

Grizzly News



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Dear Maple Grove Families,

It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the halfway mark of the school year. Term one report cards will be going home February 16th. Please take some time to review your child's report card and provide some feedback. The first page of the report card (grade 1 – 8) includes information on learning skills and work habits. Strong learning skills and positive work habits are often an indicator of future success in school, at home, and in life in general. Teachers will help students to:

- Understand what they are expected to know and be able to do in order to successfully demonstrate these learning skills and work habits;
- Set goals for growth; and
- Build on strengths, use learning preferences, and focus on areas of need to achieve success.

You and your child are important partners in the learning and assessment process. Consider focusing the report card conversation on goal setting and how your child can continue to work towards being the best that they can be.

This past month, the Learning Commons has been a flurry of activity. Junior and intermediate students have been busy devouring new novels as part of the Forest of Reading program. All participants will be invited to talk about and vote on their favourite books. In addition, some students will also be selected to attend the upcoming Forest Festival of Trees ceremony in Toronto!

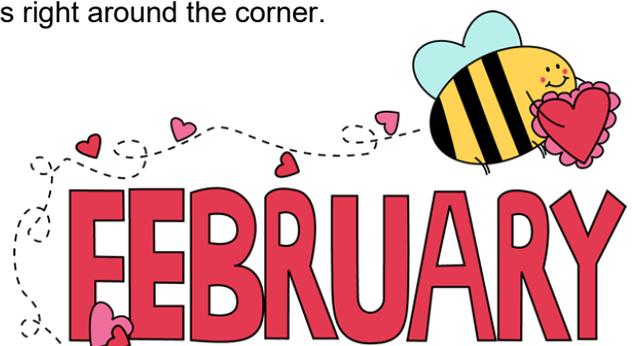
This week also featured the grand opening of our STEAM lab. Under the direct supervision of trained staff, intermediate students have been learning how to safely operate power tools. Projects will integrate the curriculum areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

As a whole school, we continue to focus on excellence in teaching and learning. Encourage your child to talk about the types of problems they've been working on in math or the importance of grit and growth mindset.

Be sure to get outside and enjoy the snow this month. Spring is right around the corner.

Partners in Education,

Jennifer Walsh (Principal) and Rob Norris (Vice-Principal)



Water Bottles for Sale

Get your Grizzly water bottle while they last! For only \$4.00 you too could own this awesome water bottle and stay hydrated. At Maple Grove we have our own water bottle filling station. Hurry while supplies last. Come see Mrs. Read for yours!



Barrie Colts Fundraiser

Saturday February 17th is our annual Barrie Colts night. Be sure to order your tickets by Thursday, February 8th and catch our very own, Maple Grove Choir sing O'Canada to kick off the game! Some Barrie Colts will join us for a pep rally and jersey day on Tuesday February 6th, be sure to mark your calendars!

Also, after last years successful evening, the Barrie Colts have a Maple Grove promotion! Mention Maple Grove at the box office, or use promo code MAPLEGROVE online and receive all THURSDAY night games for just \$20.00 each! With each ticket purchase, \$3.00 will be donated back to Maple Grove! Go Colts Go!

Mabel's Labels

Maple Grove Public School has joined up with Mabel's Labels to earn funds for our school. A New Year is here! Now is a great time to purchase durable, waterproof labels from Mabel's Labels and support our school! Simply place your order at campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select "Maple Grove Public School (Barrie)" from the School/ Organization drop-down list. You'll know you're crediting your order to us when our school name is displayed on the top left of the screen. Thank you in advance for assisting us with our fundraising efforts! Enjoy your labels! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Read.



Black History Month

"Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today." (Canadian Heritage, 2017)



A Note From The Learning Commons

Hopefully families make it a routine to read every evening! Please be sure to keep library books in a safe place at home so they don't become damaged or lost. Recently, some students have been bringing home slips of paper with the names of overdue books. If you are unable to find the book and are CERTAIN that it was already returned, have your child let me know. It is possible that the book was accidentally placed on the shelf without being properly checked in on the computer and we can look for it here. If the book was lost at your home, please make a donation for the approximate value of the book or by sending in an appropriate book from your home library that would make up for the missing book.



National Sweater Day - Thursday February 1

National Sweater Day has traditionally fallen on the first Thursday of February. Since 2010, over a million Canadians have participated in National Sweater Day at their schools, workplaces and homes. We are thrilled to see that Canadians have made Sweater Day their own by turning down the heat, wrapping up and taking on climate change every February.

Winter Walk Day - Wednesday February 7

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada, on the first Wednesday of February each year. Remember to dress appropriately!



February Events

February 1st - National Sweater Day
February 1st, 8th & 15th - Grade 7 Swimming
February 2nd - Crazy Hair Day
February 6th - Colts Pep Rally & Jersey Day
February 7th - Winter Walk Day
February 8th - Colts ticket orders due
February 12th - Parent Council Meeting 6pm
February 13th - Intermediate Feast
February 15th - Grade 8 Grad Photos
February 17th - Barrie Colts Night 7:30pm (Ticket orders due Feb.8th)
February 19th - Happy Family Day! (No School)
February 22nd, March 1st & 8th - Grade 3 Swimming



Save The Date:

March 1st - Mrs. Read & Mrs. Morrow/ Mrs. Gidge & Mrs. Shelswell Kindergarten Concert
March 6th - Mrs. Potts & Mrs. Posluns/Mrs. Carter/Ms. Moore & Ms. Arnone Kindergarten Concert
March 12th– 16th - March Break
March 30th - Good Friday (No School)
April 2nd - Easter Monday (No School)
April 9th - Parent Council Meeting
April 12th - Pro Grant Evening - Healthy Living & Fit Mind
June 6th - Spring Fling

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Now accepting Kindergarten registrations

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

High school information nights coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: Eastview Secondary School, 421 Grove Street East on Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19 Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

National Engineering Month competition takes place March 3

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

Walking to school is great for students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free). Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

The benefits of youth leadership development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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