

Maple Ridge School Council Corner – 2022/23 Final Edition



We can't believe how quickly the 2022-2023 school year has passed. We've had an amazing year of events and activities including Purdy's chocolate campaign, pizza lunches, Family Fun Day, and ongoing revenue from our Mabel's Labels and Home Hardware loyalty programs. In addition to a few grants, these Council initiatives helped us generate just over \$22,000 toward the school which supported the following activities/purchases:

- Forest of Reading programs
- Magnifying glasses, cookie sheets, and butterflies/caterpillars for junior classes
- Blues in the schools
- Momentum Moves dance program
- Kinder STEM items
- Primary Bubble Day activities
- Musical instruments and repair costs to existing instruments
- Drumming workshop
- Yearbook for each Grade 8 student/Leaving celebration

Council was fortunate to be awarded a "**Proud To Be Me**" grant which financially supported a presentation from **Mark Hatfield** for students in grades 3-8. Mark highlighted perseverance, proper goal setting, and confidence. We hope to continue with more sessions next year.

Likewise, Council was awarded a **Parent Reaching Out (PRO)** grant from the Ministry of Education. Parents and students were able to enjoy an evening workshop entitled **Benefits of Edible Gardens: A Hands-On Planting Activity**. This workshop, facilitated by Growing Up Organic, focused on raising awareness of local food production and building skills around planting, growing, harvesting, budgeting, and distribution in a sustainable way. Students loved planting the seeds and going home with the starter trays!

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of countless volunteers. We can't name everyone, but Council sends you a BIG THANK YOU!

Council would like to wish all the grade 8 students the best of luck as they head to high school in September. If any of them would like to volunteer in future events (or even help the school in moving forward with the greening project), please send an email to sc-mapleridgees@ocdsb.ca.

Finally, thanks to the school administration for its continued support of Council initiatives. We were fortunate this year to be able to proceed with online purchasing of pizza lunches and Family Fun Day tickets. This was thanks to the wonderful office staff. Also, we thank the school for sending communications related to Council activities on our behalf. We wouldn't be able to reach our school community without their assistance. Teamwork!



Family Fun Day

Another successful year is under our belts! Families had fun in the inflatables and playing games! The silent auction and basket draw were a big hit. This event is highly dependent on sponsorship from local families and businesses. We would like to personally thank each and every one of our many silent auction sponsors:



A very special thank you to the Real Canadian Superstore in Orleans who graciously donated most of the concessions for our annual Family Fun Day event. In addition to donating drinks & snacks, Real Canadian Superstore staff attended our event to hand out extra treats. Their generosity was overwhelming.



We would also like to thank Old Dutch Foods for generously donating many bags of corn twists which were sold at FFD.



A special thanks to the firefighters from Station 53 who brought a fire truck for the kids to experience.

Ongoing fundraisers - Just a reminder of our ongoing fundraisers...

Mabel's Labels

High quality, durable labels “for the stuff kids lose”. They customize a large variety of labels – sticky, iron-on, large, mini, metal tags, etc... – for all of your needs. Your order for customized labels can be placed online and shipped directly to your house. Simply follow this link to our school's personal ordering website: http://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=1532&cur_website=base (forward this link to friends and family who may want labels!).



Home Hardware

Parents, guardians, family or friends who make a purchase at the Orleans Home Hardware (470 Charlemagne Blvd) just have to tell the cashier that they are associated with Maple Ridge ES. A part of the pre-tax amount will be donated back to our school! No work is required at our end. Don't forget to mention our school.



Have a safe and happy summer holiday! We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

