Friday Blast Maple Ridge Elementary

Friday, September 3, 2021

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We are looking forward to welcoming all new and returning students and families to MRE on Tuesday, September 7th! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Below you will find some helpful information for the first week back.



FIRST DAY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

The first day class schedule has changed and will now be from **12:30-2:25**.

Students will line up at the same place as last year and return to their last year's teachers until new classes have been confirmed. There are a few exceptions:

- Mrs. Goddard's students → go to last year's classroom doors where Mrs. Halfnights will greet you.
- Ms. Manyk's students \rightarrow follow the signs to Ms. Manyk's new classroom (1029). The outside door is near the courtyard on the west side of the school.
- Mme Alliette's students \rightarrow go to Mme Alliette's new classroom (1047). The door is near the basketball court
- Mrs. Brown/Kingman's students → go to last year's class where Mrs. Szilagyi will greet you.
- Mrs. Waddell's students \rightarrow go to last year's class
- New students please come to the library.

There will be a map at the front of the school. Staff will also be circulating outside to assist you.

All students will be dismissed from the same location where they were greeted by teachers. If this changes in the coming days, you will be notified.

STAFFING UPDATES

Welcome to new staff members joining MRE for the 2021-22 school year:

- Mrs. Szylagyi Grade 1/2
- Mrs. Tsia Grade 2/3
- Mrs. Angotti ELL Teacher
- Mrs. Holland EA
- Ms. Cora CCW

WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN FRIENDS!

Kindergarten teachers will be conducting intake meetings with families in

their classrooms. Please use the teacher's <u>outside</u> doors and follow the COVID protocols when you enter.

- Mrs. Goddard room 1010
- Mrs. Keats room 1014
- Mme Alliette room 1047
- Mme Conroy room 1031



Please note that the teacher interviewing you may not be your teacher this year. Class placements have NOT been finalized.

COVID GUIDELINES

We appreciate your continued support in helping us to maintain Covid protocols at MRE. As we enter the 2021-22 school year a friendly reminder to:

- $\checkmark~$ Continue to monitor your child's health and complete the Daily Health Assessment before school each day
- $\sqrt{}$ Keep children home if they are displaying symptoms or have been directed by Fraser Health to self-isolate
- $\sqrt{}\,$ Send your Grade 4-7 aged child to school with a mask
- $\sqrt{}$ Encourage your child to practice hand and respiratory hygiene

You can download the Daily Health Check App or use it in your browser by visiting: <u>https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1</u>



SCHEDULE UPDATES:

Our bell schedule has changed this year and we will now have a slightly later dismissal time.

8:25 First Bell 8:30 Classes Begin 10:20-10:35 Recess 11:50-12:30 Lunch 2:25 Dismissal

There has also been a calendar change:

- Thursday September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (classes will not be in session)
- Friday October 1st Pro-D Day (classes will not be in session)
- There will **no longer** be a Pro-D Day on Tuesday, September 28th

PARENT PORTAL

On the parent portal you will find useful information such as permission forms, monthly newsletters, the Friday Blast, and other updates. Take a moment to log-in and submit permissions for all items listed as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty, please see the office for assistance.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students are not required to bring school supplies until they have been placed in their permanent classroom.

<u> Kindergarten - Grade 3</u>

Supplies are bulk ordered by the classroom teacher. There is a flat fee which covers all art and school supplies for the year. This includes the cost of a planner (agenda):

Kindergarten\$50.00Grades 1 - 3\$55.00

The parent portal is open to accept school supply payments. You may also pay by cheque payable to Maple Ridge Elementary.



Grade 4-7

Students have the option to pre-order from Creative Packs or purchase their own supplies. If you have not yet purchased your grade 4-7 child's school supplies, you may still order directly from Creative Kids or purchase items on your own. Please use the following link to access lists: https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/school-supplies-lists/

Students who pre-ordered supplies in June will have their supplies delivered to their classroom.

Some intermediate classes will be using planners. The cost is \$10 and you will be notified if your child needs one.

Pack in Pack Out Lunches

At MRE we strive to help the environment. Please consider using reusable lunch containers as much as possible. We ask that whatever is left from your child's lunch goes home with them, including empty juice boxes and food wrappers. In this way, we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is eating.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 6 Labour Day (no school)

Tuesday, September 7 First Day of School! Students Attend: 12:30-2:25

Wednesday, September 8 Regular Schedule Commences 8:30 am – 2:25 pm

Thursday, September 9

Friday, September 10

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