



# MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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As I shared in our school Facebook post, I begin this newsletter with a heavy heart. On May 27, 2021 it was reported that the remains of 215 children were found buried on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Sadness, shame, anger and guilt are just some of the feelings that may be experienced by people in our community and communities across Canada and our world. This finding reopens trauma for Indigenous students and their families. Their communities are bracing for more such discoveries. This finding brings forth the difficult work of our educators teaching and our students learning. We do this work together, with families and our school community, to better understand one another and to mend and strengthen relationships. We know that these conversations may create a wide variety of emotions and reactions with our students, so we share the following supports. We will continue the conversations as we connect Indigenous learning in all ways and times that we can, knowing that June is National Indigenous History Month. Our educators will continue to engage with age appropriate resources, listen carefully and acknowledge all feelings and questions. It is with deep honour and respect that we recognize Indigenous history and the diversity of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and their families.

For Indigenous children and families in need of support, please call the National Indian Residential School Crisis line at 1-866-925-4419

For non-Indigenous children and families please see our publically available crisis support numbers on our UCDSB website at

[http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for\\_families/parent\\_information\\_re\\_sources/crisis\\_help\\_line\\_contact\\_information](http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/parent_information_re_sources/crisis_help_line_contact_information)



To begin the last month of our school year, we now know that we will remain in remote learning. It is important that we do not lose touch. Learning can happen in so many ways and it has happened throughout this year with our dedicated, creative and passionate staff and all your support. Please, reach out to us if we can help in any way as we move through the month of June.

I spent some time with Jayden for this month's interview. She is in Grade 5 in Ms. Lawrence's class. We talked about how she has been baking since she was tiny. She recently made a cake for her Nana with cinnamon on top. (My mouth was watering.) Jayden is very adventurous, and she talked about how she goes to the back of her property on her red 4-wheeler. Jayden certainly knows how to find fun.

***What are your favorite things to do at Maynard?** I really like Art and Gym and I really like everything.*

***What do you love to do when learning from home?** People don't interrupt as much, and we will ask questions.*

***What does kindness mean to you?** It means not being rude and being nice and don't treat other people different because they are different.*

***What are your interests?** I like animals like Great Danes. We have two and their names are Beau and Ghost and they are both 2 years old. They are very big.*

***What makes you laugh?** Anything funny like my Dad and watching "Jessie."*

***What would you like to do when you get older?** I would like to participate in a Farmer's Market. **Why?** I like to bake and cook anything. Coffee cake is my speciality. I have bought from a market, but I haven't sold at one yet. We bought corn and flower.*

### With Gratitude

We are so thankful for a staff that is so committed to their students and families and all aspects of their students' wellbeing and learning. In a year of such challenges, our students, families and staff showed integrity and care every step of the way. We have an amazing team and have stayed Mustang Strong.

We do have staff that are leaving us at the end of June. We are saying goodbye to Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Reavie, Mrs. Brennan, Ms. Lawrence, Mrs. Geggie, and Mrs. Nolan. Words are not enough to thank them for their dedication and support for all of us in times of such change and learning. We will miss them greatly and wish them all the best as they support students and families across Upper Canada.

## School Council Updates

We are so grateful for the time given by our School Council to support all Maynard Mustangs. On Tuesday May 25, Council members met for the last time of this school year. It is wonderful to share that School Council member Robyn Holmes is working on a grant application that would support updates to our playground.

If any new family coming to Maynard would like to join School Council, please have them connect to the school. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time during a school year. Formal School Council meetings are once per month from 7-8 p.m. and they are a great way to connect with other families and further parent involvement in our school and its successes.



## June is Pride Month

June is Pride Month and we are raising awareness and support of our 2SLGBTQIA+ communities by learning together, showing our ally ship and speaking up about hate. The UCDSB welcomes all families. Across our school board will be acknowledging and celebrating our Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual students and staff, and reinforcing inclusivity for all. UCDSB schools are safe spaces for students, staff and anyone who identifies as 2SLGBTQIA+. Included with this newsletter is a Pride flag for you and your child. We hope you will take time with your child(ren) to talk about the colours of the flag and what they mean for all people of the world to feel safe and accepted. We hope your child will design the flag based on the colours shared and you will show it somewhere in your home. We will be using <https://vlc.ucdsb.ca/lgbtqresources>; <https://www.etfo.ca/BuildingAJustSociety/LGBTQ/pages/resourcesgenderindependentchildren.aspx> and [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) as resources to support our teaching and student learning. Thank you for your ongoing support of all members of our school community to feel safe, included and Mustang Strong.



## Grade 6 Leaving Celebration

We are working on virtual celebration plans that we will share with our Grade 6 families by Monday June 7. We are so proud of our grade 6 students and their efforts in learning in a year like no other at Maynard. We want to celebrate their time as Mustangs and their new adventures as they move into grade 7. We will use the email we have on file for our grade 6 families to keep you informed of our plans for celebrating our students and recognizing awards recipients.



## 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](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.



## 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. **Families, please watch for a survey link being sent in June where you can provide your input. The survey will be anonymous and will be sent through the email we have on file for our families. If you would like to complete this survey in "paper copy" please reach out to us at 613-925-4291 and we will be sure to get you the survey.** 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.



**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.

## Important Dates in June

Fri. June 11 – Maynard Wear or Green Spirit Day  
Fri. June 18 – Rainbow Colours Day  
Sun. June 20 – Father's Day  
Mon. June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day & We Wear Orange  
Thurs. June 24 – Report Cards sent home  
Fri. June 25 – Wild Hair and Fancy Eyes Spirit Day  
Fri. June 25 – Last day of school for students  
Mon. June 28 – P.A. Day