



# MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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### From Mrs. MacDonald's Desk

As we move from winter to spring, it is a great time for reflection and to be thankful for our school community. We have been through so much change together, and we are grateful for the kindness and patience shown each day. We have students and families share their passion for well-being and learning. Our amazing staff are deeply dedicated to the "Mustang Strong" spirit of learning and growing together. To start off the month of March I spent some time with Carter, who is in Grade 4 in Ms. Lawrence's class.

*What are your favourite things to do at our school? I like to go outside to play and do Gym. Sometimes I like doing Math like addition and it is okay even when it gets hard.*

*What does kindness mean to you? Kindness means begin kind to people and you only really need to have one friend. When you are kind with them, they will be kind to you.*

*What are your interests in sports? I like hockey, soccer, basketball and baseball. I like to play pond hockey.*

*What makes you laugh? Well, whenever someone makes a joke, I find it funny.*

*What would you like to do when you get older? I would like to be a police officer. I'd like to help the city, help people and keep us safe.*

### School Council Updates

We would like to thank the members of our School Council who dedicate their time and support of the Mustang spirit. Monthly virtual meetings provide time for brainstorming ideas for our school and for asking questions in such challenging times. We are thrilled to share this photo of some of the new Physical Education items that Council purchased for our students and staff. Please give us a call at 613-925-4291 if you would like more information about our School Council and if you would like to join into a virtual meeting.



### Kindness Counts!

We are showing in many ways that "kindness counts" at Maynard. From learning about Black History, to our Day of Pink paper T-shirt activities and WITS and kindness recognition activities across the school and in classrooms, we know that we are making a difference in the well-being of all students at Maynard. Reinforcing when to Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help will support our students to learn safe and appropriate ways to solve social challenges. Together, we are creating more safe places for our children to grow and learn.

### Kindergarten Information Session and Registration

*"When should I register my child for Kindergarten?"* If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2021, then it's time to register. We have begun the process of Kindergarten registration for next year. Families who are interested in pre-registering their child for kindergarten can complete the online registration at [www.myfamilyroom.ca](http://www.myfamilyroom.ca) or by contacting us at Maynard at 613-925-4291. If your child already attends our Junior Kindergarten program, there is no need to register them for Senior Kindergarten..

### COVID-19 Screening and Late Drop Offs/Early Pick Ups

This is a reminder to complete your child's daily COVID-19 screening at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Please, call us with any updates or if you need any help understanding the most current public health protocols. We are in this together as we stay safe and Mustang Strong! Prior to a child being picked up/dropped off, please have the adult also complete the screener and wear a mask/face covering if coming to the door. Know that the Main Office area may be very busy, especially as we prepare for our day end. If you must do an early pick up, we ask that you let us know early in the day and pick up your child prior to 3 p.m.



**MTJB** – Just a reminder about the amazing daycare which shares our Maynard facilities. If you know someone that is interested or needs to know more about MTJB as they register their child, they can contact them at 613-925-4032.

### Water Filling Station

We are excited to share this photo of our new water filling station. It is almost ready for use. Thanks to our School Council with encouraging the purchased of this water filling station. Cheers to our amazing Facilities staff and Troy Dukelow from Beattie Dukelow Electrical Inc. for supporting the installation. We hope that students will bring a **clean and wide-mouthed water bottle** to use in the coming days. We will be teaching the use of the station and support our students with the time to use it.



### Winter Weather Update

Just a reminder to send in extra clothing based on the weather. Extra mitts and socks may be very helpful. In the coming days with some warming weather, we will have areas of puddles and mud in the school yard.



### March Ebits

**March is Nutrition Month!** Did you know that the Health Unit has a registered dietitian on their school team? Their role is to provide consultation on lesson plans, student nutrition programs, and other initiatives and activities related to food and nutrition.

**Keep playdates and get-togethers virtual.** Being close together without masks should only be done with household members. Although children and youth see their friends at school, the difference is that school is essential and has precautions in place that help to reduce risk.

**Are you wondering when you will be offered the COVID-19 Vaccine?** Check out the Health Unit's [vaccine webpage](#) for the [vaccination roll out plan](#), weekly updates and answers to frequently asked questions.



## South Grenville District High School

### Grade 7 Virtual Open House Thurs., March 11th @ 6:00 pm

Call the school at 613-925-2855  
or email [robert.currier@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:robert.currier@ucdsb.on.ca)  
to get a link to the Virtual meeting

All current grade 6 students at Maynard PS, Wellington ES, South Edwardsburg PS and Centennial 67 PS will be sent a link to the Virtual Open House. Parents, Guardians and Students will be able to log into the Virtual Open House using Microsoft Teams with the Student's school account.

### Important Dates in March

#### **Spirit Week** – March 15-19

Mon. Mar. 15 – PJ Day

Tues. Mar. 16 – Jersey Day

Wed. Mar. 17 – Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day

Thurs. Mar. 18 – Crazy Hair and/or Wacky Socks Day

Fri. Mar. 19 – Twin Day

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Tues. Mar. 9 and 23 – Asynchronous Pick Up/Drop Off Days

Thurs. Mar. 11 – SGDHS Gr. 7 Virtual Open House 6-7 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 23 – IEPs home to families

Fri. Mar. 26 – Purple Day for Epilepsy

Tue. Mar. 30 – Safe and Accepting Schools Virtual Meeting 6:15 & School Council Virtual Meeting 7-8 p.m. "everyone welcome"

### SGDHS Gr. 7 Virtual Open House