



Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 13

- Pro-D—No School for Students

Monday, February 16

- Family Day—School Closed

Tuesday, February 17

- Div 18 Field Trip
- Jr Girls Basketball Game at L'Ecole Bilingue

Wednesday, February 18

- Div 1,2 Skating
- Sr Boys Basketball Game at Laurier

Thursday, February 19

- Sr Girls Basketball Game at Quilchena

Friday, February 20

- Lunar New Year Celebration



Will You Be Returning to Maple Grove for September 2026? - Reminder

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?](#)

Pro-D Day (Friday, February 13) and Family Day (Monday, February 16)

This is a reminder that Friday, February 13 is a Professional Development Day. School will be closed for students as our staff engage in ongoing learning to support teaching and student success.

In addition, Monday, February 16 is Family Day. Schools will be closed for the statutory holiday. School will reopen on Tuesday, February 17.

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

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](#)

If Your Child Will Be Away From School –Reminder

If your child will be away from school, call 604-713-5159 and enter School Code: 48 or email mapattendance@vsb.bc.ca

Please include the following:

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

Family Message: Tumbler Ridge Tragedy

We are deeply saddened by the shocking tragedy in Tumbler Ridge. Our thoughts are with everyone in the community, especially the students, their families and staff there. We know that news like this can be distressing for students, families and staff across our learning community. While learning activities will continue as planned, staff will be especially attentive to students' needs in the coming days.

Events like this may retraumatize feelings from before. Please know that support, such as counselling is available. Students and families are encouraged to reach out to me [personalize here based on school] if you need assistance.

It is often hard to know how to reassure our children when we ourselves are processing and making sense of this violent incident and the impacts of this tragedy. Children may experience a wide range of emotions in response to what they hear or see and they will look to the adults in their lives to help them feel safe and understand the world around them.

Over the coming days or weeks, we encourage families to remain attentive to any changes in their child's behaviours that may indicate a need for additional support.

Below are some strategies and resources to help guide conversations with children, with the understanding that responses will vary depending on age, development and connection to this tragedy.

- *Limit exposure to news stories on traditional and social media channels*
Consider how you access news and how that may impact children nearby. Young children may not know how to make sense of the news they are seeing and can quickly become overwhelmed. Encourage older children to rely on reputable news sources, and where possible, limit their consumption and exposure to upsetting coverage.
- *Acknowledge feelings*
Our children and youth will look to us for cues on how to process this upsetting information. Acknowledging our own feelings gives children a model for how to express and process their strong emotions. It is normal to experience a range of emotions in response to such unsettling news.
- *Listen more than you speak*
Listen to your child's concerns before offering any explanations. Give them an opportunity to voice their fears and ask age-appropriate open-ended questions. These conversations will help you understand if your child is coming from a place of curiosity, concern or fear, and will help you gain a sense of what your child may need from adults to feel safe and supported.
- *Provide facts*
Tell the truth but do it gently. Give your child facts as long as it is consistent with their stage of development - keep conversations age appropriate. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't be afraid to say so.
- *Importance of routine*
Maintaining daily routines can provide a sense of stability and security for children and adults. It can also be important to give children permission to continue to find hope in their daily world.
- *Encourage empathy and compassion*
Remind your child there may be others in their daily lives who may be impacted by this tragedy. Talk with your child about how we need to treat others with extra compassion and empathy during times like these. Tragedies and times of sadness and grief can serve as meaningful moments to teach compassion, which can help children feel empowered as they find additional ways to be kind and caring.

For additional resources about mental health, and how to navigate grief and trauma for children, please click [here](#).



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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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

Sincerely,

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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 150th 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 9th 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

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 Pro-D No School	14
5	16 Family Day School Closed	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

PD Professional Day - Staff Only

(2:00) 2:00 p.m. Dismissal - P/T Conference

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

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February 2026

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October 2025

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April 2026

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December 2025

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May 2026

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January 2026

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June 2026

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