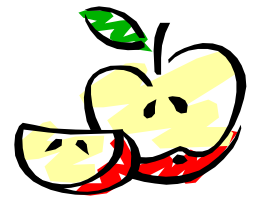


Red Maple News



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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of February and March Break, we are hopeful that a (well-deserved and much needed) change of seasons will soon be upon us. Spring is often cited as one of the favourite times of the year for many people. It is a time of renewal, new growth and new opportunity. Spring always brings forth a buzz of activity in the school and in classrooms, and may be a symbol of our continued efforts as a school community to work together in supporting and promoting the academic, social and emotional growth of our students.

We are now into the second term of this school year. In moving forward towards the goals of academic success, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) and the school on a regular basis if you have any questions in regards to your child's progress. We continue to encourage a proactive approach to productive and collaborative partnerships!

*So far, January and February have been very busy for both our students and staff with all of our extra-curricular activities, school trips, and many more events. We celebrated Lunar New Year on February 4th with all of our students. Thank you to our families who came out for this wonderful event. February is **Black History Month**. At Red Maple, we are excited to celebrate in many ways (through daily announcement, clubs, classroom activities and etc.) the rich history and contributions of the many people of African Heritage in our community. We welcome a presentation by **Shaun Booth** on February 19th at 1:30 pm for our grade 4 to 8 students..*

*March will prove to be a very exciting and yet another busy month for students, staff and parents at Red Maple P.S.! March 21st is **Naw Ruz** which is considered as the start of the New Year among Iranians along with some other ethno-linguistic groups. We will be celebrating **Naw Ruz in an assembly on March 29th at 9:00am.** **As always, all families are welcome to attend all of our assemblies.***

We are excited to have our Spring Dance A Thon on March 8th. Please remember to send your pledge forms by March 8th.

I would like to extend a "thank you" to our staff and our parent community for their efforts in supporting safe driving and parking practices during the very busy pick-up and drop-off times at school. It is both hoped for, and encouraged that, with the coming of warmer weather, parents will encourage their children, to walk to and from school. This is not only a healthy practice, but also reduces significant traffic congestion around the school. We feel that less traffic on the road will contribute to safer conditions for both pedestrians and motorists, alike!

At all times, please feel free to contact the school should you have any comments or questions!

Wishing everyone an exciting February and a fun filled March Break!

Calling All Red Maple Parents!

Our Parent Council is holding a “coffee and chat” on Monday, March 4th at 6:30 pm in the Staff Room.

Please join us for this informal get together before the meeting if you have any questions or need any assistance from our Council regarding:

- Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities
- Set up and use of Edsby, School Cash Online
- Questions about where your money goes when you support our school



You are also welcome to stay for the meeting if you wish, or just join us for the chat.

We look forward to seeing you there!

TERM ONE REPORT CARDS

Research shows that students need to learn more than just facts if they want to succeed in post secondary education and the world of work. Ontario's students are also learning to take initiative, work independently, be self-reliant and work in a team. Schools are teaching critical thinking and problem solving skills in order to give your child the ability to seize every opportunity for jobs and growth in the changing economy. The report card reflects this and emphasizes the importance of learning skills and work habits in your child's progress.

When evaluating subject areas, as always, teachers look at assignments, tests, presentations, and projects for evidence that your child is learning the curriculum. This learning means more than just knowing the facts. Students must also show an understanding of what they are studying by communicating and applying what they have learned. All assessments are reviewed with special attention given to the quality of work at the end of a unit of study or term. Teachers do not simply calculate averages. As well as looking at tests or assignments, they also talk to and observe your child in the classroom to gather as much information as possible before making a decision on the final grade.

There are two distinct feedback sections to be returned to school: one each for student comments and parent comments.

A report card is a checkpoint in your child's learning and should be understood as just that. There is always room to grow and opportunity to learn. The communication of achievement, next steps, and learning for your child is always a partnership between school and home. Set goals together and always ensure that your child is part of the conversation. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher at any time throughout the year when there are questions or concerns.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

The safety of our students and staff are very important to us; therefore, we ask for your support with dropping off and picking up your child(ren). **Please obey the rules, follow the speed limit and drive slowly when entering our parking lot.**

It is important that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

The Kiss and Ride program is intended for parents who are dropping off or picking up their child(ren). It is NOT intended for individuals who want to leave their vehicle to walk their child(ren) into the school. If you want to accompany your child(ren), please park your vehicle in the south parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the schoolyard/kindergarten gate.

In an effort to make drop-off and pick-up orderly and safe, we ask that drivers respect the following rules:

1. Obey the road rules, crosswalks, and speed limits. **Drive SLOWLY and be aware of your surroundings.**
2. **Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY). Exiting from the driver's side of the vehicle is unsafe due to the cars driving through the bus loop.**
3. **Do not park your vehicle in areas with pylons.**
4. The Kiss & Ride area is **one way** only.
5. Your child(ren) should have their backpack on their lap to enable them to exit the vehicle quickly.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR PARKED, IDLING OR UNATTENDED, ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN INSIDE.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is on now!

Documents required for registration include:

- o Proof of child's age (birth certificate/passport)
- o Two pieces of 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 Mrs. Muffitt or Ms. Shulman in the main office.

Happy Lunar New Year ! Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Lunar New Year was celebrated at Red Maple on February 4th, “Year of the Pig”. Our Chinese sisters and brothers believe the animal ruling the year in which a person is born has a profound influence on personality, suggesting that the “animal hides in their heart”.

People born in the **Year of the Pig** have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in life.

Happy New Year to our students, families and community members!

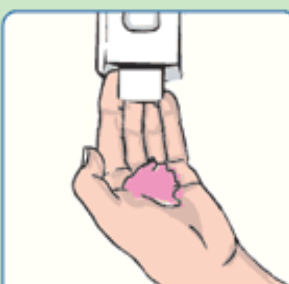


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FIGHT GERMS BY WASHING YOUR HANDS!



1 Wet your hands



2 Soap



3 Lather and scrub - 20 sec



4 Rinse - 10 sec



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry your hands

DONT FORGET TO WASH:

- between your fingers
- under your nails
- the tops of your hands



Inclement Weather/Bus Cancellations



If conditions of the roads force cancellation of school bus service, the following local radio stations will be informed by 7:00 a.m.

CKYC (590), AM 640, NEWS 680, CBC (740), CJBC (860), CFRB (1010), CHUM (1050), CJCL (1430), CHIN (1540), CKDX (88.5), CISS (92.5), CKAY (93.1), CHFI (98.1), CJEZ (97.3), CKFM (99.9), CHUM (104.5), Q107 (107.1), SRC (90.3), CITY TV (CH #7 TV).

Parents have the right to keep their children at home in severe weather conditions. The school will remain open for parents that wish to drive their children. If you decide to send your child to school, please provide your child with a lunch, as there will be no hot lunch programs on that day. Please remember that if you drive in the morning, you will have to make arrangements for your children to be picked up at 2:35 pm. If the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will also be cancelled in the afternoon.

NAW RUZ—MARCH 21ST

Happy New Year to all our students and families who will be celebrating.

Punctuality is Important

Punctuality is a life-skill that is valued by schools, employers in the work-force, and society. Our morning entry begins at 8:15 am. Our first bell rings at 8:25 a.m. at Red Maple and classes begin at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to be in class by the second bell and if not, will be considered late and will be recorded as such. Please respect your child's precious learning time by scheduling appointments before and after school hours. Arriving late or leaving early affects your child's learning and it is also disruptive for the class.



Help your child start each school day on time and ready to learn!

SAVE THE DATE

**Below are upcoming events at Red Maple Public School.
Be sure to mark these on your calendar!**

February 4	Lunar New Year Celebration
February 5	Lunar New Year
February 6	Pizza Lunch
February 13	Report Cards Go Home
February 18	Family Day—No School
February 19	Black History Presentation by Shaun Booth—Grade 4 to 8 students
February 21	Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament
February 27	Primary Concert at 1:30 pm, Grades 1-3
February 28	Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament
March 4	Coffee and Chat for our parents, @ 6:30 pm
March 4	School Council Meeting, @ 7:00 pm
March 6	Pizza Lunch
March 18 — 20	Dental Screening, JK/ SK, Grades 2, 7
March 20	Grad Photo Retake Day
March 21	Naw Ruz
March 29	Naw Ruz Assembly, 9:00 am.
All families are welcome	
March 27	Pizza Lunch



February 11, 2019

Dear Red Maple Families,

We are excited to announce that on **Friday, March 8th**, every student and staff at Red Maple will be participating in our **SPRING DANCE-A-THON!** The theme of our Dance-A-Thon is "**FUN IN THE SUN**". The Dance-a-thon will be held in **Gym A**. The e-a-thon schedule is as follows:

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Classes	Primary Classes	Kindergarten Classes	Junior Classes	Intermediate Classes
Grade	(Gr. 1-3)		(Gr. 4-6)	(Gr. 7-8)
Time	9:00-10:00	10:40-11:10	11:10-12:10	1:30-2:30

Snacks and drinks will be sold at the event for \$1 each

Every student in the school will receive a **PLEDGE FORM** (included with this letter). Students will record:

Name of Sponsor, ii) Pledge Amount (no min. or max. amount), and iii) Amount Collected. (Please read the important information below regarding pledges.)

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PLEDGES

We encourage asking for support from **friends, neighbours & relatives only**.

We insist that students **do not go door-to-door canvassing**.

If they wish, parents may take this Pledge Sheet to work and ask fellow co-workers to support this fundraising activity.

Students are encouraged to bring in at least \$2.00

RETURNING PLEDGE SHEETS AND MONEY

All pledge sheets and collected money should be **returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, March 8th.**

Income Tax receipts for cheque donations of \$25.00 or more will be given. If a tax receipt is desired, please clearly print your name and address on the cheque.

The top 3 students that raise the most funds will receive: A FREE \$50 Cineplex gift card
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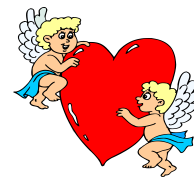
We appreciate your support! If you have any questions/concerns, please contact the school. Sincerely,

S. Zarif, Principal

L. Boyle, Vice-Principal



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PA DAY <i>No School</i>	2
3	4 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm 	5 <i>LUNAR NEW YEAR</i>	6 PIZZA DAY 	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Report Cards Go Home	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17	18 FAMILY DAY No School 	19 <i>BLACK HISTORY PRESENTATION</i> <i>Grade 4 to 8 Students</i>	20	21 Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament 	22	23
24	25	26	27 Primary Concert 12:30 	28 Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament		





Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 11th ~ March 15th— March Break



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm 	5	6 Pizza Lunch 	7	8	9
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