



MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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From Mrs. MacDonald's Desk

Spring has surrounded us with showers, new growth and the excitement of warm weather and play outside. Spring has been a time of reflection for how thankful for our families and their trust and commitment to our school. We are thankful for our staff and their never-ending spirit of well-being that is found throughout their teaching. Finally, it is our students that make the Mustang spirit grow as they grow and learn with us beyond all challenges we have faced together. We are Mustang Strong and proud!

To start off the month of April I spent some time with Sarah, who is in Grade 6 in Ms. Marshall's class. This was Sarah's first time being interviewed so both she and I were excited. To add to the excitement, she listened and watched as Mrs. Sargeant and I tried to figure out why our phone lines were not working. My cell phone was ringing in between asking her questions and she laughed about the challenges of a "land line." This sure made me feel old 😊

What are your favourite things to do at our school? I like to do some Math and partner work and I like Gym.

What does kindness mean to you? Kindness means to say nice things and do kind actions.

What are your interests in sports? I like hockey, basketball, baseball and sometimes soccer.

What makes you laugh? My friends make me laugh. What do they do? They tell me jokes.

What are you looking forward to in grade 7? I'm looking forward to meeting new friends, and to be in the same class as my friends.

What would you like to do when you get older? I'd like to be a mechanic like my Dad. Why? It is interesting and there is always new stuff to learn.



School Council Updates

We are so grateful for the time which our Council members volunteer to support us, especially during the month of April where we celebrate National Volunteer Week. If you would like to join in our next meeting on Tuesday April 27 at 7 p.m., please give us a call at 613-925-4291.



Kindness Counts!

We show that "kindness counts" at Maynard. Kindness and W.I.T.S. recognition of students by our staff makes a difference in the well-being of all students at Maynard. Our random "green ticket" draws for prizes are exciting for the students and staff alike. We continue to reinforce using kind words and actions. We discuss when to Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help, to support students to learn independence in safe and expected ways to solve challenges with their peers. Together, we will create safe spaces and communities for our children to grow and learn.



Kindergarten 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 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.



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.

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 Main Office 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 before 2:30 p.m., and pick up your child prior to 3 p.m. This keeps our regular dismissal process and timing safe and organized for all students.



Water Filling Station

We are excited to have our students use our new water filling station. With spring and warm weather, we hope that students will bring a **clean, wide-mouthed water bottle** to use throughout the day. We will support students to learn how to use the filling station.



World Autism Awareness Day is Friday April 2, 2021

On Thursday April 1 we wore blue in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them. Please, see www.autismspeaks.org to learn more and how to support spreading kindness and autism awareness. At Autism Speaks "our vision is a world where all people with autism, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, can reach their full potential."

International Day of Pink – Wednesday April 14, 2021

The International Day of Pink is when we get on a pink shirt, or any pink, and show our support in creating a more inclusive and diverse world. We will raise up our voices to challenge social norms in schools and communities world-wide. We will stand up against bullying towards 2SLGBTQIA+ peers.

"Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it's based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made

towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists." www.dayofpink.org

Though this day is during our Spring Break, watch for a Facebook post where you can post your pictures from home wearing pink.



Important Dates in April

Holidays

Good Friday – Fri. Apr. 2 and Easter Monday – Mon. Apr.5

Spring Break – Mon. Apr. 12 – Fri. Apr. 16

Fri. Apr. 2 – World Autism Awareness Day - we wore blue to show our support on Thurs. Apr. 1

Wed. Apr. 14 – International Day of Pink – Facebook posts to come for students and families to get on their pink

April 18-24 – National Volunteer Week – cheers to our volunteers

Thurs. Apr. 22 – Earth Day – "Restore our Earth" and Wear Green and Blue Day to represent our Earth and water

Tues. Apr. 6 and 27 – Asynchronous Pick Up/Drop Off Days

Tues. Apr. 27 - School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

