



MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



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From Mrs. MacDonald's Desk

We are staying Mustang Strong: Together we will be safe, be kind and be learners. This slogan from our School Code of Conduct supports us every day in knowing what we value and how our school is a safe, kind and accepting place to grow and learn. We showcase this by celebrating and recognizing safety, and kindness especially important in less structured spaces such as our school yard and school busses. If challenges come our way, we greatly appreciate the support of families, as we follow through together on supports, strategies and consequences.

To start off the month of May, I spent some time with Grady, who is in Grade 1 in Mrs. Brennan's class. This was his second interview as he said he has done an interview before with a friend.

What are your favourite things to do at Maynard? I like the Gym and recess and they are my favorite parts. I like to play games and play outside. I walk around and hang out with friends.

What does kindness mean to you? It means to help them out and make friends. You could send them a card.

What are your interests in sports? I like football and I watch it on T.V. Who is your favorite team? The Cardinals and they won all week.

What makes you laugh? I like watching parrots and snakes do funny things in videos.

What do you like to do at home? I play X-Box and hang out with my Mom. We watch funny videos together.

Do you have pets? I have a Boston Terrier named Boo (short form for the car Bugatti) I have had snakes as a pet.

I learned a lot about Grady and his zest for life. I also found out that he can't wait for summer so that he can get swimming in their pool. I bet many of you are thinking the same thing about summer and the holidays to come.



School Council Updates

We are so grateful for the time given by our School Council to support the students, staff, and families at Maynard. Through monthly meetings and connections between meetings, they plan to further engage families and students in our school. Their particular focus on educators and families knowing more about the "Science of Reading" through a ProGrant, has been amazing to be part of this spring. We can't wait to see families on Teams or in-person the evening of Wed. May 4. The Council is also

looking at plans for an outdoor D.J. and dance in June. If you would like to join in the next School Council virtual meeting on Tuesday May 17 at 7 p.m. please, give us a call at 613-925-4291. Everyone is welcome!



Kindness Counts

We are showing that "kindness counts" at Maynard. Lately we have had some very special poster designs shared with us in the Main Office. Students have been designing Elmo posters to show their thanks for our amazing school. Please, continue to watch our school Facebook site as we share our Mustangs of the Week and celebrate "Character Always" and overall, recognize students for learning to be independent, make "good choices" and ensure our school is a safe and accepting place to grow and learn.



May is Asian Heritage and Jewish Heritage Month

With our Learning Commons Informationist, Ms. Styles' expert help, we have a growing collection of culturally relevant literature to support Holocaust Remembrance and to further our work in age-appropriate teaching and student learning against all forms of racism such as antisemitism and anti-Asian racism. Over the month of May, and throughout our school year, our staff will support learning about Asian and Jewish culture, heritage, and history in our classrooms. All of us can be upstanders and allies and work together to celebrate acceptance and work against all forms of hate.

Education Week & Canadian Mental Health Week

May 2-6, 2022

Let's be stronger together and celebrate Education Week and our mental health! We are so proud of the excellence in teaching and student wellbeing and achievement at Maynard and across the UCDSB. We are so grateful for our work together to ensure student wellness and learning. Continue to watch our Facebook site as we share a variety of learning experiences that celebrate our teaching and student learning.

Maynard Yearbook 2021-2022

Thanks to the support and time of Ms. Foxton, she has completed an initial yearbook “interest survey” with our families for purchasing a yearbook. All our families can watch for the “order form” which will go home via email and paper copy. This yearbook will be a great keepsake with a variety of exciting photos capturing the smiles of our students learning and growing together.



Kindergarten Registration

“When should I register my child for Kindergarten?” If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2022, then it’s time to register. The process of Kindergarten registration is well underway 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 needs to know more about MTJB they can contact them at 613-925-4032.

Grade 5/6 Aluminum Can “Tabs” Project

Our Gr. 5/6 class has been collecting aluminum can tabs to support the March of Dimes programs. So far, they have collected 33 kg of tabs! They have set a goal of 50 kg by the end of the school year. Please help us reach it by sending in your aluminum can tabs.

Provincial Election Voting Site

Maynard Public School will be a voting site for our local community. We are so proud to share in the democratic process. Our Gym will be in use for the day, security will be present and our community will have their own entrance/exit.

School Health E-Bits: May 2022 Edition

Triple P Parenting: As COVID restrictions continue lifting, your children and youth may struggle to find “normal”. It’s OK to need some time to figure this out. A lot of change has happened in these past 2 years. Don’t be afraid to reach out for professional support through Children’s Mental Health of Leeds and Grenville or Open Doors in Lanark County. For Triple P parenting tips and suggestions, call us at: 1-800-660-5853, email triplep@healthunit.org or visit www.triplep-parenting.ca. Parenting matters!!!!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Do you have a child going into Kindergarten in September? The Health Unit’s ABC Booklet provides information for

families about services for kindergarten children, and tips to keep them safe and healthy as they head off to school.

COVID-19 Updates

Please visit our local health unit on Facebook and see our latest social media posts to find answers on:

- What do I need to know to return to school or work after having COVID-19?
- Have questions about COVID-19 isolation and shared custody arrangements?

Important Dates in May

Mon. May 2-Fri. May 6 – Education & Mental Health Week
Wed. May 4 – Family Literacy Night; 6-7 p.m. in-person or virtually on Teams (invites have been sent via email and on paper to all parents/guardians; please call us with any questions)

Thurs. May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit people – also known as “Red Dress Day” so we will wear red as a call for all Canadians to remember and act

Sun. May 8 – Support Staff Appreciation Day – we are so thankful for such caring, dedicated, and professional staff

Sun. May 8 – Mother’s Day

Tues. May. 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia; School Council Virtual Meeting at 7 p.m.

Mon. May 23 – Victoria Day holiday

Fri. May 27 – P.A. Day

Tues. May 31 – SAST Meeting 6:15-7:00 p.m.

