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Principal's Message

As we head into the final term of the school year there is much anticipation, for many reasons, as we approach the next three months. Students are feeling refreshed, after a well-deserved March Break, and are ready to give their best effort so it can be reflected on the final report card of the year. Our Grade 3 students will also be preparing for their provincial assessments in both Math and Literacy taking place in late May. Although the weather is improving there are still a few chilly days ahead so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outside play time. Rubber boots and light jackets are always a good option during this wet, muddy season.

Inside the newsletter you will find information about the next Home and School events that students will have the opportunity to participate in as well as information regarding a recycling project and yearbook sales for this school year.

We are also looking to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer starting in the 2019/20 school year or a spare Lunch Monitor. Please see inside the newsletter for more details.

We are all looking forward to a productive and peaceful April as we head into the last couple months of the school year.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Robin Isenor

Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will take place on **Monday, April 15th from 6:30-7:15 pm in the school meeting room.** The meetings are open to all MRE parents to attend and gather information about what is happening here at MRE so please feel free to attend even if you are not a member of the committee.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April is Waste Reduction Month!

April 4	March Virtues Assembly
April 18	Chocolate Bar Bingo (6:30pm)
April 19	Good Friday (No School)
April 22	Easter Monday (No School)
April 21-27	National Dance Week

Virtue of the Month

Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right. It is being honest and sincere with others, and yourself. You have **integrity** when your words and actions match.

Home and School

The Home and School Committee will be hosting a **Chocolate Bar Bingo on the evening of April 18th beginning at 6:30pm**. This will be a fun event that was a huge success last year so we thought we would try it one more time. There will be more details coming out from the Home and School Committee about this event in the near future. We hope to see you there!

The Home and School Committee is beginning to organize for the **upcoming Spring Fair**. It was great to bring it back after a brief hiatus and we hope it will be as popular this year as it was last year. An event like this takes volunteers and time to organize so please contact Carrie MacDougall if you are interested in helping out or show up at the next Home and School meeting on April 15th from 7:15-8pm.

Turn Markers into Energy!

With April being waste reduction month it is the perfect time to think about reusing, reducing, recycling, and repurposing different materials around the house. Please see the information sheet at the end of the newsletter describing a project being led by Mrs. Beaton's Grade Primary class here at Maple Ridge.

Communication

Our website (mre.ccrsb.ca) is a good source of information and will be updated as frequently as possible. We also have a Facebook account that you can receive immediate communication from.

Year Book 2018-19

There will be information coming home shortly outlining how to order this year's edition of the Maple Ridge Yearbook on-line. The deadline for ordering is May 6, 2019. The cost of the yearbook is \$16. It is a great way to celebrate a child's final year here at MRE or simply moving from one grade to the next. It will be filled with pictures of our classes along with many special events that took place throughout the year and major news stories that took place around Canada and the World. If you would like to get a head start on the ordering process here is the information you need:

Website: ybpay.lifetouch.ca

Yearbook ID Code: 13430519

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Primary Registration

Our 2019-20 Primary Registration has already taken place but it is never too late to register for next year. If you know someone who hasn't registered their child yet for Primary and they are in our catchment area please direct them to the school office as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate count of students heading into the 2019-20 school year.

Thank-you Holly!

During the Month of March, Holly Vallis, a 10 year Noon Supervisor here at Maple Ridge let us know that she would not be continuing in her role as she is pursuing a position as an Educational Assistant. Holly was a valuable member of our team and someone the students looked forward to seeing everyday as she patrolled the playground and the cafeteria. She always took the time to talk to the students and do her best to solve any problems they may have and share a laugh with them. We wish Holly all the best and the entire staff and student body would like to thank her for all she did for the Maple Ridge community.