

Maryland Park School



Our Community. Our Pride. Our Future.

October 15, 2021

Hello Maryland Park School Community! We have had a busy few months at school! As the weather shifts to cooler temperatures and rainy weather, we are asking our families to exercise caution and patience when picking up or dropping off their children/our students. Safety, responsibility, and respect need to be key, as we enter and exit the parking lot. Please remember that we have students moving through the parking lot to be picked up and dropped off. Their safety has to be our primary focus, as well as treating each other kindly as we role model the behaviour we expect from our students. Please remember that it is a one way around the loop. There is no parking in the loop. It is intended to be a stop and go with a single line of traffic moving throughout the loop. If you need to park, please use a parking stall and be patient when trying to backout of a spot. There have been signs ordered for the parking loop to assist the flow of traffic. Student patrols have been trained to support students while crossing the walking path and the street. It takes everyone using this space to ensure safety for all. If you see a traffic violation, please make note of the license plate, details of the incident, and report it to the office.

Grade 7/8 Volleyball

As a school team, we believe it is important for students to have extra-curricular opportunities to explore their interests and further develop their skills/passions. Given our current COVID context, we have decided to focus on in-house practices and games to keep our cohorts within our school. This gives students the opportunity to receive coaching to further develop their skills outside of their regular physical education time and spend extra time in the gym! We will be hosting practices and interschool games, at the school, outside of regular school hours. Our teams will be practicing and playing against one another while further developing their technical and sportsmanship skills.

We will be sending home a schedule with the students who indicate an interest. Please talk with your child about this opportunity and encourage them to join the team!

Important Dates

October 18	Picture Re-take Day
October 20	COVID Vaccination Clinic
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!

Christmas Cheer Hampers



Applications for Christmas Cheer Hampers are available. If you or someone you know could benefit from a hamper this season, please contact the school to get a form. We can assist you at the school to complete and submit the forms. Forms are due: November 4th. If you have any questions in regards to this community support, please contact Lisa Ji, Home School Liaison at 204-725-7771 or email: ji.lisa@bsd.ca.

Communication:

Main Office (204) 725-7770

Attendance/HSL (204) 725-7771

Email: marylandpark@bsd.ca

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

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

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

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>

SeeSaw Family and SeeSaw Classroom

Our school is using SeeSaw as a communication tool, as well as a learning tool. Parents need to download SeeSaw Family to see messages from their classroom teacher and information sent by the school. Students need to download SeeSaw Classroom in order to complete the learning tasks assigned by their teachers for practice and/or enrichment. It is important that families are using Classroom Family and students are using SeeSaw Classroom, as the apps are intended for different purposes. Students can use SeeSaw Classroom to complete must-do or may-do tasks while we are engaged in at school learning and it will also be a useful learning tool if a classroom had to go to a remote learning period as well. Please download both apps, if you have not done so already, and get connected to your classroom and our school through SeeSaw Family.

Inclement Weather

As the leaves fall to the ground and the air chills, it is time to dig out our fall and winter gear! Students will be expected to enjoy the great outdoors on the playground during our three recesses throughout the day unless it is raining or is -27°C or colder (combined temperature and windchill). Therefore, it is important that our students dress for the weather. Students must have a pair of indoor runners at school to wear in the school and in the gym. Everyone who enters our building is expected to take off their shoes upon entering. Please label your child's belongings, so if they get misplaced we are able to get the items back in the hands of their owners. Thank you for talking with your child about the importance of wearing their outdoor clothing outside at recess.

Visitors

While we appreciate getting to know our families and working collaboratively with you to support your child's education, we need to limit the visitors to our building due COVID-19. We ask that you call to set up an appointment with us in advance where possible. If you do come into the building, please come to the office upon your arrival and we will be happy to assist you there. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this pandemic.

Maryland Park Parent Council

Maryland Park Parent Council was officially formed on April 14, 2021 when its first constitution and bylaws were adopted by the membership. The mandate of the council is to enrich and support the experiences of all children at Maryland Park School through respectful communication and collaboration with parents, school committees, staff, and children.

The elected executive members of the Parent Council are:

President	Pam	pnowosad@mts.net
Vice President	Ryan	sturgeo@mymts.net
Secretary	Rhonda	redseitz@gmail.com
Treasurer	Lisa	lisa.a.wyzlic@gmail.com

Parent Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., virtually via Teams. The future meeting dates are as follows:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Meeting attendance requires a Teams invitation. To be placed on our email invitation list, please email a request to our Parent Council President, Pam, at pnowosad@mts.net.

Meetings cover a variety of topics including lunch program, playground development, fundraising, as well as a comprehensive Principal's Report of what is happening in the school. Parents are given opportunities to become involved and participate through assisting with various initiatives, as well as discussion and feedback relating to many aspects of the school, its activities, and its operation.

At our October 13 meeting, Parent Council voted to submit a number of proposed fundraisers for the upcoming school year. Note that these proposals require approval from Mrs. Miller and the Secretary Treasurer's office of the Brandon School Division. We have submitted the following proposals for consideration:

Vista Gift Cards	November - December
Chez Angela Cookies	February
Walk-a-Thon	May - June

We have also submitted a proposal for a letter writing campaign, in which businesses and organizations are asked for their financial support towards enhancing and expanding the playground.

The proceeds from fundraising activities will be used for a variety of purposes that add value to our school community including jerseys for students to wear during extra-curricular sporting events, curriculum-enhancing activities, books for the library, and to support the purchase of additional playground equipment.

We look forward to your participation in Parent Council and your support of the various fundraising activities that take place throughout the year!

Highlighting Student Achievement at Maryland Park School

Their portraits are inspired by the work of the famous artist, Chuck Close, and his photorealism technique.



Abigail



Kean Jero



Olivia



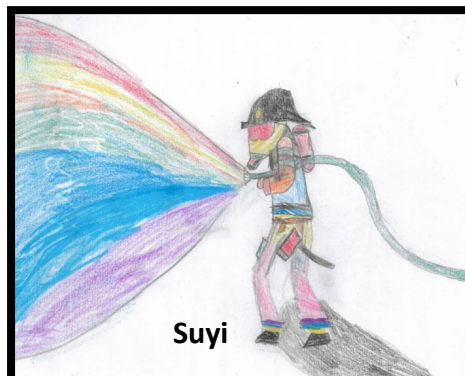
Stephanie



Hunter



Zayden



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Did you know that
it is
Fire Prevention
month?