



## Weekly Communication from MG School and **PAC** to Parents, Students, and Staff

### Important Upcoming Dates

#### Tuesday, February 3

- Div 3,4,6 Workshop
- Jr Girls Basketball Game at MG

#### Wednesday, February 4

- Div 9,12,13,14 Skating
- Sr Boys Basketball Game at DLG

#### Thursday, February 5

- Sr Girls Basketball Game at MG

#### Friday, February

- PAC Meeting @ 9:00 am



### Will You Be Returning to Maple Grove for September 2026?

We are currently working to confirm our registration numbers. To assist us, we ask that you please complete the form below by Friday, February 13, 2026.

Please fill out one form only if your child is not coming back to MG.

Students in grade 7 do not need to complete the form either.

[Maple Grove Elementary - Will you be returning in September 2026?](#)

### MG PAC Meeting on Friday, February 6



Join us for our next **PAC Meeting** on **Friday, November 28 at 9:15 AM**. We look forward to seeing you there! Coffee and Tea served at 9:00 am.

### Lunar New Year's Celebration (Friday, February 20)

The MG PAC is also organizing the Maple Grove **Lunar New Year Celebration** on Friday, February 20 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be singing, dancing, games, prizes, snacks and food.

See page 4 for more poster.

[Link to buy tickets](#)

[Press to buy snacks](#)

### Maple Grove Talent Show (Tuesday, March 10) - Last Chance to Sign Up



The MG Talent Show is back!

Students will have a chance to showcase their skills on Tuesday, March 10 at 5 pm in the MG school gym.

Share, Show and Shine your talent.

To sign up, go to [MG Talent Show on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026](#)

## Honouring Ramadan and Lunar New Year in Our School Community



Our school community is rich in culture, tradition, and diversity. As we move through this season, we would like to acknowledge two important celebrations observed by many of our families: **Ramadan** and **Lunar New Year**.

**Ramadan** is a sacred month in Islam, marked by reflection, prayer, generosity, and self-discipline. During this time, many Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, focusing on gratitude, compassion, and helping others. The month concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together. Ramadan is expected to begin in mid-February 2026, though the exact start date is determined by the sighting of the moon

This **Lunar New Year**, we celebrate the Year of the Horse, a symbol of energy, confidence, freedom, and perseverance. The Horse is known for its lively spirit, strong work ethic, and determination to move forward—qualities we value and encourage within our school community. Lunar New Year is a time for renewal, reflection, and togetherness, marked by traditions shared across many cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and others. Families celebrate with festive meals, decorations in red for good fortune, and wishes for health, happiness, and success in the year ahead.

## Vancouver School Board Budget Survey for 2026-2027 School Year

Have your say for the 2026-2027 School Year. The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is preparing its budget for the next school year. Your input will help trustees make the

best decisions about how to use available funding to support student success.

[Help shape VSB's 2026–2027 financial plan Survey](#)

## MG T-Shirt Order—Reminder



Maple Grove PAC is offering MG Spirit Wear in a range of colour including pink.

Please see link or QR code to order!  
<https://login.commonsku.com/shop/4dcaa23e-6fc7-4a10-857b-8f9b50cc324e>



## If Your Child Will Be Away From School –Reminder

Reporting Student Absences Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. The school staff would like to know that all students have arrived to school safely.

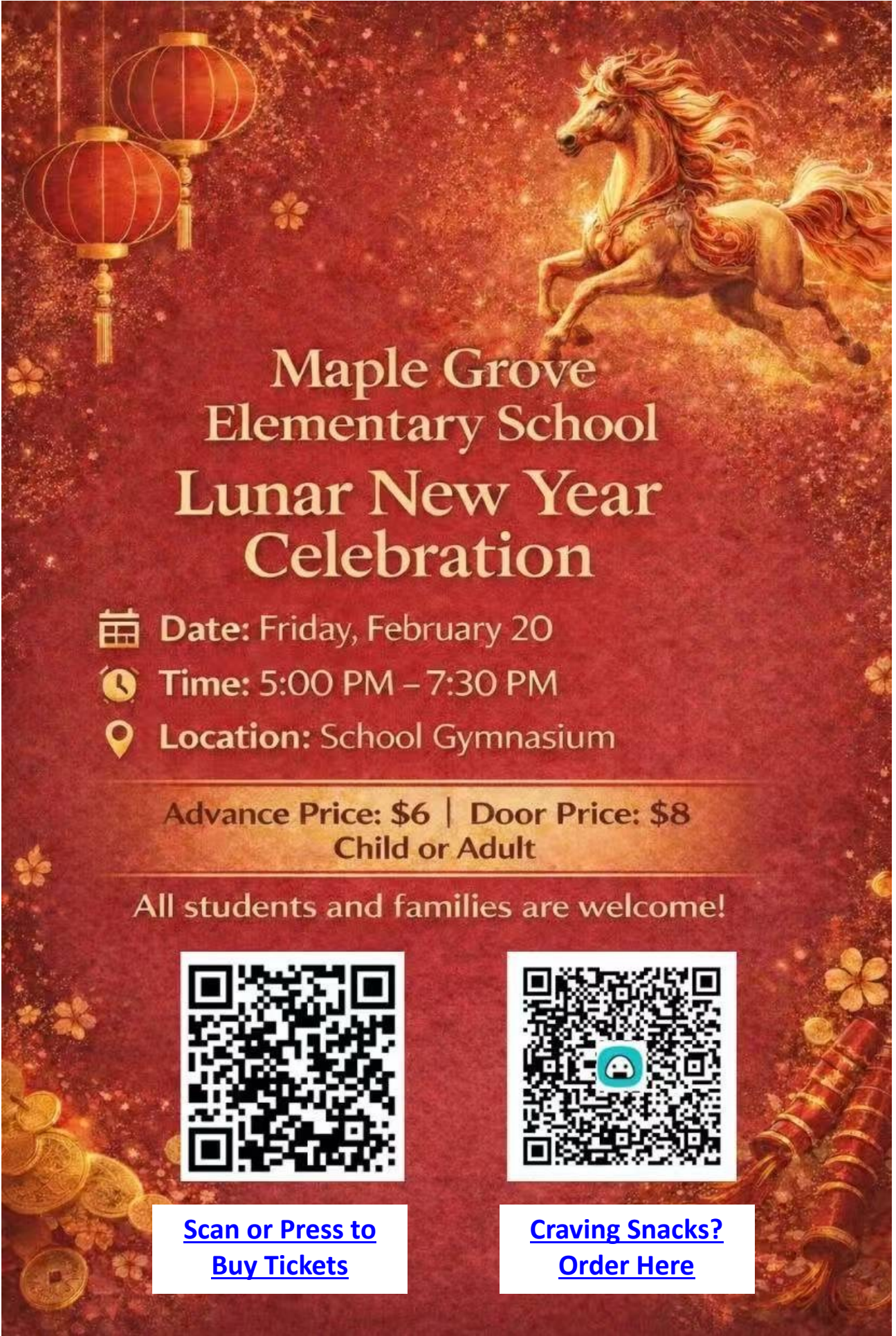
**If your child will be away from**

**school**, call 604-713-5159 and enter School Code: 48 or email [mapttendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mapttendance@vsb.bc.ca)

Please include the following:

- Student's Full Name
- Grade and Division
- Reason and Duration of Absence





# Maple Grove Elementary School Lunar New Year Celebration



**Date:** Friday, February 20



**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM



**Location:** School Gymnasium

Advance Price: \$6 | Door Price: \$8  
Child or Adult

All students and families are welcome!



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# MAPLE GROVE TALENT SHOW

**SHARE**  
your talent

**SHOW**  
your support

**SHINE**  
like the star  
you are



Sign up online now



Spaces are limited

**MARCH 10 @ 5PM**





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### ***Magee Band Information Form***

Dear grade 7 students and parents at Maple Grove and McKechnie elementary. My name is Mr. Keith Ollerenshaw and I am excited to present you a wonderful new opportunity to learn how to play a band instrument at Magee Secondary. Our goal is to create a large ensemble of many unique instruments. You will have a choice of the following instruments. Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, bass, or percussion. Next year there will be two ensembles. One for students with no experience, and another for students with experience. If you are interested, please send me an email and/or select one of the following classes. If you already know how to play a wind instrument, we have several classes that cater to the ability of our students.

#### **Beginner band: MMU--08BA1-001**

This is a class for students with no experience on a wind instrument. If you are brand new, please select this class, as you will get to start from scratch.

#### **Junior band: MMU--08BA2-001**

This class is for students who have participated in our elementary band program, or for students who have at least one year of experience on their wind instrument.

#### **Intermediate Band:**

This class requires at least two years of playing experience, and students should be able to play at least 6 major scales on their wind instrument.

#### **Wind Ensemble:**

This is an auditioned group that requires at least three years of experience of playing. Students are required to know all twelve major scales before being allowed to participate in this class. This ensemble travels internationally every two years. In 2025 they toured Ireland with the Senior Jazz Band.

#### **Junior Jazz: MMU--08JB2-001**

Did you know that Magee offers some of the best jazz bands in the city of Vancouver? If you are interested in learning how to play jazz, this is an early morning class on Tuesday and Friday mornings that is open to all students.

#### **Senior Jazz:**

This is an off-timetable class and requires students to be registered in a traditional band like Wind ensemble to participate. Magee's senior jazz regularly participates in festivals across the province and regularly is awarded a gold standing. Our students regularly graduate from Magee and continue to study jazz at various University's across Canada.

If you have any questions about the bands at Magee, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

Keith Ollerenshaw  
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February 2026

## CHOIR AND STRINGS!

To all Grade 7 students and their parents,



**What is one of the most important things your child can do when you choose to come to Magee?** What is something that will not only look good and help on a resume/transcript for university, but also give you a place where you can make new friends in a safe and welcoming environment? What is something that will not only bring you much joy and laughter, but at the same time help you to grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially? Well, the answer to all those questions is Music at Magee!

Magee has had a long tradition of musical excellence and is regarded as one of the top music programs, not only in the province, but also the country. We have won numerous awards, both as teachers (Mr. Quan was named one of UBC Faculty of Education *Education's 100* out of over 50,000 alumni who were selected for their dedication, impact and expertise as community leaders in their professional area and has been awarded Outstanding teacher of the year by the BC Music Educators Association) as well as ensembles – our choirs consistently get gold standings and have won many provincial and national competitions. We have travelled internationally and shared music with groups all across Europe, Japan, Cuba, and the United States. We have been featured in the Winter Olympics and National ceremonies, such as the Canada 150<sup>th</sup> and Invictus Games, as well as in media such as on TV or in Music Videos for international recording artists. So, if you are coming to Magee, **your child needs to be in Music!**

**Choir** is one of the strongest, coolest, and most fun things to do at Magee; it is one of the things we are most known for here and has been like that for decades. *Our philosophy is one of creating and bringing people together through singing and using music as a vehicle to empower students to find their own voice, both literally and metaphorically.* We have many tiers of choir including award-winning Chamber Choirs, Concert Choirs and several other vocal ensembles. We have won provincial championships and placed top 3 in National competitions several times. If you are coming to Magee, you need to sign up for Choir 8! **Choir is not a club at Magee; it is a course that gets marks and credits for graduation.** We have two offerings for choir available to Grade 8 Students, one Concert Choir meets at Lunch - it is considered a 9<sup>th</sup> course, will not affect your other timetable courses, and give you additional credits, and we have a **new** on timetable 8-12 Concert Choir too available in semester 1!

So, make sure you put Choir 8 on your timetable and join our grade 8-12 Concert Choir every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch and/or on timetable in semester 1 – no prior experience necessary! Concert choir is also the gateway to joining the award-winning chamber choirs, so start your journey now! The most common comment I hear from students is “I wish I had joined earlier”. Come meet new people, have a lot of fun, and learn how to sing!

To Sign up for Choir 8 *off timetable* (Lunch Tue/Thur): Course code: **MMU—08CC1**

To Sign up for Choir 8 *ON timetable* (semester 1): Course code: **MMU—08CC2**

**String Orchestra** has grown to be a force in the district where anyone who can play *Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass* has grown and thrived. We have two offerings of String Orchestra for grade 8s – Concert Strings, for students who have played 2 or more years or 1 year with private lessons, or Beginner Strings if you have played less than 2 years or have never played before! Join the Magee String Orchestra today!

To Sign up for Concert String Orchestra 8: Course code: **MMU—08OS1**

To Sign up for Beginner String Orchestra 8: Course code: **MMU – 08OS2**

We sincerely hope to see you at Magee and in one or more of our incredible music programs! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: [gquan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:gquan@vsb.bc.ca)

Sincerely,  
Greg Quan  
Director of Choirs and String Orchestra





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Jr Boys B-Ball at MG	3 Div 3,4,6 Workshop Jr Girls B-Ball at MG	4 Div 1,2,4,5,6 Workshop	5 Div 4 Skating Sr Girls B-Ball at MG	6 PAC Meeting	7
8	9 Jr Boys B-Ball at MG	10 Jr Girls B-Ball at MG	11 Div 3,4,5 Workshop Sr Boys B-Ball at MG	12 Sr Girls B-Ball at Trafalgar	13 <b>Pro-D</b> <b>No School</b>	14
5	16 <b>Family Day</b> <b>School Closed</b>	17 Ramadan Begins Lunar New Year Jr Girls B-Ball at L'Ecole Bilingue	18 Sr Boys B-Ball at Laurier	19 Sr B-Ball at Quilchena	20 MG Lunar New Year Celebration	21
22	23 Jr Boys B-Ball at MG	24 Jr Girls B-Ball at Trafalgar	25	26	27	28

## 2025-2026 School Calendar

# Maple Grove Elementary



Office: 604-713-5356

Absences: 604-713-5159 (Code 48)

Please state reason for absence

NS	No School for Students
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PD	Professional Day - Staff Only
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2:00	2:00 p.m. Dismissal - P/T Conference
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**September**

Tue, 2 - First Day of School

Fri, 19 - Professional Day (No School)

Tue, 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

**October**

Mon, 13 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Tue, 21 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)

Thu, 23 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)

Fri, 24 - Professional Day (No School)

**November**

Tue, 11 - Remembrance Day (No School)

Fri, 21 - Professional Day (No School)

**December**

Wed, 17 - Written Update Goes Home

Mon, Dec 22 to Fri, Jan, 2 - Winter Vacation (No School)

**January**

Mon, 5 - Back to School

Mon, 19 - Professional Day (No School)

**February**

Fri, 13 - Professional Day (No School)

Mon, 16 - Family Day (No School)

**March**

Wed, 11 - Written Update Goes Home

Mon, 16 to Fri, 27 - Spring Break (No School)

Mon, 30 - Back to School

**April**

Fri, 3 - Good Friday (No School)

Mon, 6 - Easter Monday (No School)

Mon, 20 - Professional Day (No School)

Tue, 21 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)

Thu, 23 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)

**May**

Mon, 18 - Victoria Day (No School)

**June**

Wed, 24 - Summary of Learning Goes Home

Thu, 25 - Last Day for Students

Fri, 26 - Administrative Day (No School)

## September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NS	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 PD NS	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 NS				

## February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16 NS	17	18	19	20	21
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## October 2025

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

## March 2026

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## November 2025

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## April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## May 2026

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## January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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