

# Maple Ridge Elementary School

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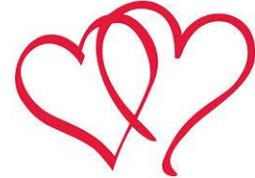
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## February Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

January has come and gone. I hope everyone made out okay with all of those 2019 resolutions from a month ago.

This is certainly a tough month to form new habits with the lack of sunshine and cold temperatures but self-discipline is a virtue that we all strive for during any month I guess.

The students have been showing this virtue, along with many others, which has resulted in another positive month here at Maple Ridge. They have made the best of pavement only recesses due to pond-like, or rink-like, conditions on our playground on a number of occasions.

One big day that we have coming up soon in February is our Primary Registration where we welcome students and families for next year. If you know of anyone that should have registered at this point please let them know there is still time, but not much. Registration is on February 8<sup>th</sup> and an appointment must be made at the main office with Ms. Blois.

The staff looks forward to another great month at Maple Ridge. Please take the time to talk with your child about the Virtue of Caring this month. Many of the conversations that I have with students who have disagreements often focus on what it means to be kind and caring to others. Physical altercations often start with someone being unkind and many times, students don't understand their role in these situations if they are the ones doing the talking.

I hope everyone is able to take some time for their family on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and step away from the rat race for a while to thoroughly enjoy being with the people you care most about.

Thank-you for your continued support,

*Robin Isenor*

Principal

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#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Feb 5 Drumming Presentation
- Feb 6 Class 3G Swim to Survive:  
Session 1
- Feb 8 Primary Registration**
- Feb 12 Grade 2 Learn 2 Skate  
program: Session 1
- Feb 14 Family Valentines Dance
- Feb 18 Family Day (no school)**
- Feb 25 SAC and Home and School  
meetings

#### Virtue of the Month

### Caring

**Caring** is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you.

When you **care** about people you help them.

**Caring** makes the world a safer place.

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## **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

The next SAC meeting will take place on **Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:15pm.**

## **Home and School**

We are having a **Family Dance on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm.**

**Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:15-8pm.** Anyone interested in lending a hand or offering ideas to our committee are more than welcome to attend.

## **Early Dismissal Reminder**

There are times when school may be closed early due to weather conditions, power outages, etc. Here are some important reminders about these procedures.

- If an early dismissal is announced in the morning on the radio, CCRCE website, and other social media sources parents **will not** be notified. Typically an early dismissal means school will be closing 2 hours earlier than usual but it could also be only 1 hour earlier. This means students at MRE will be leaving at 11:50am or 12:50pm. **Please ensure that a note is sent in to indicate any change in bus routine to accommodate the early closure.**
- If a **2 hour** early dismissal is announced we **will not** be offering cafeteria service. Students will have a chance to eat a snack right before boarding the buses to go home so please feel free to pack an extra recess snack. Parents that have purchased lunch for that day will receive a storm coupon that can be used at a later date. **Cafeteria service will remain available for a 1 hour early dismissal.**
- In the case of an early closure that **is not** announced in the morning (ie. power outage) we will contact each parent/guardian to ensure that students arrive where they need to, safe and sound, before our buses leave the driveway. If we cannot get in touch with you and we have to send the buses, your child will remain at school with staff until we can reach someone to come pick them up.

## **School Based Writing Assessments**

Students at MRE participated in writing assessments on Wednesday, January 30 and Thursday, January 31. This assessment will be looking at all aspects of writing with a focus on conventions (punctuation, etc.) as this is our main writing goal this year. Teachers will have a chance to evaluate and analyze the assessments to guide future instruction in the area of writing.

## **Primary Registration 2019-20**

Primary Registration for the 2019-20 school year will be taking place on **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old on, or before, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 you may contact the school (902-883-5361 ext. 103) to schedule an appointment time. **Please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate and their Health Card number when you come for your appointment and we will make a copy of it here at the office.** If you have any questions please give us a call.

## **Cafeteria News**

- Please make sure that all money for lunches, whether they are daily or weekly orders, has your child's name, class, and lunch choice with it. If you do not have a lunch form, a piece of paper is fine as long as the information above is written on it.
- It is always a good idea to label lunch containers, lunch bags and water bottles. We are starting to collect a few items that have been left behind in the cafeteria and it is challenging to find their owners.