



eNews

February 18, 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:

Feb. 21 BC Family Day Holiday

Feb. 25 Non-Instructional Day

Mar. 11 Schools Close for Spring Break

Mar. 28 Schools Re-Open after Spring Break

Apr. 7 Term 2 Reports Posted to MyEdBC

Apr. 15 Good Friday Holiday

Apr. 18 Easter Monday Holiday

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”



We trust this late winter newsletter finds you and your family happy and in good health. Believe it or not, the school year is over half completed! Our grade eight students are in the process of beginning their transition planning to their respective secondary schools and we will soon be visiting all our incoming grade 5 students in April! Additionally, we have begun preliminary discussions and plans for the school organization next year. At press time, our projections for our student population next year will be relatively the same as this year, between 635-650 students. By early May, we will have a much clearer idea regarding our student numbers and staffing and we will be able to report more.

This year, we were happy to fully implement our "Bring Your Own Learning Device" (BYOLD) initiative with students either having their own devices at school or being lent one from the school. We are forever grateful and feeling fortunate to have had both district support and support from our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to ensure that we have a robust fleet of laptops and supporting technology so that our staff and students can use this a tool for teaching and learning. We continue to learn about the power of technology as a learning resource and something that compliments the means by which we discover our world and communicate with each other.

We are also thankful for the support of our parent community throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic....adjusting to the everchanging protocols that ensures that the safety of our school community is our first and foremost priority. Next week we will begin the next phase of our evolution with school based COVID-19 protocols. Starting next week students will no longer have to stay in zones for recess and lunch. This will be a welcome change for our students as they can wander freely on our school grounds to hang out and play wherever they like. Students will still go to their pickup locations at the beginning of the day and will be escorted into and out of the building to ensure there is no overcrowding within the building. The second change is that students will once again be allowed to use their lockers starting next Wednesday. After spring break if there are no changes to the Public Health Officers recommendations, we will continue to open things up with assemblies, band and choir concerts, the spring play and a shift back to some regular school routines. However, we will be introducing these slowly, carefully and with care for everyone's safety.

As we work toward welcoming our incoming Grade 6 students next year, we are hopeful that we can have them visit our school for our grade 6 for half a day in June and to have our parents welcomed into the school for our Grade 5 parent open house in late April.

As a reminder, you can keep in "the Maple Creek loop" by checking our website at [http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek/Pages/default.aspx#/=) or by contacting the office or your child's teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Warm regards,

Andrew Graham – Principal

Ian Robertson – Vice Principal

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.

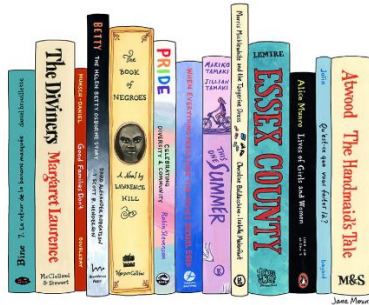
Library News

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 of 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

CENSORSHIP
freedom of expression
access to information



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LIBERTÉ
d'expression

20–26 février 2022

CENSURE
LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION
accès à L'INFORMATION



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER!

Hello Maple Creek Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you are doing well, It's hard to believe it's mid-February!

I wanted to pass along this fabulous resource again as they have added some dates since it was so popular in February. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions 😊:

Attached are the details of our free online "In the Know" (ItK) events for March. The session is called "ADHD - The Real Deal." You may recall that we are showing the same session this month, but the registration was capped at 1000 participants, and we filled up right away. We have added this taped session for all the people who could not attend this month.

We have also attached the poster, which includes all the Tri-Cities ItK and the registration link that families can use to sign up. The original email to send to parents and caregivers is below.

Just in case it helps to know ahead of time, here are the dates for the ItK events:

- **March 10, 2021 at 6:30pm**
- **March 16, 2021 at 5:00pm**
- **March 24, 2021 at 12:00pm**
- **March 28, 2021 at 6:30pm**
- **March 29, 2021 at 5:00pm**

'intheknow'

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

**EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'.
WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT
HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR
UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.**

ADHD – The Real Deal

Join us in watching a video presentation by Dr. Duncan, who 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.

Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.

Dates (BC Time):

March 10, 2021 at 6:30pm
March 16, 2021 at 5:00pm
March 24, 2021 at 12:00pm
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March 29, 2021 at 5:00pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/events



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, BCRIPT, 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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www.fasdinstitute.com



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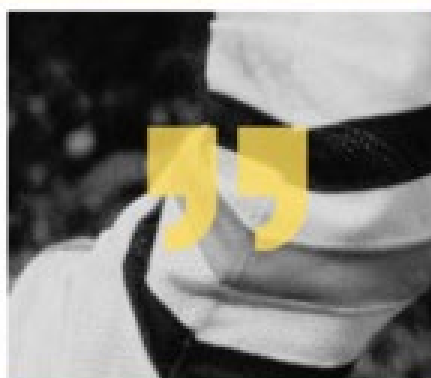
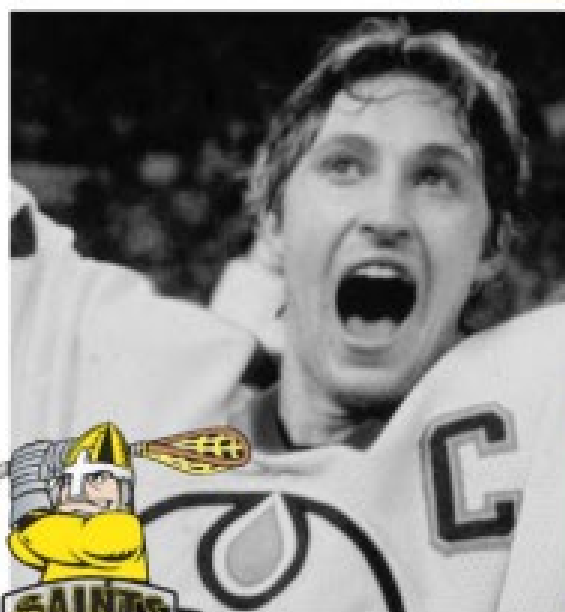
2022 BOX LACROSSE

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FROM PCMHA, PCMRA OR TCFIHA***



**I COULD HARDLY
WAIT TO GET MY
LACROSSE STICK
OUT AND START
THROWING THE
BALL AROUND.**



**"THE GREAT ONE"
WAYNE GRETZKY
ON PLAYING
LACROSSE**

MARCH - JULY BOY'S AND GIRL'S TEAMS U6 AND UP

[WWW.POCOMINORLACROSSE.COM](http://www.pocominorlacrosse.com)

*Details at www.pocominorlacrosse.com. Tyke (U8) and up, for players new to lacrosse only.

