OCTOBER Newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:



Dear Mapleview Caregivers and Families,

October has arrived, bringing cooler temperatures, changing leaves, and many wonderful opportunities for learning both inside and outside the classroom. As we settle into the school year, it has been wonderful to see our students developing routines, building friendships, and becoming active members of our school community.

Thank you to our families for your continued support as we work together to make Mapleview a welcoming, caring, and engaging place for all students.

🌎 New Eco Club at Mapleview!

We are excited to introduce a new Eco Club for students who are interested in helping make Mapleview a greener and more environmentally friendly school! Throughout the year, our Eco Club will explore ways we can reduce waste, improve recycling, care for our school grounds, and learn more about protecting the environment. Students will have opportunities to share their ideas and help lead environmental initiatives throughout the school.

🥪 Waste-less Wednesdays

One of our first school-wide initiatives will be Waste-less Wednesdays! Our goal is simple: after lunch on Wednesdays, let's see if we can have nothing to throw in the garbage! Families can help by choosing reusable containers, water bottles, cutlery, and lunch bags whenever possible and by avoiding unnecessary packaging. Students will also be encouraged to use our recycling program properly. Clean and empty containers, along with appropriate clean paper products, should be placed in the correct recycling bins. Small changes can make a big difference. We look forward to seeing how much waste Mapleview students can reduce!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 1: Grandparents Tea 9:30-10:20am

Oct. 2: September Awards Assembly 11:30am

Oct. 6: PA DAY - NO SCHOOL

Oct. 8: Anything BUT a Backpack Day

Oct. 12: Happy Thanksgiving!

Oct. 21: IEP's Go Home

Oct. 27: School Council Meeting

Oct. 30: Halloween Parade / Dance

🌳 Explore & Learn Outdoors Day – October 16

On Friday, October 16, Mapleview will participate in an Explore & Learn Outdoors Day.

Teachers will be taking their classes outdoors during the day to explore nature and investigate the changing fall environment. Outdoor learning provides students with new ways to observe, ask questions, problem-solve, and connect classroom learning to the world around them.

Families are encouraged to make sure students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, including suitable footwear and layers, as October weather can change quickly. We are looking forward to seeing our classrooms extend beyond our school walls and into the beautiful fall environment around us!

COMING TO AN AMAZING SCHOOL NEAR YOU:

Grandparents Tea:

All Grandparents who registered on school cash online are welcome to join us in our school gymnasium at 9:30am on October 1st, 2026. We will have coffee, tea and a sweet treat for you to enjoy, while our students enthrall you with a small performance on our school stage. Afterwards, Grandparents are invited into our classrooms for a brief observation of our young people in action!

September Awards Assembly:

Every month our teachers nominate a monthly "Mustang Moment" Award to a student(s) that have shown an exceptional act of kindness/compassion, demonstrates leadership, exhibits exceptional effort, shows respect/responsibility, displays creativity/problem solving or promotes a positive school culture. Award winner's families will be contacted by their child's teacher prior to the award ceremony and are encouraged to come to cheer for and congratulate their child's best efforts. Our first Awards Assembly will be on Friday, October 2nd at 11:30am.

Anything BUT a Backpack Day:

Mapleview's Student Council runs a variety of fun and exciting days throughout the year. The first one of 2026 is uopn us. Students are encouraged to bring their belongings in anything BUT their backpack. This was my favourite day last year. The ideas were creative and over the top! It is always a fun day to participate in and is on October 8th this year.

Spirit Wear:

Please watch your school cash online and school messenger for information about our upcoming Mapleview Elementary school Spirit Wear order! This month you will be able to order a few select items that students love. If ordered this month they will be in in time for the Christmas Holidays!

Halloween:

On October 30th, students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to school. These are not to include masks, weapons, inflatables, inappropriate themes or be too scary for our younger students. Just after the morning announcements at 9:00am, staff will lead their students out the front door of the school and walk down the sidewalk, east around the block, coming back through the path between soccer fields. Parents and Caregivers are invited to watch from outside the fence and along the road to take pictures of their children's smiling faces. Once back in the school, students will often want to take their costumes off, so please ensure your child's regular clothes are on UNDERNEATH their costumes.

This year we are also adding a Halloween Dance Party to our celebrations! Primary students will get to attend after the parade, juniors in the middle block and intermediates at the end of the day.

October is a beautiful time of year at Mapleview, and we are excited about the learning and activities ahead. We encourage families to continue checking the school calendar and communications sent home for important dates, events, and reminders throughout the month.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can encourage our students to become responsible learners, caring community members, and thoughtful stewards of our environment.

Wishing all of our Mapleview families a wonderful October!

Warmly,

Mrs. Carolyn Barrick and Mrs. Casidy Guzar

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