would like us to be aware of please print the e-form online and return it to the office.*
- **Student Fees:** Please note, we are working on uploading the fees to [School Cash Online](#), this should be available later this week. Fees are to be paid via your [School Cash Online Account](#). Thank you for your patience!

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.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences are more important than they have ever been. The accurate tracking of students in and not in the building is so imperative right now. We would like to remind the parents at Maple Creek to please inform the office and homeroom teacher if their child will be away from school. **Please include their reason for not being in attendance.** You can call the office at **604-464-8581**, use the **“Absence Report”** function on our school website under **“Quick Links”** or email at maplecreekattendance@sd43.bc.ca.

If your child will be arriving **late**, you **must** also inform the office. If your child will be dismissed early, we ask that you please inform the office ahead of time. We also ask that you please advise whether your child will be walking or will be picked up from the school for their safety. If you will be picking up your child, please come to the office to let us know you are here and we will call your child to the office so that you can sign your child out.

Reminder: please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any of the symptoms listed on the daily health check.



COVID – PROTOCOLS

Thanks to all for your cooperation with following and adhering to the COVID-19 protocols. These are especially important to mitigate the contact with people once the students arrive at the school. We have had a few exposures this first term, so the virus is still being contracted by people, especially for unvaccinated people.

Here are some reminders:

- Complete the BC daily health check with your child when they are feeling any symptoms. <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s5>
 - Ensure your children have their masks with them every day. It is an essential item and even more important than a cell phone 😊. We have an ever-increasing number of students arriving to school without a mask. We do provide disposable masks, however we would like to reserve these for the exception and not the rule.
 - If your child is sick, please keep your child at home until the symptoms are gone.
 - Review the importance of following the protocols with your children from time to time
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Tri Cities Kids Matter

<https://www.tricitieskidsmatter.ca>

Tri Cities Children's Charter of Rights

<https://www.tricitieskidsmatter.ca/childrens-charter/tri-cities-childrens-charter>

Tri Cities Healthy Living Working group – want to create better healthy habits (local download) 3-12yrs SCOPE –

<https://www.live5210.ca/resources/downloads/> get the Live 5-2-1-0 App

REGISTRATION is OPEN

Place Maillardville Community Centre Call 604-933-6166 <http://www.placemaillardville.ca/>

Place Des Arts <https://placedesarts.ca>

Port Coquitlam Parks and Recreation

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/recreation/children-youth-services/>

Port Moody Parks and Recreation [Recreation - City of Port Moody](#)

Coquitlam Recreation

<https://coquitlam.ca/294/Registration>

REGISTRATION is OPEN

Do What U Luv - Out of School Programs & Experiences <https://www.dwul.io/>

(Soccer, Volleyball, Martial Arts, Dance, Chess, STEM, Coding)

Volunteer opportunities with **Moresports BC** – Tri Cities HUB (Ages 12-18)

<https://forms.gle/6ypvunYnDVrPTveg6>



Purchase your child's school yearbook as a Christmas Gift!



YEARBOOK COUPON

To coupon entitles _____
to one Maple Creek Middle School Yearbook!

*Yearbooks capture
a precious moment in time!*

Yearbook Order Form

Purchase your child's school yearbook as a Christmas gift and coupon to stuff their stocking.

Order today as quantities are limited and sometimes we sell out!

Please pay using the Online Payments button on our school website which allows you to make the purchase without your child's knowledge!

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