

## **To Our Maywood Community, welcome back to school!!**

### **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 at the same time 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 divide and 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.

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. 14, 2018  
**Time:** 5:00—7:00 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 plates and eating utensils and a blanket if you like.
- \$1 for a plate or you can bring your own).
- Make a craft with Parks & Recreation staff

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

4:30 To help set up

5:00 pm to help serve

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

## MAYWOOD PARENT & NEIGHBOUR (Council) MEETING

**Date:** Friday September 21, 2018  
**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. Enquire in room 105

## Food Donation Distributions

**Thursdays 9:00 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 in room 105**

### Grade 7 Band notice:

***First lesson and instrument rental night  
on Tuesday September 18***

***4:00-7:00 pm @ Byrne Creek Secondary  
School 7777 18th Avenue, Burnaby***



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## ELL/ESL Testing for Adults

At Maywood School—Portable 4 on  
September 14 @ 9:30 am

Classes begin September 18th and childcare provided while parents are in sessions. See Julie Tadd Room 105 for information

## Children's Programs—offered at Maywood Community School

by Burnaby Parks & Recreation

Register at Bonsor, enquiries in room 105

**Registration on now!**

Fall Programs:	Ages:	Start Date & Time:	Barcode:
Play to Learn Preschool	3-5 yrs	Sept 26 1-2:45 pm	478576
Lego Mania	5-8 yrs	Sept 20 3-4:30 pm	490889
Knitting for Beginners	8-12 yrs	Oct 2 3-4:30 pm	490955
Active Moves, Nutrition	8-12 yrs	Oct 5 3-5:00 pm	490964
Lego Mania	8-12 yrs	Oct 18 3-4:30 pm	490888

# September 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		4 School reopens	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 WELCOME BACK BBQ 5:00-7:00 PM ALL WELCOME	15
16	17	18 Strong Start Opens Grade 7 Band instrument rental night	19 Welcoming Conversations 3:15-4:45 pm	20 Welcoming Conversations 2:15-7:00 pm Early Dismissal @ 2 pm	21 Council Meeting/ PAC @ 9:15 am Portable 4 Early Dismissal @ 2 pm	22
23	24 Professional Day  No School	25	26	27  Terry Fox Run @ 1:30	28  Orange Shirt Day	29
30	<p>We're Going Back To School</p>					

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

**Breakfast Club**

When? Every morning-8:15-9:00  
Volunteers needed to help prep & serve

**Library Helper**

When? Anytime that works for your schedule  
(except Tuesdays)

**Recess Snack prep and serving**

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

**Classroom helper**

When? Different times depending on when you  
are available and when the teachers need assis-  
tance

**Fruit and vegetable program**

When? Fruit and veg 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.

**Event Help**

When? Different times. We have a social event  
most months, including the Welcome back  
BBQ on Friday September 14th at 5:00 pm  
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 Com-  
munity School Coordinator by email  
[Julie.Tadd@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Julie.Tadd@burnabyschools.ca)

