

Maryland Park School

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our students, families, and staff to our first full school year at Maryland Park School! We hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather and some time with family and friends. Brandon School Division has released it's School Opening Plan. The complete plan is attached to this email and you will find information specific to Maryland Park in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school for further information. We are looking forward to seeing our students in grade 1 - 8 on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

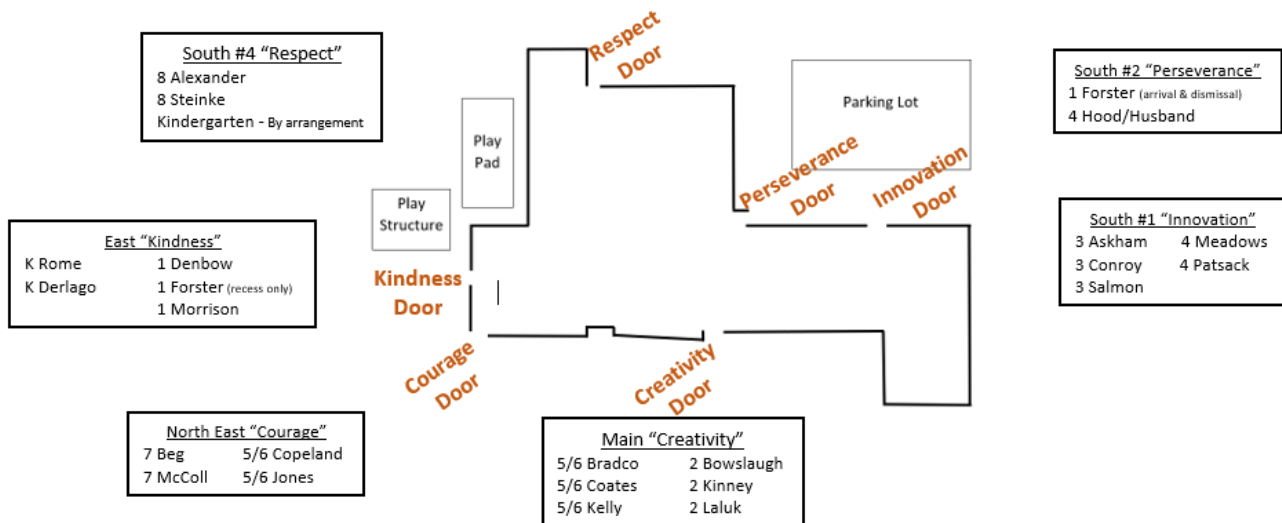
Maryland Park School Opening Protocols

The Province of Manitoba and Brandon School Division have release the Back to School Protocols to address the lingering health challenges related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Maryland Park School will be implementing the protocols outline in the BSD plan. In order to assist you in helping your child prepare for their return to school we want to highlight the following expectations:

- Students and staff will continue to follow the fundamentals of self-screening, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and staying home when sick.
- Families are asked to screen their children daily for COVID-19 symptoms, keep them home if they are ill, and follow the public health recommendation for testing. If students become ill while they are at school, they will rest in a quiet space and family will be contacted to pick up their child. Please ensure you have a plan to pick your child up at school if they become ill. You will find the COVID Screening tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- If your child is immunocompromised or there is someone in your family that is immunocompromised, the Province has set up the Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre to support your child's learning at home, if you choose for them to learn remotely. Please contact the school for more details.
- We will be implementing class cohorts in grades 1 - 6, and cohorts of up to 75 students in grade 7 and 8. We will continue to stagger recess breaks to reduce the number of students outside at one time.
- We will be physically distancing students to the greatest extent possible. Students will have designated entry and exit doors to facilitate and limit the number of students accessing an entrance/exit at one time.
- All students, K - 8, as well as staff and visitors are expected to wear a mask unless they are unable to do so due to health reasons or are unable to properly wear a mask. Mask exception exemption forms are available at the office.
- At this time, there is a need to limit the number of adults in our school. We are asking families to drop off and pick their children up at their designated doors outside. If you need to come into the school, we ask that you come to the office and we can assist you. You will be required to wear a mask if entering the building.
- High traffic areas will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently, which will include washrooms and water bottle fill stations. Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school daily, as our water fountains will not be accessible, but they will be able to use the water fill stations.
- All staff will be required to be vaccinated by October 31, 2021 or undergo COVID-19 testing up to three times per week.

We will continue to adjust our plan to align with current Public Health Orders and Brandon School Division expectations related to COVID-19. The health of all of our students, staff, and families is a high priority.

Door Entry and Exit Plan



NOTE: Our primary entrance/exit doors are our Creativity doors (front doors) and our Perseverance doors (southwest parking lot doors). These doors will remain open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. If your child is late for school and their doors are locked, please have them enter through one of these doors and check-in at the office to record their attendance. If you need to come to the school, please enter through these doors and come to the office.

Options Host School Information: Grade 7 and 8 students attending band, Human Ecology (Home Ec.), or Industrial Arts will need to enter through the designated doors at their host school. Students will board the bus at Maryland Park School to travel to and from their host schools for these options. Students will be expected to sit in their designated spot on the bus, wear their mask properly at all times, and stay seated until asked to disembark.

Bell Times

8:40 a.m.	Welcome Bell
8:45 a.m.	School Starts
11:30—12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Welcome Bell
12:35 p.m.	School Starts
3:20 p.m.	End of the School Day

Minimize Visitors in the School: This is a friendly reminder to family members to drop their children off at their designated area/door prior to school and wait outside for their student to be dismissed in order to minimize potential COVID exposure within the school.

Thank you for supporting this protocol during these challenging times. We look forward to the day when we can welcome and greet our families inside our school on a more regular basis.

Important Dates

September 8 Return to School for students in grades 1 - 8
September 8, 9, 10 Kindergarten Conferences
September 13 Kindergarten Classes Begin
September 22 - 23 School Photos



Food for Thought Snack Program

Through the ongoing support of the Food for Thought Program, we will continue to offer snacks to those students who access this food security initiative. Only school staff will handle, prepare, and serve food while following safe food handling protocols. Pre-package snacks will be served as well.

Lunch Program

Parent Council operates the Lunch Program at Maryland Park School. Your child needs to be registered and payment received for your child to stay for lunch. This is a fee for service program and the monies received pay the wages for the lunchroom supervisors and administrative costs to run this program. Lisa Wyzlic is the Lunch Program Coordinator. She can be reached via email: marylandparklunchprogram@gmail.com

There needs to be adequate supervision of students, so the space capacity of this service will be determined based on the number of lunchroom supervisors that are available to supervise. Therefore, capacity may be limited. Families were asked to register in June. If you did not register in June, lunch program registration forms are available for pick up at the school's general office. Students will be accommodated on a first-come-first-serve basis if capacity is an issue. A wait list will be established if necessary.

Students will need to bring their lunch. No microwaves will be available for warm-ups this year. Hot meals can be sent in thermos to stay warm until your child is ready to have lunch. We are an allergy aware school. Please do not send any nut products to school. An allergy update will come in our handbook and next newsletter.

Attendance/Call Back

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, we ask that you call our school at (204) 725-7771 and leave a message or speak directly with our Home School Liaison, Ms. Lisa Ji, to report the absence. If you do not contact the school, our automated school call back will initiate a call to your contact numbers stored in our Student Information System. Your child will have an unexcused absence until you call and excuse your child's absence. Attendance at school is expected unless your child is ill.

Communication:

Main Office (204) 725-7770

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