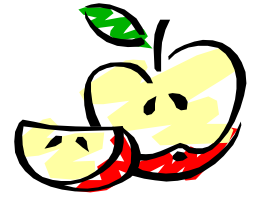


Red Maple News



April 2017 Issue

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Administrator's Message

Happy April!

With the official onset of the Spring season, we are both anticipating and looking forward to increasingly warmer weather.

March has certainly been a busy month! Once again our Assembly was a great success. During our assembly, we recognized the coming of Spring through a Celebration of Nowruz; this astronomical event is an important one in Persian culture, and is held in very high regard among many of the students and families that attend Red Maple P.S. Many thanks go out to the parents, staff and students who helped support and co-ordinate this event. Feedback from students, parents and teachers (it was a FULL house, indeed!) was incredibly positive. Further, we wanted to take this time to thank each of you who attended our Family Math Night! The feedback that continues to be received has been overwhelmingly positive in light of our goals: To continue to build school and community relationships; develop a collective understanding of Modern Learning in a YRDSB context; to support family well-being. With well over 200 parents in attendance (not to mention the many students). we had a full house that was energized by excitement and positivity, underscored by our collective efforts to both serve, and work with, the Red Maple P.S. community. We would also like to reiterate that this evening could not have happened without the efforts of Red Maple staff, parents, and student volunteers...THANK YOU!

Lastly, as we continue to move forward into April, we strongly advocate that an essential element to student success and learning is the home-school connection. Ongoing communication is one way in which parents can help support their child's learning at home. This may take the form of regular agenda checks, reading at home, assistance with homework and staying in touch with your child's teachers.

Sincerely,

Ms S. Zarif
Principal

Mr. J. Bunbury
Vice-Principal

EQAO

At this time we are beginning to prepare for the annual province wide testing of all grade three and six students. **This year's testing will take place during the weeks beginning May 23rd through to June 5th.** We would request that parents of students in grades three and six please **avoid booking appointments or out of school time during this time frame.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Kindergarten Registration

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Documents required for registration include:

- Proof of child's age (birth certificate/passport)
- Proof of residency (for child and parent/guardian) such as tax bill, utility bill, or bank statement
- Citizenship and immigration status (for child and parent/guardian where applicable)
- Direction of school support form (this is available at registration)

Who can register?

Children born in 2013 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten this September.

Children born in 2012 and not currently enrolled in public school can register for Senior Kindergarten in September (if your child is *already* attending JK, you do not need to re-register for the fall).

If you would like additional information, please contact the main office.

Please relay this message to neighbours who do not have children currently attending Red Maple P.S.



Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

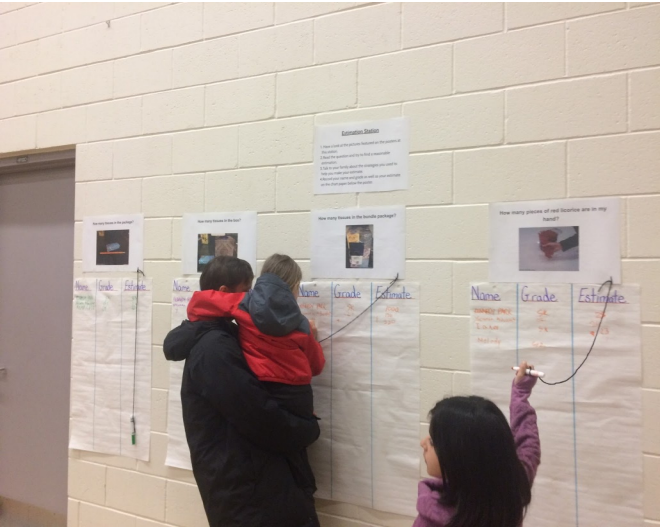
All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.



To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

On Thursday March 30th, Red Maple was thrilled to welcome students and their families to our Family Math Night. Despite the bad weather, over a hundred families came together to play games and engage in hands on activities focused on a variety of math concepts. Parents and their children worked together using Lego, Playdough, Dice, Cards, Tangrams and Dominoes as well as our Smartboards. Families also got a chance to work on their estimating skills at our Estimation Stations. To cap off the night, each family went home with a Lootbag filled with ideas and resources to engage in fun Math activities at home. What a great night!



Thank you for supporting Earth Hour!

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change. Earth Hour has become a global sustainability movement with more than 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Global landmarks such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, The CN Tower in Toronto, The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and Rome's Coliseum, all stood in darkness, as symbols of hope for a cause that grows more urgent by the hour. More than 7,000 cities, towns and municipalities in more than 150 countries and territories went dark for an hour Saturday, March 19th to celebrate Earth Hour. York Region schools supported Earth Hour **Friday, March 24th from 1:00 —2:00 p.m.** Earth Hour 2016 was a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community throughout the world. It was a call to stand up, to take responsibility, to get involved and lead the way towards a sustainable future. People across the world from all walks of life turned off their lights and joined together in celebration and contemplation of the one thing we all have in common—our planet.



Grade 8 Graduation - June 21st

This year our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony and celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 21st at the Crystal Fountain Ballroom in Markham. If you are a parent interested in being part of the Grad Planning Committee, please contact Mr. Bunbury at the school.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! ANNUAL DANCE-A-THON!

Red Maple School Council has been very busy organizing fundraising events that help us support our school in many different ways. We thank you for your continued assistance. Without you we could not achieve the many amazing initiatives we have supported.

Announcing our Annual Dance-A-Thon taking place on April 21st, 2017. This year's theme is "**Dress to Impress**" so let's get fancy!



**CHECK OUT RED
MAPLE PUBLIC
SCHOOL'S
WEBSITE!!**



Don't forget about our incredible BBQ event taking place on June 8th, 2017!

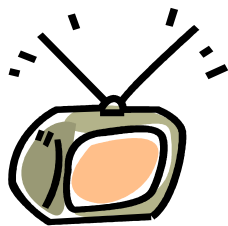
All funds raised for these events will go right back into the school to help support our students. More information to follow!

<http://redmaple.ps.yrdsb.ca/>

Common Sense Media

Common sense media provides recommendations for age appropriate movies, TV, games, websites, books and much more. If you are looking for a fresh idea, or wondering if a book/movie would be suitable for your family, try starting here.

www.common sense media.org



Are You Planning to Move?

We are currently in the beginning stages of planning classes for next year. If you are planning to move, it would be most helpful if you could let us know.



CHESS CLUB



On Friday, February 24th, the Red Maple Chess Club attended the 21st York Region Optimist Youth Chess Tournament at Richmond Green Secondary School. The tournament was a very fun and exciting opportunity to play against students from other schools. We had a great day of playing and had an excellent time hanging out with our friends. All of us tried our best and learned a lot about playing chess. The team brought back Red Maple's first ever Chess banner! Thank-you to Mrs. Le, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Ng for taking us to the tournament.

Fatema Mala - Grade 8, Mr. Ng's Class



STUDENT PLACEMENT PROCESS 2016-2017

Our primary goal at Red Maple Public School is to develop balanced classes. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. Like your family, the class unit provides a balance of opportunities for a range of learners to succeed through appropriate challenges. The learner develops the feeling of belonging and the feeling that in a variety of ways he/she makes a noticed contribution. The family, the school and the community provide opportunities for children to socialize. Each new year brings opportunities to meet new friends and expand our circle of acquaintances. School becomes more comfortable and familiar and accordingly our potentials have great possibilities of realization. The following are the criteria we use to guide our placements:

Balance of Ability, Interests and Talents

All children are unique and different. The teacher's task of providing meaningful learning programs is enhanced when classes are created to accommodate instructional groupings.

Balanced According to Gender

We attempt to balance the number of boys and girls to ensure many friendship opportunities.

Learning Style

How does the learner go about the process of learning? What kind of environment allows that style to be utilized effectively?

Teaching Style

How does a teacher go about the teaching/learning process? What type of learners might best flourish with this teacher?

Social Blending

What is the best cluster of individuals to effectively and efficiently learn? This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.

Parent Requests

A number of additional considerations are included in our decision making when creating classes. Regrettably, we are unable to accept specific teacher requests for the 2017- 2018 year. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which would be most appropriate for your child. When teachers get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions. **Should you have information to share with us, please send a letter to Ms. Zarif by May 1st.** The staff at Red Maple care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give them the unique qualifications to recommend placement decisions. It takes hours of discussion, reflection, revision and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best organization for our school. Rest assured that the organization will include our best opportunities for student achievement.

APRIL NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS



Forest of Reading[®]
by the Ontario Library Association

The Forest of Reading is in full swing with students from FDK to grade 3 listening to the books as a Read Aloud during book exchange times. Students in grades 4-8 may choose to be part of the Reading Club programme during morning recess on Mondays. Stay tuned for voting information coming soon!



The Blue Spruce Award[™] (JK-Grade 2, picture books)



The Silver Birch Express Award



The Silver Birch Award



The Red Maple Award[™]

Voting time! During the month of April, we will be voting for our Forest of Reading books. If you still need to finish off some books, don't worry you can catch up during our Monday Learning Commons recess. Stay tuned for news on the **WINNERS!**

Making our Makerspace

Our team has been working hard...ordering some new robots, vr and organizing our materials...more information to follow in our may newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LEARNING COMMONS!! KEEP ON READING!!

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Red Maple Teacher-Librarian: E.Polsinelli



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

[YMCA Before and After Care Registration](#)

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site

[Armadale S.I.](#)

[Crosby Heights S.I.](#)

[Discovery S.I. \(located at Teston Village P.S.\)](#)

[Lakeside S.I.](#)

[Lake Wilcox S.I.](#)

[Maple Leaf S.I. \(located at Glen Cedar P.S.\)](#)

[Milliken Mills S.I. \(located at Highgate P.S.\)](#)

[Oscar Peterson S.I.](#)

[Sixteenth Avenue S.I.](#)

[Unionville Meadows S.I.](#)

[Woodbridge S.I.](#)

Address

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.



**DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM**

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2017-2018

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

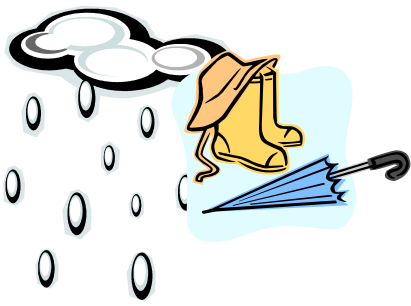
Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2017.

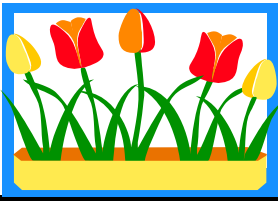
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



April 2016









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.		5	6	7	8
9	10	11 PASSOVER BEGINS	12	13	14 GOOD FRIDAY (No School)	15
16 	17 EASTER MONDAY (No School)	18	19  HPV-Gr. 8 Girls HEP B— Gr. 7 Pizza Day 	20	21  Dance A Thon	22  Sub Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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MAY 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5  Sub Day	6
7	8	9	10 Pizza Lunch 	11 Arts Night 	12 Talent Show  Show your TALENT	13
14	15 Character Assembly 9:00 am	16 Primary Concert 1:30 pm	17	18 Track & Field Day 	19  Sub Day	20
21	22 Victoria Day No School 	23 May 23 to June 5 EQAO	24	25	26	27
28	29 Grade 8 Pinecrest Trip	30 Tribal Vision Performance	31 Pizza Lunch 