

Welcome back to the start of another great year at MAPS. We would like to welcome new families to the community and new students to our school. The staff have been working hard this past week to ensure we have a great start on Tuesday. The caretaking staff have got the building sparkling and in tip top shape. I am very excited to begin my second full year here and continue with the initiatives and goals we have had in place: providing a safe, inclusive and mentally healthy learning environment, and further developing our students Mathematical skills.

Staff will be available behind the school at 8 am Tuesday morning to assist your child in finding their homeroom. Class placements, although started at the end of May, continue to be adjust up until today, Friday, August 31 due to continual new registrations. For this reason we are reluctant to give out homeroom teacher information before Tuesday morning.

Our Current organization is:

4A - Mrs. Clayton (Mrs. MacArthur will be starting the year for her while she is on leave.)

4B - Mrs. Ferguson

4/5A - Mrs. Sprigg

5A - Mr. McLeod

5B - Mrs. Simon

6A - Mrs. Fairweather

6B - Mrs. McMorine

6C - Mrs. Tutt

7A - TBD (This teacher will be hired on Wednesday and will begin on Thursday. Mr. Unitas will be in on Tuesday and Wednesday to get the students off to a great start.)

7B - Mrs. Mann

7C - Mrs. Murphy

8A - Mr. Bouroukis

8B - Mr. Hughes

8C - Mrs. Kiatipis

If you need to reach me at any time throughout the school year, please feel free to email me (susan.durfy@yrdsb.ca) or call the office. However, email is the easiest way to reach me. During the school day I try to be available to students first, so it might not be until the end of the day that I get back to you.

Busing

Students are not allowed to ride other student's buses. Please do not tell your child to do this.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance

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For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- ☐ do not have medical or dental plans,
- ☐ have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- ☐ have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit kidsplus.ca.

2018-2019 The Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program has moved online!

All schools can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 Kids Plus™ decided to take their mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce the overall paper use.

Please note that effective this September 1st, there will also be some changes to the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact the Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes were made in order to allow Kids Plus™ to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact Kids Plus™ at their Client Service toll-free line at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 4 - First day of school

Sept. 24 - PA Day

Sept. 27 - tentative Meet the Teacher Night (more information to follow)

Oct. 8 - No School - Thanksgiving

Oct. 19 - Bus safety presentations