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Principal's Message

Happy New Year everyone! The staff at MRE hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2019.

We had a beautiful December with lots of activity and holiday traditions at Maple Ridge. Thank-you to everyone who made it possible. As we look ahead, we will take some time to reconnect with the students and continue the work that was being done before we left for the Christmas Break.

As we start off the new year we are all looking forward to getting back into our routines both academically and socially here at MRE. We will be continuing our work in both Literacy and Mathematics with respect to our school plan while at the same time encouraging growth socially and emotionally for all of our students.

We are all anticipating a great start to 2019 and we look forward to what the new year will bring us.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Robin Isenor

Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will take place on **Monday, January 21 beginning at 6:30pm**. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. The SAC will be discussing school policy and reviewing academic goals for the students of MRE.

Home and School

The Christmas Bazaar, Turkey Dinner, and Christmas Concert were a huge success this year in large part because of the Home and School volunteers. Thank-you to everyone who was able to volunteer their time, it is very much appreciated.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Jan 3 First day back in 2019!
- Jan 16 Grade 3 White starts
Swim to Survive
- Feb 6 Grade 3 Gatto starts Swim
to Survive
- Feb 8 Primary Registration

Virtue of the Month

Respect

We show **respect** by speaking and acting with courtesy.

Respect yourself and others will **respect** you.

The next event for the Home and School will be a Home and School meeting on **January 21 beginning at 7:15pm**. If you have any activity suggestions, or would like to volunteer your time please feel free 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, CCRSB 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.

Student Absence Reminder

As we approach flu/sick season it is very important that a reason is given for a student absence when a message is left on our attendance line. We have a duty to report numbers to Public Health if they reach a certain percentage. If no reason is given we can't assume that students are out sick.

Swim to Survive

Grade 3 Students at MRE will have the opportunity to participate in this swimming program at the Milford Pool in January or February. Details will be coming home for this activity as we get closer to the date of the event.

Primary Registration 2019-20

Primary Registration for the 2019-20 school year will be taking place on **Friday, February 8th**. If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old on, or before, December 31st 2019 you may contact the school (902-883-5361 ext. 103) by Friday, January 25th to schedule an appointment time. **Please be sure to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and their Health Card number when you come for your appointment.** 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.

Communication

Our website (mre.ccrce.ca) has been updated with current and accurate information. We also have a Facebook account that you can receive immediate communication from.