



Maple Grove Public School
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"The strength in each of us comes from all of us"

We're On-line!

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Administrators' Message

Dear Maple Grove Families,

We would like to welcome Mr. Westcott to Maple Grove. Mr. Westcott will be at our school on Day 5 teaching science and health in our primary and junior classrooms.

Over the next few months, our students will have many opportunities to participate in music, dance and drama activities. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Choir Musical (March 1st), Barrie Musical Festival (April 19th or 20th) and our annual Maple Grove Primary Musical (April 26th and 27th). Experiences in the arts (music, dance and drama) play a valuable role in helping students to achieve their potential as learners and to participate fully in their school community. A huge thank you to the dedicated and talented staff members who have been working tirelessly during their recess breaks to prepare our young artists!

Our gymnasium is an incredibly busy place this time of year with our Intermediate Girls Volleyball team and Intermediate Boys' Basketball team preparing for their upcoming tournaments at Eastview Secondary School and Zone playoffs at the end of this month. The Junior Boys Basketball team has also started practicing for their upcoming season. The coaches are quite impressed with our teams' dedication and continued growth and improvement. Good luck to all our competing Grizzly athletes!

Student Council Cabinet members are now meeting regularly to plan upcoming projects and initiatives for our school community. They will be sharing new information with the student body at our next

Character Assembly on February 13th. This year, Maple Grove received two Environmental grants through the World Wildlife Fund. This will be an exciting opportunity for the Environmental Cabinet to lead a couple projects including, the protection of our local watershed by growing native plants. Work will begin next month to engage classes on these important community and environmental projects. Thanks to our teacher leaders for their commitment in educating our students and our young aspiring green thumbs!

During the month of February, we will be on the look-out for students demonstrating "random acts of kindness". Grizzly bands will be awarded for students showing kindness, caring and inclusiveness both in and outside the classroom. Please talk this up at home and how we can all contribute to build a happy and caring community.

Enjoy the snow - spring may be just around the corner.

Sincerely,

Ms. Walsh and Mr. Norris

'The Big Chill' is coming to Maple Grove!!

Please join the Maple Grove Junior/Intermediate Choir as they present their musical, The Big Chill, on March 1, 2017.

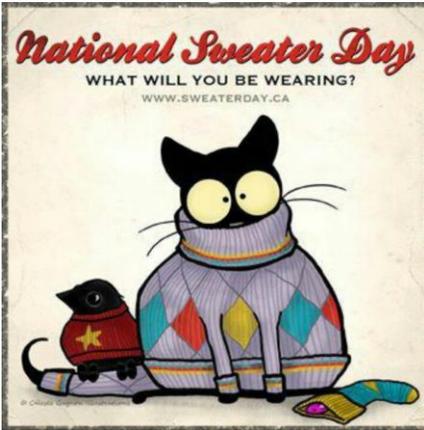


This musical extravaganza asks the age old question - who appreciates a snow day more, kids or teachers?! Please stay tuned for evening performance times.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!



National Sweater Day



Maple Grove Public School will be recognizing National Sweater Day this Thursday February 2, 2017. National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy

and to inspire you to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons - that's equivalent to shutting down a 600 megawatt coal-fired power station or taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road! So send your child with a sweater on this day to create awareness for energy conservation in the school!

Barrie Colts Night

Saturday February 25th 2017 at 7:30pm Vs. Erie Otters

Members of the Barrie Colts, as well as Charlie Horse, will be visiting Maple Grove on Jersey Day, Tuesday February 7th 2017. The pep rally will be to promote our school visit to the game, Saturday February 25th against the Erie Otters.

Our Maple Grove Choir will also be singing O'Canada to kick off the game!

Hope to see everyone there!

Tickets can be purchased from now until February 15th.



Grade 8 Students Explore Course Selection

Monday February 13th - Eastview Guidance and Special Education staff to visit Maple Grove grade 8 students.

Eastview Secondary School Guidance and Special Education Resource teaching staff will be visiting Maple Grove grade 8 students on Monday February 13th to explore course selection. There will be a presentation starting at 9:30am in the Library (parents welcome), followed by individual meetings for any students on an IEP. Course selection will be due by March 2nd.

Grizzly Parent Reminder!

During Inclement Weather Days the school remains open. If you as a parent feel that it is safe for your child to walk, or if you choose to arrange transportation for your child, we are happy to receive them. Alternative programming continues to be offered and many students enjoy the smaller class sizes, additional access to technology and time in the gymnasium.

Please remember however, that if you drive your child to school on an Inclement Weather Day, that it is your responsibility to pick your child up promptly at 3:20. The school does not provide supervision after dismissal and school staff are often trying to head home quickly to ensure their own safety on the roads.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration heading forward,

Ms. Walsh and Mr. Norris

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND LEGAL CUSTODIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Under the Simcoe County District School Board procedures (AMP A7000), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school.

Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and pupil places are required for students residing within the attendance areas.

An approval may also be revoked by the Superintendent of Education after consultation with



the receiving school principal for reasons related to the student's behavior, attendance, actions or inactions at a future date.

Even with this permission, however, the responsibility for transportation to and from school is borne by the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

Crayola ColorCycle

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle - an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around Maple Grove students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility



where they will be converted into clean fuel.

This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

If you have any questions please ask Mrs. Astin

Sports Spectators

Maple Grove students are only allowed to stay after school as a spectator if they are accompanied by their parent or guardian. There isn't any supervision after school during these events and our coaches are only responsible for the supervision of the players on their sports teams.

Rainbows at Maple Grove Public School

Rainbows is an international, non-profit peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving the loss of a family member through death, divorce or separation.



The mission of Rainbows is to assist in sorting through their pain and confusion, to build self-esteem, and to learn positive coping tools to help deal with their loss. Our purpose is to alleviate the pain that accompanies grief and to promote emotional healing by providing a safe environment for the expression and release of feelings.

The program is being offered during the school day for elementary school age children Senior Kindergarten-Grade 8.

If you feel your child would benefit from this program and at least six months has passed from the time of death, divorce or separation, please send a note indicating your name and contact information, your child's name, age, grade and teachers name. Please address this information to Ms. Read so we can get you started!

Mabel Labels

Maple Grove Public School has joined up with Mabel's Labels to earn funds to fundraise for our school. Winter is here and 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.

Operations Appreciation Day a chance to say 'thank you'

Feb. 8 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks to *Mrs. Peltier & Mrs. Farrell*.

Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 8. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

Your top eight snow day questions answered

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.

School bus safety tip from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

Student information notice for parents of Grade 8 students

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact *Stuart Finlayson*, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at *Maple Grove Public School*.

Is your child turning four this year? It's time to register for Kindergarten

Our school is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

Get the flu shot, not the flu!

Influenza (the flu) is a serious respiratory illness caused by a virus. Anyone can get influenza but young children, those over 65 and people who are pregnant or who have chronic medical conditions are more vulnerable and at higher risk of complications like pneumonia. By getting your shot you are protecting yourself as well as those around you. Flu shots are available at many pharmacies and from health care providers throughout Simcoe Muskoka. Protect yourself, protect your family - get the flu shot! For more information, contact *Health Connection* at 1-



877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

The facts of lice: How to prevent and treat this nuisance

Like everywhere else, there are head lice in Simcoe County. Lice are a nuisance, but do not pose a public health hazard as they are not known to transmit any infectious diseases. Anyone can get head lice but kids tend to get them more often because they can have head-to-head contact with other children during school and play. The best way to keep head lice in check is to work together to prevent the spread.

Schools are required to inform parents when a case of head lice is confirmed, to provide parents with timely information to begin their own checks at home. Head lice management and treatment is a responsibility of parents/guardians.

Here are some tips to help prevent and treat lice:

- Teach your child not to share personal things like hair brushes, combs and hats
- Set a schedule to check your child's head regularly. Use an area with bright light and look carefully for nits (shells containing eggs) and live lice in the hair, behind the ears and around the neck and hairline. Nits looks like half the size of the head of a pin, shaped like a teardrop and stick to the hair so you can't blow, flick or easily side them off. Lice are about the size of a sesame seed and are very hard to see because they can crawl and hide but they cannot hop or fly.
- If you find nits or live head lice, you'll need to use a head lice treatment to kill them. Make sure to follow the directions, and then to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days later to help

stop the lice from returning. Head lice are not likely to live in clothing, furniture or bed linen but it's a good idea to wash bed linen and hats in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer just in case.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Important Dates

- Feb. 1st & Feb. 9th - Swim to Survive East Bayfield Centre for Gr. 7 students
- Feb. 2nd - Inter. Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Eastview @ 4pm
- Feb. 2nd - National Sweater Day
- Feb. 7th - Jersey Day & Barrie Colts pep rally
- Feb. 8th - Operations Staff Appreciation Day
- Feb. 9th - Inter. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Eastview @ 4pm
- Feb. 13th - Eastview Guidance come to Maple Grove to explore course selection with Gr. 8 students
- Feb. 15th - Barrie Colts tickets due
- Feb. 17th - Report Cards go home
- Feb. 20th - Family Day
- Feb. 22nd - Grade 8 Graduation photos
- Feb. 22nd - Eastview Information Night 6:30-8:30 pm
- Feb. 24th - Inter. Girls Volleyball Zones
- Feb. 24th - Inter. Boys Basketball Zones
- Feb. 25th - Barrie Colts Night
- Mar. 1st - Choir Musical @ 7pm
- Mar. 2nd - Eastview course selection due
- Mar. 7th - Kindergarten Concert - Mrs. Potts/ Ms. Read
- Mar. 8th - Kindergarten Concert - Mrs. Gidge/ Mrs. Carter

