Maple Grove Elementary News

October 21, 2026

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, October 23
- Pro-D Day: No School

Monday, October 26
- School Assembly
- Jr Soccer at Shaughnessy

Tuesday, October 27
- Photo Retake Day

Wednesday, October 28
- Sr Soccer at Shaughnessy



Pro-D Friday, October 23—No School

School will be closed for all students this **Friday, October 23**, as staff attend professional development workshops hosted across the district.

Have a wonderful extended weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday!

Photo Retake Day: Tuesday, October 27



Photo Retake Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22. If your child missed the original photo day or requires a retake, please ensure they are ready for pictures on Tuesday morning.

Congratulations to the Cross Country Team!

Congratulations to our Cross Country team on wrapping up a fantastic season with a big final meet at Trout Lake yesterday! All of our runners did a wonderful job building their endurance, showing incredible determination, and encouraging one another. A huge thank you to all the parent drivers and volunteers who made transportation and race day possible, and a special thank you to Ms. Winston for her amazing leadership and dedication to the team throughout the season!

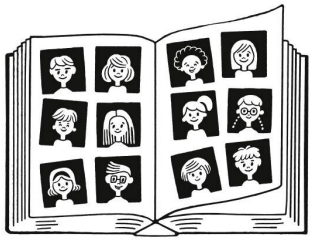
Halloween Costumes—Reminder



Students are allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 30. We are excited to have our Halloween parade in the morning. Please keep the following school policies in mind when choosing a costume:

- Costumes/ props can be brought to school but should not look like any real weapons (toy looking weapons are allowed)
- Costume accessories/ props you value should not be brought to school as they can be lost , taken or damaged
- **Costumes should not be culturally insensitive or portray cultural stereotypes**

Please see the principal if you have any questions.



Yearbook: Data and Image Consent for School Yearbooks

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) and its schools are authorized to collect, use, and disclose student personal information in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA"). At the start of the school year, your child's photo will be collected for operational purposes such as attendance or ID verification in accordance with section 26(c) of FIPPA.

As part of its commitment to protecting student privacy, the VSB is providing notice to you regarding the collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information and image(s) for the purpose of creating a school-specific publication of the school year (a yearbook) and, if applicable, featuring their school photo, class composite photo, and other images (ex. Sports teams or clubs), in accordance with sections 32(a) and 33(1), respectively.

If you do not wish for your child's personal information or photographs to be included in the yearbook, **please email me @ pwoo@vsb.bc.ca by November 30, 2026.**

Production of this year's yearbook will be coordinated by the school PAC. If you do not wish for your child's image and personal information to be included, that will be shared with the PAC.

Unless withdrawn, this consent is effective immediately from the day of receipt and lasts until June 30th of the current school year.

School Fees Update



SchoolCash Online is the District's payment platform for school fees, field trips, activities and other school-related expenses, including donations. The platform charges a transaction fee of 4.48 per cent plus $0.11 per transaction, including taxes.

In previous years, VSB covered these fees centrally. Beginning in September 2026, responsibility for transaction fees shifted to individual school budgets to provide greater transparency about where costs are incurred.

As part of this change, some families were charged transaction fees for school-related payments.

After hearing feedback from schools, we reviewed our approach and decided that returning to centrally funding SchoolCash Online transaction fees is the preferred option for the 2026-27 school year.

Many schools covered the costs of these transaction fees and there was no impact to families. Some families were charged these transaction fees. The District will be identifying affected transactions and support schools through the refund process.

Refunds will be processed back to their original payment. Online refunds will be processed automatically, while cash or cheque refunds will be processed through the school in person.

Families with unpaid affected items will receive an updated SchoolCash Online charge that reflects the original item cost without the transaction fee. VSB will contact families who paid a transaction fee, as well as families who will receive an updated charge. These refunds will be processed for all impacted schools and families in the next few weeks, beginning October 27.

Transaction fees apply to all donations made through the VSB Donation Portal, including donations to Parent Advisory Councils (PACs). Schools and PACs will initially absorb these fees, but the District will reimburse the full amount, so the intended recipient receives the full value of the donation.

Finance will process reimbursements to schools and PACs as soon as possible, with all reimbursements completed before the end of the school year.

Key Messages:

- Families who have been charged any transaction fees will be refunded
- Families will not be charged transaction fees for the remainder of 2026-2027 school year
- The District will cover all SchoolCash Online fees centrally including any fees associated with donations and fundraising
- 100% of all PAC fundraising or donations processed through SchoolCash Online will go directly to the school

Community News



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PRO D CAMP BUNDLE

Select any **3 dates** and save

What: Hands On / Screens Off: A day of STEM fun!
Who: Ages: 5 to 12
When: 9am to 3pm on the following dates:
Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Jan. 11,
Feb. 12, Apr. 19, May 21



3 CAMPS
$299
+ GST

Or register for individual days at
steamoj.com/kerrisdale ($129 / day)

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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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June 2027

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