



MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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From Mrs. MacDonald's Desk

Student safety, well-being and achievement is our common goal at Maynard. We are proud to be working together with our families and school community. Our students are at the "heart" of all we do and listening to them will ensure their safety and excitement for learning. My newsletter interviews for each month help me keep in touch with our students. For this month my interview was with Caleb, who is in grade 2 with Mrs. Charbonneau.

What makes you happy at Maynard? Being at this school makes me happy. It is a nice place.

What does kindness mean to you? It means being nice to me. My friends can show this by playing with me.

What would a friend do if you fell? They would go to a teacher for help.

What do you love to do when you play? I like playing with friends on the play structure. I like having fun with my friends.

What do you dream about? I dream about having new friends.

Progress Reports Cards

Grade 1-6 Progress Report Cards are being sent home on Wednesday November 11. The Kindergarten Initial Observations will be sent home to families on Friday November 20. Please, discuss the feedback with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the classroom teacher. Notice that we are reusing the progress report card envelopes again this year. Parents/guardians are asked to return the envelope to their child(ren)'s Homeroom Teacher. The parent/guardian "return portion" of the report can be returned in this envelope.

School Council

Cheers to our dedicated parents that meet each month, virtually, to support student wellness and learning at Maynard. We are so excited to have their financial support, along with that of the Police Services Board, so that "virtual" Scientist in School workshops can happen in each classroom this year. We are also excited to be working together to bring a water filling station to Maynard. Everyone is welcome to join our Council meetings, so please call us for more information.

Kindness Counts!

We are excited to continue to focus on "kindness" initiatives this year. We know that our words and actions make a difference. Please, check out www.randomactsofkindness.org. We will also continue to use W.I.T.S. to support students to be more independent in solving conflict. We are using the W.I.T.S. program so that we can refer to the letters and strategies in all spaces in our school. You might like to use

W.I.T.S. in your homes as well. The program details and resources can be found at www.witsprogram.ca.



During **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, November 15-21**, we will have a **W.I.T.S. Blitz**. When students use their W.I.T.S. they will earn tickets for fun and safe prizes at the end of the week. We are committed to promoting a safe and rewarding learning environment at Maynard.

Main Office Reminders - I want to take a minute to thank all the families of Maynard for the warm welcome to your school. I look forward to being here. - Mrs. Knapp

1. Did you know when you submit attendance through MFR you are able to add a note/comment? This just helps us better understand the absence and ensure the proper code is used.
2. Parents/guardians registered for My Family Room must login and update changes to their own personal information. The office does not have access to do this.
3. If you have any outstanding forms please be sure to send them back, as soon as possible, to the Homeroom Teacher.

Remembrance Day – Wednesday November 11, 2020



We are coming together in a "virtual" school-wide assembly in each of our classrooms at 11:00 a.m. with the support of a small group of grade six students. We will remember all fallen soldiers by viewing materials from the Veterans Week Canadian Armed Forces speaker videos, along with sharing speeches and artwork by our students. This assembly marks the day World War One ended at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

Treaty Recognition Week – November 2-6, 2020

The Ministry of Indigenous Affairs has designated this week as Treaty Recognition Week to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. We encourage students and families, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to learn about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Metis and Inuit people in Canada. Please, see <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties> for more information.

Other IMPORTANT DATES in NOVEMBER

- Thurs. Nov. 5 – PhotoVisions Photo Day
- Fri. Nov. 13 – World Kindness Day & Green Maynard Wear Spirit Day
- Tues. Nov. 24 – Virtual School Council Meeting 7-8 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 26 – Fancy Eyes Spirit Day
- Fri. Nov. 27 – P.A. Day – no school