



# MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Spring Community School Yard Clean Up

The school yard clean up with our classes was scheduled for this week and our Community School Yard Clean Up is scheduled for next weekend, Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Unfortunately, Spring has been more like Winter and we have had to postpone our school yard clean up with our classes. It is highly likely that we will also be postponing the Community clean up day. Please stay tuned to the Maple Leaf School Community Google calendar found on our website homepage at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/mapleleaf.ps>.

## Safety at Maple Leaf

As you know, we have worked very hard at Maple Leaf to have every child feel “welcome, worthy and safe” at school. We have made great strides to create calm inclusive classrooms and halls through the implementation of Zones of Regulation strategies, calming spaces and a continued strong emphasis on bullying prevention. We are continuing our work to improve safety outside the school walls. This work has included ensuring the safety of our Kindergarten children by securing our Kinder yard and refining our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Now we are turning our attention to the walk to and from school. Our School Climate survey data tells us that some children for a variety of reasons are not feeling safe on their way to and from school. We strongly recommend that all children, no matter the age, walk with an adult or partner. You can find traffic safety tips through the following link [Traffic Safety in School Zones](#). Students and families need to be cautious pedestrians and drivers must be extra careful around the neighbourhood. Patience is critical. When weather is bad or morning routines don't go as expected and we are running late, it can be a challenge to stay in the green zone. We have had reports of unsafe driving around the school roadways and parking lots that has caused our students' safety to be in jeopardy and damage to vehicles in the lots and bus loop.

If community members encounter unsafe drivers, reporting to YRP is important and can be done through Road Watch Online Reporting at the following link. <https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch.html>

Road Watch is a community driven program that provides citizens with a means to report aggressive or unlawful driver behaviour. Instances of unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are some typical types of behaviors that qualify for a Road Watch submission. Community members who do not have access to a computer are welcome to report the information to us and we will make the report on your behalf.

## Reminders:

- Students are to use their regular entry/exit doors at all times, including in inclement weather.
- Plant Sale: order deadline is Wednesday, April 25 at 9 a.m. and plant pick up day is Thursday, May 10 between 2-5 p.m. in the school gym.
- Families are welcome to join us for Family Sports Night in the gym for an hour of fitness and fun. This event is geared to families that are interested in spending time with their children having fun in the gym. All families attending will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a gift card to The Works. Thanks to our Parent Engagement Committee for organizing this event.

## Dressing for the Weather

The weather has been cold lately and is typically unpredictable through the Spring months. Students need to come to school prepared to go outside by dressing appropriately with layers including t-shirt, sweatshirt jacket, boots and shoes and even a change of socks. Gloves and hats can still be needed at this time of year. As the weather gets warmer, students will need to adhere to our dress code, and dress in cool clothing.