

# Red Maple News



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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! During our assembly this month, 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 and also with the set up of our 7-Seen table. Further, we wanted to take this time to thank each of you who attended our Family Engagement Night with Alyson Schafer. The feedback that continues to be received has been overwhelmingly positive in light of our goals: To continue to build school and community relationships; to support student and 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 our Red Maple Parent Council, parents, students and volunteers... THANK YOU!*

*Lastly, as we continue to move forward into April and May, 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. L. Boyle  
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 21 through to May 31.** 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:

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

#### Who can register?

Children born in 2015 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten this September.

Children born in 2014 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.**



## Lost and Found

Please check our Lost and Found bin for any clothing belonging to your children.



Any unclaimed items will be gathered together and given to charity at the end of the school year.

## 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](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).



## FROZEN FRUIT CUPS ARE BACK!



We are happy to announce that Frozen Fruit Cups are back for the upcoming spring season! Frozen fruit cups can be purchased every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the beginning of lunch recess.

This year we will be offering a variety of flavours, at a cost of \$2.00 per fruit cup, while quantities last. All flavours are dairy free / no sugar added.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Grade 8 Graduation - June 19th**

This year our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony and celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at Le Parc, Richmond Hill. If you are a parent interested in being part of the Grad Planning Committee, please contact Mr. Boyle at the school.



## **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.



## **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

We have started the planning and preparation for this year's Red Maple Staff Recognition Lunch which will be held on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019. This is an opportunity for our parent community to say thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff. The event will be a pot luck and will be held for the teachers and administration at Red Maple. Parents are not attending.

If you would be able to donate a dish to the lunch that would be extremely helpful. Anything works, an appetizer, main dish or dessert. Homemade or store bought. We can also take monetary donations to assist with purchasing missing items. Reach out to Amanda for more details. We are asking for items to be dropped off at the school in the morning on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please respond back with your kind and generous offer to [amanda\\_shulman@hotmail.com](mailto:amanda_shulman@hotmail.com)

Thanks to all!

Red Maple School Council



## STUDENT PLACEMENT PROCESS 2019-2020

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?

### 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. 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 15th.** 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



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.



**The Blue Spruce Award™**



**The Silver Birch Award®**



**The Silver Birch Express Award**

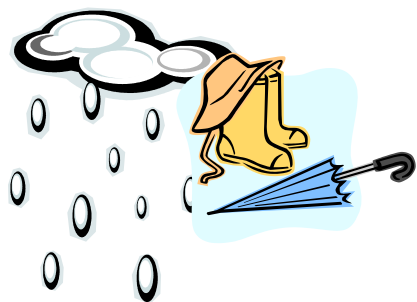


**The Red Maple Award™**

**Voting has begun! During the month of April, we will be voting for our Forest of Reading books. Stay tuned for news on the WINNERS!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LEARNING COMMONS!!**

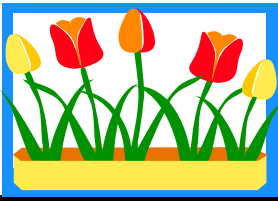
**KEEP ON READING!!**



# April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.					
	1		3	4	5  Sub Lunch	6
7	8	9	10	11	12  Sub Lunch	13
14	15	16	17 Pizza Day 	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY (No School)	20 <i>Passover Begins</i>
21 	22 EASTER MONDAY  (No School)	23	24	25 <i>Red Maple Assembly at 9:00 am</i>	26  Sub Lunch	27
28	29 Staff Appreciation Lunch	30				



# MAY 2019



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3  Sub Lunch	4
5	6 <i>Groove Dance Workshop for Junior Students</i>  School Council Meeting 7:00pm	7 <i>Badminton Tournament</i>  <i>Arts Night</i>	8 <b>Pizza Lunch</b> 	9	10  Sub Lunch	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Volunteer Appreciation Lunch</i>	16 <i>Track &amp; Field</i>	17  Sub Lunch	18
19 	20 <b>Victoria Day No School</b>	21 <b>May 21 to June 3 EQAO</b>	22	23	24  Sub Lunch	25
26	27	28	29 <b>Pizza Lunch</b> 	30	31  Sub Lunch	