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Principal's Message

As we enjoy the great fall weather that we have been having I am afraid that one day winter will be here all of a sudden without much warning. Let's all enjoy it while we can. The past month has been busy but settled at the same time. There continues to be lots of wonderful learning and activity happening to support all of the students. As we head into November we are looking forward to a visit from the Domino Man which is always a crowd pleaser. We also will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly which is one of the most important assemblies that we will have all year. We will be having our first Family Movie Night as well so there are lots of events happening along with the classroom activities that engage your children on a daily basis. Information regarding Parent/Teacher interviews will be going home once we get closer to the date. There are also two days (one full day and a partial day) that teachers will be involved in professional development and assessment writing sessions. The staff at MRE will be taking the time to focus on our Student Success Plan (SSP) Goals in Literacy and Mathematics and continue to develop plans that will give our students the opportunity to be successful in these areas. Please take the time to read the information in this newsletter about all of the events that are happening at our school during the month of November and don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have a question about things that are happening. Thank-you for your continued support,

Robin Isenor
Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Nov 2	Domino Man (12:50pm)
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Assembly (8:30am)
Nov 13	Holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day
Nov 16	Family Movie Night (6:30pm)
Nov 17	Assessment/ Evaluation Day (No School)
Nov 20	SAC / Home and School Meetings
Nov 29	Report Cards go home
Nov 30	Evening Parent/Teacher
Dec 1	Morning Parent/Teacher and PD Day (No School)

Virtue of the Month **Peacefulness**

Peacefulness is being calm
inside.
Be a **neacemaker**.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will take place on **Monday, November 20th from 6:30-7:15pm**. The meetings are open to all MRE parents to attend and gather information about what is happening here at MRE so please feel free to attend even if you are not a member of the committee.

Home and School

The Halloween Dance was a great success. Thank-you to everyone who helped out and to the school community for supporting it. All of the clothing orders and fundraising orders are being processed and you will be notified when orders start coming in. Thank-you to the school community for your generous support of these two fundraising efforts.

The Christmas Bazaar and Turkey Dinner are just around the corner so if you are able to help out please contact Carrie when you get a chance or attend the next **Home and School meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7:15pm**

Art Classes

Art classes for Grade 3-5 students will be starting after school on **Tuesdays or Thursdays for the next 5 weeks starting on Tuesday November 7th**. Grade 3-5 students will get to be creative in five, 2 hour art classes Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2 to 4pm at MRE. For more information or to register, please contact Danielle Shreenan at 902-489-3992 or wdanny_24@hotmail.com. There is a program fee of \$75 per student. All supplies included. Space is limited so please register early.

Domino Man

MRE students will have the opportunity to witness a great domino display on Thursday, November 2nd. The final display will consist of thousands of dominoes and the “topple” will take approximately 20-25 minutes for all of the dominoes to fall.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our school assembly to honor Remembrance Day will be taking place on **Thursday, November 9th at 8:30am**. This is one of the most important assemblies that our students will have this year. It is a wonderful time of year to talk about what it means to be thankful and the importance of living a peaceful lifestyle..

Fit Club

Participation in sports by children and adolescents is associated with a range of documented physical, emotional, social, educational, and other benefits that can last into adulthood. But increasingly, many young people opt out of a sustained experience, while others miss out due to a lack of resources or access to community programs. Health and other needs go unmet. Therefore, we here at Maple Ridge want to encourage our children and youth to participate in structured physical activity through our fit clubs and intramurals. We are excited to be offering noon time fit clubs again this year since the beginning of school in September. Mondays are for boys and Wednesdays for girls. Each week the kids will partake in a variety of fitness activities, sports and fun games that will be sure to get the kids hearts pumping!

Student Drop-off

As part of the new Provincial Attendance Policy parents are reminded that if you are dropping your child off late to school you must accompany them to the office so that they can be signed in properly. We start our instructional day at 8am so students are expected to be in the building by 7:55 at the latest so that they have time to get to their class and prepare for the day before instruction begins.

Family Movie Night

Something new that we are trying with the help of the Home and School Committee is “Family Movie Night”. Our first one will take place on the night of November 16th starting at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$10 for a family with \$5 of each admission going to the local food bank in preparation for the Holidays. Snacks will be available and the movie will be taking place in the gym. As we get closer to the movie night we will share with the school community what movie we will be showing.

Evaluation and Assessment Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, November 17th.

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.

Parent – Teacher Sessions

Parent-Teacher sessions for Term 1 will be held the evening of **Thursday, November 30th from 5:30-7:30pm and Friday, December 1st from 8:15-10:15am**. Information will be coming home as we get closer to the date so that times can be arranged. You will get final confirmation of your time in your child’s **report card that is being sent home on Wednesday, November 29th**.