



MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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From Mrs. MacDonald's Desk

We are staying Mustang Strong and proud while learning together from home. It has been so great for our educators and me to connect for learning with students and families through our virtual classrooms. Through creative approaches in digital and non-digital ways, we are keeping our focus on student well-being and learning.

To start off the month of May, I spent some time with Rook, who is in Grade 1 in Mrs. Brennan's class. This was his first interview and being online together was awesome. He listened carefully and shared his answers.

What are your favourite things to do in the Gym at Maynard? I like to play tag and chase games. I really like running.

What do you love to do when learning from home? I love learning everything. I like watching a story and I like to watch another person drum. My sister and I play Minecraft together.

What does kindness mean to you? It means to be nice. I could help other people like get up if they fall.

What are your interests in sports? I like basketball and soccer.

What makes you laugh? People being funny makes me laugh.

What would you like to do when you get older? I would like to drive a car. I like Subaru's because my Mommy drives it and she says it is very safe.

Rook told me about drumming when learning from home with his classmates and Mrs. Brennan. He is having a lot of fun learning how to drum on cups. He couldn't show me his cup though, because he got thirsty and had to fill it with water. 😊

School Council Updates

We are so grateful for the time given by our School Council to support the students at Maynard. Through monthly meetings and connections between meetings, Council members have brainstormed ideas for our school, provided input and gathered information. Specifically, over the winter, Council spent time reading about and sharing ideas on a Maynard Code of Conduct. At the last meeting, members looked at the website Parents Engaged in Education and the great ideas shared in their April Newsletter. Check <https://www.parentsendineducation.ca/> for creative ideas for having fun when at home such as outdoor tic-tac-toe.



If you would like to join in the last School Council meeting of the 2020-21 school year on Tuesday May 25 at 7 p.m. please, give us a call at 613-925-4291. Everyone is welcome!



Kindness Counts in Remote Learning

We are showing that "kindness counts" at Maynard whether we are learning in-person at Maynard or learning from home.

Mrs. MacDonald and Elmo continue to visit virtual classrooms and see so many happy faces joining in with educators and friends. We have seen how kindness and respect are shown in digital classrooms with students sharing their ideas. They are using mute and chat features appropriately for learning and listening respectfully to their educators and classmates. We can see the hard work completed in the non-digital and digital materials returned to educators. As we move through May and find out more about the length of our remote learning, we know that by working together, we will find success.



"Stronger Together" for Education Week & Canadian Mental Health Week: May 3-7, 2021

Let's get stronger together and celebrate Education Week and our mental health! We are so proud of the excellence in teaching and student achievement at Maynard and across the UCDSB. We are so grateful for our work together to ensure student well-being. Why not recognize the importance of mental health and education by making SMOOTHIES. That is right! On **Thursday May 6 from 1-1:30 p.m.** all classes can join in for "Cooking with Me, Mrs. MacD." Watch Mrs. MacDonald share some stories and make a smoothie from the kitchen at Maynard. Participate from home if you can and make a delicious and nutritious snack. Enjoy a smoothie later when it is a good time for your family. See the "Smoothies for Student Nutrition Programs" attached with this newsletter for more details. Mrs. MacDonald will have some fun demonstrating how to make the "Blended Berry Mix" but feel free to make your own version.

Safety is our priority, so we ask that if your child will be participating in making a smoothie, they should have an adult supporting them from home.



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.



Maynard Code of Conduct Development

We are pleased to be working on our school Code of Conduct which will be based on the UCDSB Code of Conduct. Its purpose promotes respect, responsible citizenship and safety for all members of the school community. The Code will apply to all board and school related activities and events.

Thanks to the support of School Council member, Robyn Holmes, Special Education Teacher, Ms. Foxton, we have begun to develop our school Code of Conduct that is personalized to Maynard Public School. Maynard staff and School Council members have provided input and the next step is for Maynard students, families and community partners to share in developing our Code. **Families, please watch for a survey link to provide your input which will come through email.** We would greatly value families to share what is important to them to ensure the safety, respect and wellbeing of our students and members of our school community. When our students return to in-person learning, we will be gathering their input too so that we have heard from all members of our school community.



MTJB – Just a reminder about the amazing daycare which shares our Maynard facilities. If you know someone that needs to know more about MTJB they can contact them at 613-925-4032.

Virtual Field Trip Ideas from Home

If your child is joining into synchronous learning you may see that they are spending time exploring the world through virtual field trips. Some are pre-recorded and others are in “real-time.” This is a great way, when we are staying-at-home, to still see and hear other environments and learn new things. These are just a few of the links that can start your virtual adventures.

Cambridge Butterfly Museum

cambridgebutterfly.com/virtual-monarch-program/

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Meet the Orchestra

vancouverSymphony.ca/virtual-vso-connects-virtual-field-trip/

Google Arts & Culture

artsandculture.google.com/

Trekking the Canadian Arctic

google.com/maps/about/behind-the-scenes/streetview/treks/canadian-arctic/

Access Mars

accessmars.withgoogle.com/

Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre

liberty360.ca/Algoma/10/360.html

Canadian Wildlife Federation: Cross Canada Field Trip

cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/reconnecting-canadians/weekly-wild-update.html

When we are learning in-person:

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

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.

Prior to a child being picked up/dropped off, or for any visit to our school, adults are asked to complete the screener and wear a mask/face covering when 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. We are in this together as we stay safe and Mustang Strong!



Important Dates in May

Mon. May 3-Fri. May 7 – Education Week “Stronger Together” and Mental Health Week

Thurs. May 6 from 1:00-1:30 p.m. – Cooking with Me, Mrs. MacD. – our online classes will be invited to join in smoothie making with Mrs. MacDonald through Teams

Sun. May 9 – Mother’s Day

Tues. May 11 and Tues. May 25 – Asynchronous Non-Digital Pick Up/Drop Off days between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mon. May 24 – Victoria Day holiday

Tues. May. 25 - School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Mon. May 31 – P.A. Day