



# Maywood Community School

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**\*check our website for more information at [maywood.sd41.bc.ca](http://maywood.sd41.bc.ca)  
School phone number 604-296-9022**

## To Our Maywood Community,

### New Classes Today!!

Today we were able to move forward to place students in their new classes for this school year. Thank you for your patience as we waited to see how many students and classes we have and what the organization would be. As you know, change can bring mixed emotions. Children are often excited about new teachers and classmates while at school as they are nervous about missing friends and meeting new people. At Maywood, we welcome everyone and invite our students to make new friends and meet new teachers. Thank you for supporting your children as they adjust to new classes.

### Multi-Age Classes

Many parents have questions about multi-age classes. There are two main reasons that we create multi-age classrooms. One is a philosophical belief in dividing students into better learning situations. By creating multi-age classrooms, we help to cluster kids with peers and educators that are the best match for their educational needs. It also helps to make classes more balanced and educationally 'workable'.

The four main benefits to multi-age classrooms:

- Younger children learn from older children.
- All children have the opportunity to become leaders and role models.
- There are more opportunities to match children according to needs and skills.
- Mixed age classes reflect real society and work situations.

The second main reason that we create multi-age classrooms is based on administrative need.

In Burnaby, we try to keep our classes at a reasonable size so teachers can meet each child's needs. This places a number of issues on classes and makes the creation of multi-age classes a necessity. There are a few things to keep in mind. First, the curriculum is the same for a student in a particular grade regardless if they are in a single grade classroom or a multi-age classroom. Teachers have been well prepared to teach multiple grades and have many strategies to meet the needs of each student. Second, in a multi-age classroom, we do not place the low students of the upper grade and the high students of the lower grade together. Rather, we place students by looking at their intellectual, social and emotional needs. The staff work together to look at the strengths and needs of the class and how they will learn together as a heterogeneous group. More information about multi-age classes will be shared at the next council meeting (*Sept. 29TH @ 9:15 am*). Classroom placement is an extremely difficult process as we try to balance the needs of the individual with the needs of the group. There is no perfect system, but we take every child's needs seriously when placing them into a learning situation. The process is complex and takes a lot of time as we try to satisfy the learning needs of the whole school. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's placement, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Yamamoto.

Warmly,  
Kathryn Yamamoto  
Principal, Maywood  
Community School



## ***Welcome Back BBQ!***

**Date:** *Friday Sept. 15, 2017*  
**Time:** *5:30—7:30 pm*  
**Place:** *Maywood School (Outside)*

- Hot dogs, chips and juice will be provided
- You are welcome to bring your own food and drink if you wish
- Table and chairs will be set up. Bring a blanket if you like.
- Visit with friends, enjoy being together at the beginning of the school year
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- Make a craft with Parks & Recreation staff

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!**

5:00 pm To help set up

5:30 pm to help serve

**Sign up in room 105 (on white board)**

## ***Westcoast Recess***

At Maywood, our students will go outside to play for recess rain or shine. Please make sure your child has warm, water resistant coats and hoods or hats to keep them dry. A pair of boots on rainy or snowy days are also helpful. You can consider keeping a change of clothes at school for your child as well.



### **Bring A Healthy Snack For Recess**

Our recess is from 10:30-10:45am. Students are often hungry by this time so please help them stay alert for learning by providing a health snack and a bottle of water. Research has shown that this can help children focus and pay attention in school. Some suggestions for snacks are: carrot sticks, cheese and crackers, a small apple, yoghurt, or rice cakes.



**Please avoid sending**

**juice, pop or junk food as snacks**

### **Sick, Absent or Late?**

Please call the school office at 604-296-9022 and leave a message if your child is sick, will be away or will be late.

This helps us with the attendance and to make sure that we know where the students are.



### **MAYWOOD PARENT & NEIGHBOUR (Council) MEETING**

**Date:** **Friday Sept. 29th**

**Time:** **9:15—11 am**

**Place:** **Portable 4**

This is a fun way to get to know about your child's school and meet new parents, hear new ideas, & have fun. Childcare can be arranged by calling 604-664-8208, at least one day in advance.



## **Food Donation Distributions**

Thursdays 10:30 AM  
(Outside School Gym)

Maywood community members who require some extra food for their families, are invited to come to the doors outside the school gym to pick up some food donated each week by Costco.

**Bring your own bag.**

**Register with Julie Tadd room 105**

***Maywood needs you! Get involved  
and volunteer!***  
***Volunteer Opportunities @ Maywood***

**Breakfast Club**

**When?** Every morning-8:20-9:00 am  
Volunteers needed to help prep & serve

**Library Helper**

**When?** Anytime that works for your schedule (except Fridays)

**Recess Snack prep and serving**

**When?** Every day we need 1 or 2 people from 10:15-10:45—Sign in on white board in room 105

**Classroom helper**

**When?** Different times depending on when you are available and when the teachers need assistance

**Fruit and vegetable program**

**When?** Fruit and vegetables are delivered twice a month. We need 2 or 3 people on the mornings of these days to help distribute the food to the classrooms.

**Clothing Room**

Located in the North Wing. Donated items of clothes for adults and children.  
Open Wednesday & Fridays 9:10 am 10:10 am.

**Event Help**

**When?** Different times. We have a social event most months, including the Welcome back BBQ on Friday September 15th -Check in on the white board in room 105 for updated info.

**Wednesday morning School Walk Supervisors**

**When?** Every Wednesday from 9-9:30  
Check in room 105 for instructions



**For more information on any of these opportunities, or to volunteer please email Julie, Maywood Community School Coordinator by email [Julie.Tadd@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Julie.Tadd@sd41.bc.ca)**



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3		5 School reopens	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Individual School Photos	14	15 Welcome Back Bbq @ 5:30-7:30	16
17	18	19	20	21 Early dismissal 2pm	22 Early dismissal 2pm  October hot lunch envelopes due today	23 
24	25 Professional D day No school	26	27	28	29 Parent & Neigh- borhood (Council meeting)—ALL WELCOME 9:15-11 am Portable 4	30 

**We're Going Back To School**





## Play to Learn Preschool, 3-5 yrs

Play activities help children develop physical, intellectual, social and emotional skills. Our Preschool provides a variety of recreational and educational play opportunities each class. Encouraging Instructors use art, music, science, play stations, group activities and routines to create a fun learning environment for your preschooler.

**\$182.95, 17 sessions**

**W/F, 1:00-2:45pm Sept 27 444124**

## Lego™Mania, 5-10 yrs

Children are given the space to work together to build, create, learn and use their imaginations while exploring structural concepts using Lego®.

**\$15.90, 4 sessions**

**Tu, 3:00-4:30pm Oct 17 457108**

## Nature Club, 5-10 yrs

Join us as we explore and examine plants, trees, insects and animals that you might find in your backyard.

**\$37.50, 4 sessions**

**Th, 3:00-4:30pm Sept 28 454404**

## Sandwiches & Snacks, 5-10 yrs

Join us after school to create delicious and creative snacks and sandwiches! We will also do some crafts and games.

**\$37.50, 4 sessions**

**Tu, 3:00-4:30pm Nov 14 428850**

## Physical Literacy 101, 6-8 yrs

A physically literacy child has the confidence to pursue physical activities and to enjoy the benefits of a healthy body. Join us each week as we explore the required fundamental movement skills, nutrition and basic science required to be physically literate.

**\$12.00, 8 sessions**

**W, 3:00-4:30 Sept 27 461350**



## Halloween Chocolates and Crafts\*,

**5-10 yrs**

Join us in this as action packed program that combines all that is special about Halloween. The children will make chocolates, create a variety of special crafts and play some fun and exciting Halloween games!

**13.50, 1 session**

**Wed, 3:00-4:30pm Oct 25 457107**

## Creative Drama—Shadbolt in your school, 6-8 yrs

Through creative drama games, exercises, stories of their own creation or other forms, dramas may be explored, acted out and enjoyed

**W, 3:00-4:30 4-6 sessions**



Registration in Room 105 or any Burnaby Recreation Centre.

Louise Rusch 604-297-4572 for more information.