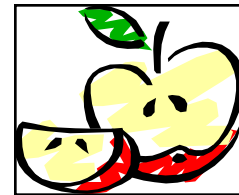


# Red Maple News



December 2019/January 2020

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## *Best Wishes for the Holidays!*

As we approach the end of the 2019 calendar year, we take time to reflect upon Red Maple's community successes and its dedication to improving student achievement and success. The staff have been busy implementing the various curriculum expectations in their classrooms, completing Progress Reports and meeting with parents and their colleagues to discuss and further plan for student achievement and well being. The Elementary Progress Reports were sent home with your child on November 12th. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and reflect with your child their progress while also setting goals for the months to come.

Communication between home and school is an essential element of student success. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in your child's education, the time spent communicating through the agendas, and the conversations you have had with staff. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the upcoming year.

We would also like to thank parents for their ongoing support at home. Helping with homework assignments and discussing your child's school day provides the opportunity for support and positive reinforcement. Furthermore, it provides parents an opportunity to exercise strategies used at school to reinforce key concepts.

The holidays are a terrific opportunity for our students to enjoy the greatness of our Canadian winter. Encourage your children to play outside, skate, toboggan or simply play in the snow. And while indoors, take the time to play board or card games with your children. Games that involve strategic thinking enhance critical thinking skills and provide invaluable family time where you can share in the gifts that each of your children bring to our community every day. As a school community, we are indeed grateful for such committed and caring individuals.

As the holiday season approaches and 2019 quickly draws to a close, we wish to extend warmest wishes for the holiday season and for a happy 2020! We are confident that the two week break will prove to be a restful and pleasurable time for families to spend together. Thanks to all of you for all that you do to make Red Maple a great place to be. Whether you come to School Council meetings, participate as a parent volunteer, or come to special events — your involvement and presence matters and we value the time, treasures and talents you bring. We look forward to greeting your children upon their return from the holiday on Monday, January 6th, 2020.

Have a happy, safe holiday!  
Ms. Zarif and Mr. Boyle



## Winter Math

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
  - Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
  - Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
  - Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
  - Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)
- Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

[http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas\\_for\\_school\\_leaders.html](http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html)

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*. You can access this information at <https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

## DECEMBER UPDATE FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

We have just finished our 16th Annual Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank-you to all the families who joined us for our Family Event!

All purchases benefit the school and enable us to purchase additional library materials and provide author visits. A very big thank-you to our student volunteers and for volunteering their time. We couldn't do it without you! The door prize draw was won by a student in Mrs. Chitiz's class. Congratulations!

## INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams for another successful season. The students learned about the importance of teamwork and perseverance. They played many close games and had lots of fun!

Go Ravens Go!!

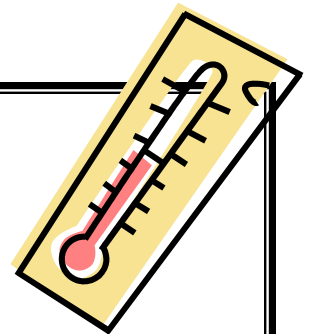


## Weather Watch

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. **We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.**

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. **Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.**







Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.





# December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Pizza Lunch 	7
8	9	10	11 	12	13 Pizza Lunch 	14
15	16 Grade 3 Mad Science	17	18 Pyjama Day Kindergarten Concert 1:40 pm	19	20 Red Maple Assembly at 9:00 am Pizza Lunch 	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28

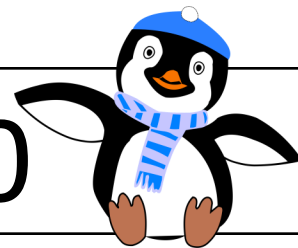
Winter Break  
December 23rd to January 5th

School will open on Monday, January 6th





# January 2020



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**Winter Break  
December 23rd to  
January 5th**



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BACK!***

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***Red Maple  
Junior Volleyball  
Tournament***

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***PA Day  
No School***

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***Grade 1  
Scientists in School***

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***P.A. Day  
No School***