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January 31, 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 aimante, sécuritaire et respectueux, tout en encourageant et maintenir des relations positives.

Upcoming Events:

- 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. Go online to https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com to purchase a yearbook for \$30 until February 1st! After February 1st the Yearbook will cost \$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



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

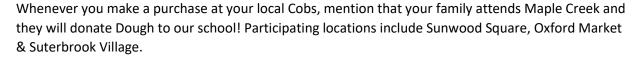
Did you know that Maple Creek has a Return-It Express account?

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!





These are FREE and EASY ways to support our school.



TEAM REPORTS!



Team 1 – Black Orcas (Mr. Dedes, M. Turenne, Mme. Tasic-Nikolic, Mme. Chuter, Ms. Sue-a-Quan & Ms. Siano)

In English, we have started a novel study on "The Outsiders". In Math, we have concluded our chapter on fractions and now we will be exploring the area and volume of three-dimensional figures. In Socials, we are examining Ancient Japan. In French, we are continuing to read and learn about current events. In Science, we are learning about body systems. Divisions 2 and 3 have just finished their immune system unit and are beginning to learn about light and the electromagnetic spectrum. They are near the end of their financial literacy unit, which allowed them to further develop their calculation skills with decimals and percentages. We will be starting our unit on square and cubic roots soon. In French, Divisions 2 and 3 are working on their Francophone Cultures Project. Each week, they research and blog about one aspect of their chosen topic, anything from French rap, Coco Chanel and fashion to the Olympics. In Socials, students are still exploring the Middle Ages and researching different medieval empires. In Careers, we have been talking about habits and reading parts of Sean Covey's book for teens. Division 4 & 5 Humanities: English: We are currently working on creative writing drawn from the "The Blackthorn Key" in forms such as letters, news articles, and new chapters; developing strategies in reading for information via current events articles. Social Studies: we are identifying continuity and change in major religious cultures which will be followed by exploring the influence of power in the Middle Ages. In our math classes in division 4 and 5 we are working through fractions, incorporating all functions mixed with BEDMAS. Everyone's favorite section word problems are coming next. In science we have concluded our Life Process unit with our inquiry presentations and will now begin the discovery of matter including the study of the atomic theory.

Team 2 - Green Quokkas (Ms. Asher, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Kwok, Mr. Chan & Ms. Muxworthy)

Team 2 is in full swing after Winter Break. We were so happy to get back and see all our students © Our team spent a lot of time collaborating and co-planning and are mostly unified in our approach to this term. We are reading the suspenseful "Blackthorn Key" in Language Arts and students are excited to find out the ending. Within exercises with the novel, we are working on writing (summarizing and inferencing) and building vocabulary skills. In socials we as are examining primary and secondary sources while learning about the Middle Ages. In Careers this term we are analyzing the impacts of our communities (local and global), our families, and our traditions on our lives and careers. Division 5&6 have wrapped up Algebra and are starting on Geometry. Division 8&9 are also wrapping up Algebra and starting on Rate/Ratio and Percent. In art this term, we are weaving pouches in the Coast Salish style, and learning about the significance of totem poles to be able to create personal totems. We are looking forward to a successful second term!



Team 3 - Blue Llamas (Ms. Pederson, Ms. Kinna, Mr. Mehltretter, Ms. Suchynsky, Ms. Klimko & Mr. Smith)

Hello from team 3 Blue Llamas. We would like to welcome Madame Suchynsky and Madame Kinna to the team. The Blue Llamas have gone through a lot of changes heading into term 2. We would like to

congratulate Mrs. Pederson on taking over the team lead role from Madame Riahi as she has moved to the West Vancouver District.

From Madame Kinna and Caron's class: We are starting a new novel study in English exploring themes of community-building and overcoming stereotypes. The final project will be an oral presentation with a variety of creative options.

Divisions 12 and 13 are busy exploring an artist of their choice! They are taking on the challenge of learning about an artist and working to add their own flare to their chosen artist's style.

Mme Suchynsky has been getting to know Division 11 the last two weeks since taking over for Mr. Shepherd. The class is finishing up a Minecraft project about a Zombie apocalypse while practicing their use of the French past tense. They are also excited to start a new Reading Wheel project in English.

My name is Mme Kinna and I have taken over Mme Riahi's class until the end of the school year. I am looking forward being a part of the Maple Creek community and working with Division 10.

Division 13 has come back to school with a renewed enthusiasm! We are learning about the beginnings of civilizations in Social Studies, the process of evolution in Science, and integers in Math. In addition, we have begun studying short stories in Language Arts and the different elements of literature.



Team 4 - Red Pandas (Mr. Domingo/Mr. Belliveau, Ms. Ince, Ms. Gaudin, Ms. McClean & Ms. Vanstaalduinen)

The Red Panda teachers would like to wish all our families and happy and healthy New Year. Fingers and toes crossed, 2022 will hold new hope during these difficult times. We would also like to thank or students and their families for being supportive and patient as we transitioned back to in-school learning.

I big congratulations goes out to Mr. Domingo who welcomed his daughter, Raiya, over the winter break. He is spending the month of January at home with his wife and daughter. In his place, we welcome Mr. Belliveau who is doing a wonderful job stepping into a difficult situation.

We also welcomed four new students to our team, one in Ms. Ince's class, one in Mr. Domingo/Belliveau's class, and two new students in Mme Gaudin's class. We look forward to getting to know them in the coming months.

We will continue to do everything we can to build our relationships within our team while keeping student safe and following protocols. Our Monday "team time" will be virtual for the foreseeable future, with the possibility of moving outside when the weather improves. Thank you to Mr. Domingo for hosting Hawk Zone live from his home this month with his adorable little co-host (who slept through the entire show).



Team 5 - Pink Foxes (Ms. Roberts, Ms. Wigman, Ms. Kim, Ms. Principe, Ms. Siano & Ms. Harbert)
All three classes in the Pink Foxes have had a great start back after the winter break. The teachers have been planning together so that the students are learning some common themes. In French the students will be

learning about Carnival in Quebec. In Socials, they are doing activities and learning about the different Ancient Civilizations. In LA, they are focused on two different novels <u>The Maze Runner</u> and <u>Silverwing</u> they will be using one of the two books to do a novel study in class. There will be opportunities for students to participate in sports teams again in Term 2 such as Basketball.



Team 6 - Purple Hippos (Mr. Foulkes, Ms. Kaplan, Mr. Obadia, Ms. Lena Marshall & Mr. Bowes, Ms. Harbert)

Life is good in team 6, the purple hippos! We are extremely proud of how our students have adapted to the new COVID safety protocols as they show respect, responsibility, and care for others as they do

so. Everybody understands the need for personal responsibility in community safety, so to see our team come together at these critical times has been very uplifting. Each and every student and teacher on our team should be commended for their response thus far!

Academically, our students are doing a wide range of activities that are deep, experiential, and cross curricular. There are oral presentations in French where students use explanatory speaking to describe how to do a task. Students are also doing a novel study on either The Petite Nicholas or the Barren Grounds, depending on if they are in our French or English classes.. There is also a mini-career unit where many of our students are using the fundamentals of inquiry to research jobs that might exist in the next 20 years. In science, students are working on understanding electric tics with positive and negative charges, static electricity and hopefully designing experiments moving forward. Other students are practicing proper research techniques around the topics of energy sources and what are the best options for humanity moving forward. In math there is a focus on decimals, money, and mathematical thinking in real world situations. Overall, we are incredibly pleased with the engagement and quality shown around recent work.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER!

Hello Maple Creek Families! I hope that this finds you well.

I would like to share with you all some FREE community events coming up in February that might be of interest. There will be two free events in February on "ADHD - The Real Deal" and "What to Say to Kids (and Teens) when Nothing Seems to Work". As you will see from the attachments, one poster advertises both events while the other two take a single event but give more info on the topic and speaker. I am hoping these might be helpful and provide your families with some resources to help navigate your amazing role as parents.





An online event for families and caregivers

ADHD - The Real Deal

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Dr. Duncan will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.



What to Say to Kids (and Teens) When Nothing Seems to Work

Speaker: Dr. Ashley Miller

Dr. Ashley Miller will share quick and effective strategies to help your child and you weather difficult moments in a way that strengthens resilience and relationships.



(1 hour Presentation and 1 hour Q & A)

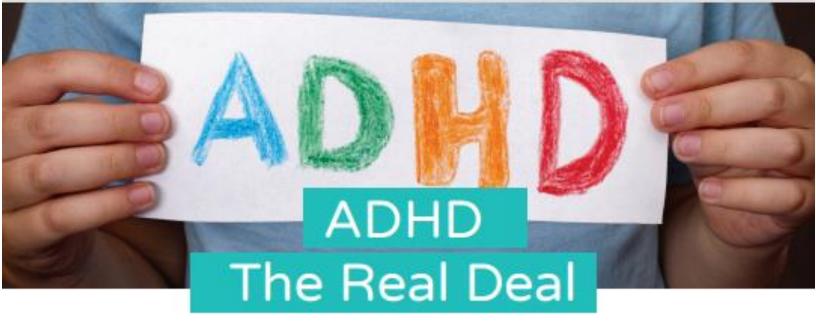
Cost: Free

Required Registration: familysmart.ca/events









Connect and Learn with Us

AN ONLINE EVENT FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

ADHD - The Real Deal

Dr. Duncan will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does. Plenty of time will be reserved for questions to ensure the information is understood and relevant to those attending.

Dr. Don Duncan is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in Kelowna, BC where he serves as Clinical Director of the BC Interior ADHD Clinic and operates an assessment clinic for students at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Duncan holds an appointment as Assistant Clinical Professor with the Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia and has been honoured by appointments to the Board of Examiners for Psychiatry (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada), the Board of Directors for the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CACAP), and the Board of Directors for the Canadian ADD/ADHD Resource Alliance (CADDRA).



Dr. Don Duncan

Date: Wednesday, Feb 16th

Time: 6pm - 8pm (1 hour Presentation and 1 hour Q & A)

Cost: Free

Required Registration: familysmart.ca/events









After School - Out of School Programs

Support Their Dreams ☆ Stir Their Imagination ☆ Nurture Their Abilities ☆ Believe in Them So, Kids Can Grow Up Great!

www.tckm.ca

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 <u>Recreation - City of Port Moody</u>

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





Girls born 2004-2018 and boys born 2006-2018 are invited to get involved in the second ranking sport in the world!

U-10 MINI & MITE HOCKEY

The Club also offers a Mini-Hockey Program for U-10 girls and boys (minis born 2012-2013 & mites born 2012-2018).

Season fee for Minis & Mites is \$125.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR U-10 PLAYERS: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

A \$10 late fee will be charged after if space is available.

U-11 TO U-18

U-11 to U-18 teams compete in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey league from Late-March to June. Season Fee \$150.

JUNIOR BOYS

The Club offers a program for Junior Boys born 2006 to to 2011.

Boys born 2012 to 2018 are registered as Mini or Mite players

REGISTRATION DEADLINE U-11 TO U-18: RETURNING PLAYERS & NEW REGISTRANTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

A \$10 late fee will be charged after if space is available.

HOW TO REGISTER?

Please visit:

tcfieldhockey.com

Players must first register with Field Hockey British Columbia

to obtain a player identification number – required to complete registration with Tri-City Field Hockey. See our website for details.

QUESTIONS?

604.619.4034

DROP-IN & TRY-IT SESSION

Sunday, January 16th 2 to 3pm • Cunnings Field Weather Permitting (snow no clinic)

No registration required!

Participants are asked to arrive by 2pm.