Parents/Guardians, Greetings and Bon été,

Welcome to our new Maillardians and welcome back to those returning. We are very excited for this school year as it promises to provide our students with many wonderful experiences. Below are some information items that you all need to know.

- **First day of school is Tuesday, September 4th** – Grade 6 students and new students attend from 10am – 12pm and will meet in the gym. Grade 7 and 8 students attend 1:00 – 1:30. Grade 7 students will meet in the Cafeteria while Grade 8 students will meet in the Library.
- On **Tuesday** your child will receive a permission form regarding a walking field trip for Thursday to Place Maillard.
- **Wednesday** will be the first full day beginning at 9:00AM and ending at 3:00PM (Late start Wednesday's). All students will meet in the same locations as the previous day, for attendance, and then be placed in their connection groupings
- **Thursday** will be our 2nd full day beginning at 8:35AM and ending at 3:00PM. All students will meet for attendance where they were instructed from the previous day.
- **On Friday, September 7th,** students will be treated to a barbeque lunch starting at 11:30. Included will be a hotdog, chips and drink. There will be vegetarian hotdogs available if that is your child’s preference. Parents are welcome to attend this event. (Our school day begins at 8:35AM and ends at 3:00PM.)
- Students do not need any materials on Tuesday and will be told what to bring for Wednesday. Full school supplies will not be required until the following week when students are in their homeroom classes.
- I would like to welcome Mr. Paul Alvaro who will be teaching Grade 6/7 on the Wolves Team. Also Ms. Taylor Scott who will be teaching Home Ec. while Ms. Neigum finishes her maternity leave. We have two new Educational Assistants to welcome also, Ms. Zoya Inayatullah and Ms. Sylvia Louvros.
- As you walk into the foyer of Maillard, you will notice a tree is under construction. This is linked to our school wide read “The Wishtree”. The tree will be a part of school wide activities associated with the book. We encourage parents to read this book as you can then engage your child in discussion and get connected to our school theme “We Hold Each Other Up”.
- On behalf of our school PAC, they invite you to view their website at https://maillardpac.com/. Here you will find information of upcoming fundraising events, volunteer opportunities, as well as their list of monthly PAC meeting dates. The date for the first PAC meeting has not yet been set. Please keep checking the PAC website for this information in the next couple of weeks.
- Information regarding on-line Parent e-forms, “bring your own device” guide, and school fees are included in an attached document.

**Our school supply list can be found on our website:**
https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maillard/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx

Please feel free to email or drop by the office if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

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