

Maryland Park School



Our Community. Our Pride. Our Future.

We are off to a fantastic start at Maryland Park School! We have approximately 535 students enrolled at Maryland Park as of September 30, 2021. Students are settling into routines and practicing the protocols for staying healthy at school including good hand hygiene, wearing their masks, and physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Teachers have spent time this month reinforcing routines and expectations for learning and behaviour, as well as focusing on relationship and team building. Baseline assessment data is being collected to inform instruction and address the learning needs within our school. Work is being completed to articulate foundation outcomes and *I Can* Statements to provide students with clear learning targets. This information will be sent home to families in the next few weeks, so that you have an overview of the concepts and skills your child will be learning throughout the year. As a staff, our professional learning focus is identifying and implementing effective instructional practices to address the diverse needs of all learners within an inclusive environment, which is connected to our divisional plan.



A huge thank you to our families and community members who supported our fundraising partnership with Indigo and our local Coles store in the Brandon Shoppers Mall. We will be purchasing new books for our library through your generous donations! Thank you to our student and staff volunteers for promoting this fundraiser at Coles for the past three Saturdays! The staff at Coles were amazingly kind and supportive of our students and our partnership during this fundraiser!

COVID-19 mRNA vaccination clinic will be held at Maryland Park School for any students who were born on or before December 31, 2009. Consent forms must be filled out and returned to the school by Thursday, October 14 in order to get their vaccination at school. Consent forms are being sent home on Monday, October 4, 2021 with students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

Minimize Visitors in the School: This is a friendly reminder to our families to wait outside for their children to be dismissed in order to minimize potential COVID-19 exposure within the school. If you need to pick up your child, please wear a mask and come directly to the office. We will ask your child to come to the office area to meet you.

Important Dates

October 11	Happy Thanksgiving Enjoy your family! No School
October 14	School Terry Fox Walk on the Playground
October 18	School Picture Retakes
October 20	COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic 9:00 a.m. for students who are born on or before December 31, 2009
October 22	Professional Learning day No School
November 10	Remembrance Day Service
November 11	Remembrance Day No School
November 19	Professional Learning Day for Staff No School
November 26	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
December 23	Winter Break Begins Happy Holidays
January 6	Welcome Back!

Communication:

Main Office (204) 725-7770

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Website: <https://www.bsd.ca/schools/marylandpark>

Instagram: [marylandparkschoolbsd](https://www.instagram.com/marylandparkschoolbsd)

Twitter: [@MarylandParkBSD](https://twitter.com/MarylandParkBSD)

Traffic/Students Crossing

We ask that all families who are driving their children to and from school read this information carefully.

We need to work as a school community to ensure our students are safe when they are coming to and from school. Traffic flow continues to be a concern around our school and in our parking lot. We need families to work with us to minimize the risk. We are continuing to work closely with our community partners to address any further steps that can be taken from an infrastructure perspective. We need our families to have patience and put the safety of our students at the forefront of resolving these challenges when picking up and dropping off their children. The school was designed with a family drop off loop that goes around the back of the parking lot, as identified in the drawing with one way signs. This loop is for moving traffic only. **No parking is permitted in the loop.** Please do not use the Y Maryland Park Early Learning Center drop off loop that is towards the East when you enter the parking lot. There is a sign designating this as the Daycare Loop.

The Maryland Park Family drop off loop is illustrated here with one way signs along the sides and the back of the parking lot.

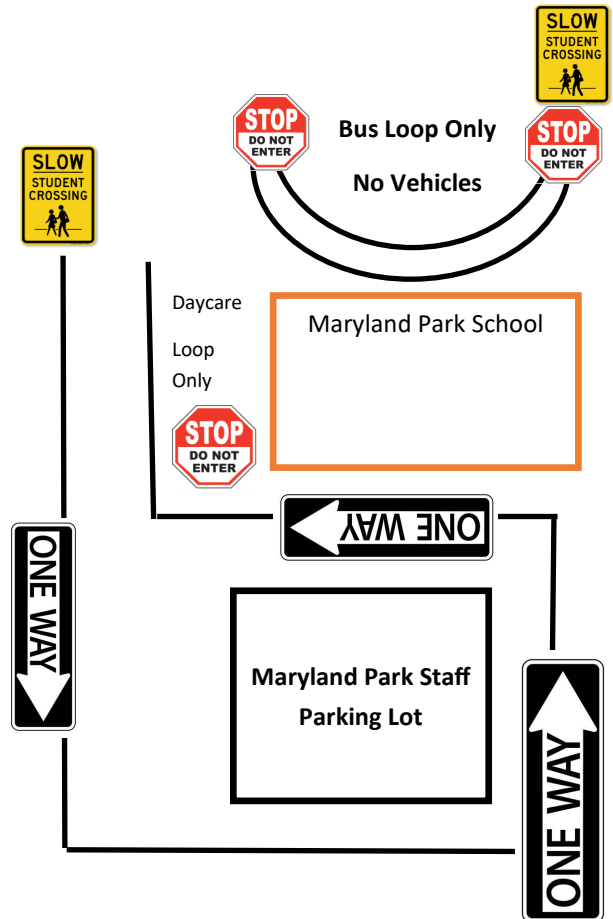
When families drop and go in the loop, the entrance and exit to the lot moves fairly quickly. **There is no parking in this loop.** We have noted some concerns with drivers needing to be more aware that we have students crossing through the parking lot and at the entrance/exit to the parking lot on their way to school. Please be patient and watch for students who will be crossing at the parking lot entrance/exit. We have placed staff and patrols at the parking lot entrance and exit to support students crossing on the walking path. Please be respectful of the staff and student patrols, as they assist students cross the walking path.

Please be aware that students are crossing in significant numbers at the traffic circle and at McLeod Drive. The City of Brandon did some enhancements at the 3-way stop to make it safer for our patrols and students to cross at this point. We have placed an adult out there to support the safe crossing of students. Please be respectful of our students and staff, as we help our students cross the street. Please remember that the speed along Maryland Ave is 30 km during school hours and there is no stopping or parking along this avenue during school hours.

Please remember that we have a significant number of students who are crossing at the 9th Street Traffic Circle as well. We have placed adults at this location, as well as student patrols to support the safe crossing of our students. The speed around this circle is 30 km per hour. Please watch for students in this area, as well.

There is no stopping/parking permitted on Maryland Ave.

Speed Limit is 30Km/Hour



There are no vehicles permitted in the bus loop at anytime through the school day with the exception of BSD buses.

There is no parking in the loop in the parking lot. It is intended to be a stop and go loop to pick up and drop off students. If you need to park, please pull into a parking stall in the lot.

Please take your time and watch for our students who are walking and crossing through the parking lot and at parking lot entrance/exit, McLeod Drive, and the Traffic Circle on 9th Street.

Student safety needs to be the top priority when picking up/dropping off students. Please allow yourself time to be patient and follow the expectations to ensure every student arrives and gets home safely!

If a Child Exhibits Symptoms While at School Direction from Public Health

Parents will be notified to come and pick up their child immediately if a child reports feeling ill at school. Families need to ensure that they provide the school with current contact information and have a plan to come and pick up their child upon receiving a call that their child is ill. Please remember to pre-screen your child each morning and do not send them to school if they are feeling ill.

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/covid19_screening_checklist.pdf

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

A child who has gone home ill can return to the school once it has been determined that it is safe to do so by their health care provider or a public health official and they have been symptom-free for 24 hours. COVID-19 testing will be at the recommendation of Public Health or your healthcare provider. If that child has a positive test, further direction will be provided by public health officials. Public health officials typically follow up with contacts of cases within 24 to 48 hours of receipt of the laboratory report. Close contact isolation is at the direction of Manitoba Public Health.

Please contact Health Links – Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) or the child's health care provider for direction.

For more information:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html>

Parent Council

We Invite you to Become Involved in Your Child's School Through your Participation in Parent Council

Parent Council membership is open to all parents/guardians of children who attend Maryland Park School. All those interested are welcome to attend and take part in the activities that Parent Council will be organizing for the upcoming school year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting via Teams and will require a meeting invitation to attend. Parents who are interested in participating are asked to email our Parent Council President, Pam, at pnowosad@mts.net to be placed on the group email list.

We look forward to your involvement in our school through Parent Council!

Terry Fox Walk

As a school community, it is important for us to recognize Canadians who make a difference in the lives of others by committing themselves to a cause for the betterment of our world. Terry Fox is identified as a hero for his commitment to raising funds for cancer research. As a school, we want to make a difference too! Our students will learn more about Terry Fox in the coming weeks. We will honour his journey by participating in a school walk around our school grounds in his memory on October 14, 2021 (weather permitting). If we experience inclement weather this walk will take place in the gym during regular gym classes over a two day period. We are asking each student to contribute a loonie or a twoonie to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to further cancer research.

Highlighting Student Achievement at Maryland Park School

