## MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Amanda LeBlanc Principal Linnet Richmond Vice-Principal

Dear parents/guardians,

Greetings families of Maple Leaf Public School.

During our first month of school, our students and staff engaged in conversations around caring, safe and inclusive school environments. In a school assembly, we discussed the elements of a Caring and Safe School that would support the academic achievement and well-being of all students, including:

- Demonstrating positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity)
- Items and behaviours that are not allowed on school property (such as e-cigarettes, cannabis and scented products)
- What happens in situations of discipline
- Standing up for each other in bullying situations, including methods of reporting incidents of bullying:
  - Tell a caring adult
  - Use the YRDSB's <u>"Report It Button"</u> (located on our school website)
  - o <u>Kids Help Phone</u> (1-800-668-6868)

For more details on each of these items, please read the YRDSB Start-Up Guide [or your school's Start-Up Package] given to our students following the assembly (along with a sign-off sheet that must be returned by [insert date here]).

You can also visit the <u>YRDSB's Caring and Safe Schools</u> website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

We hope that you have a wonderful week and thank you for supporting our safe, positive and inclusive school community.

Sincerely,

Amanda LeBlanc Principal Linnet Richmond Vice-Principal

