Maple Grove Elementary News

September 9, 2026

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, September 16
- **Student Photo Day**

Monday, September 21
- **Pro-D: No School for Students**

Monday, September 28
- **Terry Fox Run—School Wide**

Wednesday, September 30
- **Pro-D: No School for Students**

Back into the Swing of it!

Moving To New Classes, Class Organization, Student Placement, and Split Classes

We plan to move our students into their new classes on Friday or Monday when the school board gives us approval.

Placing students in classes is a carefully discussed process. Often, there are parental requests for specific teachers, grade level, or classmates. We try to place the students based on our best professional judgement.

We do have split classes, also known as multi-grade classes. There are some parent concerns around multi-grade classes but research has shown they enhance learning both academically and socially.

If you have any questions about class placement or multi-grade classes, please feel free to contact the principal.

Be prepared for your child to be in a multi-grade classroom. Your child's academic needs will be met regardless of their grade in a multi-grade classroom.

PAC Blog

New to our school community? Stay informed and involved by subscribing to the PAC Blog. See link to get updates on news, events, and ways to participate—it's quick and easy!

Link: themaplegrovepac.wordpress.com

Student Photo Day: Wednesday, September 16

Wednesday, September 16 is individual student photo day.

Kindergarten students will have their photos taken first.

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 mapattendance@vsb.bc.ca
Please include the following:
- Student's Full Name
- Grade and Division
- Reason and Duration of Absence

Magee Band for Grade 6 and 7 Students

Magee Music Department

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Vancouver, BC, V6M 4M2
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www.mageemusic.ca

Come Join the Maple Grove & McKechnie Concert Band
September – March 2026/2027

Dear Grade 6, and 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. Both bands will meet from 3:15 – 4:00 and our experienced players will continue from 4:00-4:45 on Wednesday afternoons. Start date TBA.

No experience is necessary, and if you don't already have an instrument, we can either help you rent an instrument from a music store (Tapestry Music has the best deal), or if you can't afford it, we can find a way for you to get something to play!

For people who don't know yet what they want to play, we will have you try different instruments. We will teach you how to read music, how to hold and play your instrument, and introduce you the wonderful world of wind playing.

And the best part of it, this program is absolutely free! (There will be a $50 materials fee)

Sincerely,

Keith Ollerenshaw
Artistic Director of Bands
Magee Secondary School
kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca

To Pre-register your child please:

1. Send an email to Ms. Yeung kyeung@vsb.bc.ca (at Maple Grove) or Mrs. Chang at tchang@vsb.bc.ca (at McKechnie) and include the following information:
    a. Your child's full name
    b. Your child's grade next year
    c. Will your child be joining beginner band (no experience) or intermediate band (has experience)
    d. What instrument would your child like to play (beginner band can be unknown) or What instrument does your child play (intermediate band)
    e. Parent name(s) and email address(es) for email list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Student Photo	17	18	19
20	21 Pro-D No School	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Terry Fox Run	29 Wear Orange Shirt Day	30 Day of Truth and Reconciliation —No School			

2026-2027 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, 8 - First Day of School
Mon, 21 - Professional Day (No School)
Wed, 30– National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

October
Mon, 12 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
Mon, 19 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)
Wed, 21 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)
Fri, 23 - Professional Day (No School)

November
Wed, 11 - Remembrance Day (No School)
Fri, 20 - Professional Day (No School)

December
Tue, 15 - Written Update Goes Home
Mon, Dec 21 to Fri, Jan, 1 - Winter Vacation (No School)

January
Mon, 4 - Back to School

February
Fri, 12 - Professional Day (No School)
Mon, 15 - Family Day (No School)

March
Tue, 9 - Written Update Goes Home
Mon, 15 to Thu, 25 - Spring Break (No School)
Fri, 26 - Good Friday (No School)
Mon, 29 - Easter Monday (No School)
Tue, 30 - Back to School

April
Mon, 19 - Professional Day (No School)
Tue, 20 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)
Thu, 22 - Parent-Teacher Conference (2:00 pm dismissal)

May
Fri, 21 - Professional Day (No School)
Mon, 24 - Victoria Day (No School)

June
Thu, 24 - Written Update Goes Home
Tue, 29 - Last Day for Students
Wed, 30 - Administrative Day (No School)

September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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February 2027

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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