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January Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year everyone! The staff at MRE hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2018.

We had a beautiful December with lots of activity and holiday traditions at Maple Ridge. Thank-you to everyone who made it possible. As we look ahead, we will take some time to reconnect with the students and continue the work that was being done before we left for the Christmas Break.

January is a time to reestablish routines and refocus on all of the good things, academically and socially, that are happening here at MRE. We will continue to work hard towards our Literacy and Math goals which remain our focus for our Student Success Plan (SSP) along with providing extra-curricular opportunities with Fit Club, Chess Club, Intramurals, etc... that provide a great avenue for students to grow socially.

We are all anticipating a great start to 2018 and we look forward to what the new year will bring us.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Robin Isenor

Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 11 from 6:00-8pm at Riverside Education Centre**. This is a regional meeting for SAC members from across our Family of Schools and will not be a public meeting. We are still looking for one community member to fill an empty seat. It would preferably be a non-parent where we have parent representation already but that is not mandatory. If you know of anyone that might be interested please pass their name along to Mr. Isenor.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Jan 3 First day back in 2018!
- Jan 23 P-2 Author Visit
- Jan 25 3-5 Author Visit
- Jan 25 Family Movie Night

Virtue of the Month

Cooperation

Cooperation is working together and sharing the load.

When we **cooperate**, we join with others to do things that cannot be done alone. Together we can accomplish great things!

Home and School

The Christmas Bazaar, Turkey Dinner, and Christmas Concert were a huge success this year in large part because of the Home and School volunteers. Thank-you to everyone who was able to volunteer their time, it is very much appreciated.

The next event for the Home and School is a **Family Movie Night on January 25th**. We have made some improvements since our first Movie night with an improved sound system and a larger screen. We will announce the feature movie later this month.

Early Dismissal Reminder

There are times when school may be closed early due to weather conditions, power outages, etc.. Here are some important reminders about these procedures.

- If an early dismissal is announced in the morning on the radio, CCRSB website, and other social media sources parents **will not** be notified. Typically an early dismissal means school will be closing 2 hours earlier than usual but it could also be only 1 hour earlier. This means students at MRE will be leaving at 11:50am or 12:50pm. **Please ensure that a note is sent in to indicate any change in bus routine to accommodate the early closure.**
- If a **2 hour** early dismissal is announced we **will not** be offering cafeteria service. Students will have a chance to eat a snack right before boarding the buses to go home so please feel free to pack an extra recess snack. Parents that have purchased Lunch for that day will receive a storm coupon that can be used at a later date. **Cafeteria service will remain available for a 1 hour early dismissal.**
- In the case of an early closure that **is not** announced in the morning (ie. power outage) we will contact each parent/guardian to ensure that students arrive where they need to safe and sound before our buses leave the driveway. If we cannot get in touch with you and we have to send the buses, your child will remain at school with staff until we can reach someone to come pick them up.

Author Visits

Students at MRE will have the pleasure of meeting and talking with a professional author later this month. It is a great opportunity for students to learn a bit more about the writing process and engage them in the joy of reading and writing. The P-2 students will have this opportunity on January 23rd while the Grade 3-5 students will have this opportunity on January 25th.

Primary Registration 2018-19

Primary Registration for the 2018-19 school year will be taking place on **Tuesday, February 6th**. If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old on, or before, December 31st 2018 you may contact the school (902-883-5361 ext. 103) by Friday, January 26th to schedule an appointment time. **Please be sure to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and their Health Card number when you come for your appointment.** If you have any questions please give us a call.

Cafeteria News

- Please make sure that all money for lunches, whether they are daily or weekly orders, has your child's name, class, and lunch choice with it. If you do not have a lunch form, a piece of paper is fine as long as the information above is written on it.
- It is always a good idea to label lunch containers, lunch bags and water bottles. We are starting to collect a few items that have been left behind in the cafeteria and it is challenging to find their owners.

Communication

Our website (mre.ccrsb.ca) has been updated with current and accurate information. We also have a Facebook account that you can receive immediate communication from.