



Silverback News

Mapes Elementary School: Home of the Silverbacks!

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Happy Birthday!

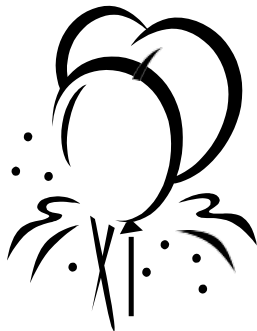
Best Birthday wishes to our students celebrating a birthday in **October**:

03 - Elianah

04 - Nolan

15 - Emma

20 - Alivea



Parent-Teacher Conferences 🍎

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12th - Thanksgiving Day
No School

Oct. 20th - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day 10:48 Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Meetings

Oct. 23rd - Pro D Day - Provincial
(no school for students)



Happy Thanksgiving!

Hi Parents,

Our fall parent/teacher meetings will be happening later this month, with some changes. On Tuesday, October 20, students will be dismissed at 10:48. Teachers will be available to meet with parents starting at 11am and ending at 3pm. We are asking that these meetings mostly happen over the phone this fall to keep visitors entering our building to a minimum. Parents are invited to call Mrs. Wheeler at the office to set up a time for the teachers to call. Phone calls are scheduled for approximately 15 minutes in length. If your preference is to meet face-to-face or through Microsoft TEAMS, please contact the school and let us know. We will see what we can do to accommodate all parents' needs. Meeting your teacher outside for a chat is even an option. Additionally, if you are wanting to meet with your child's teacher, but the 20th does not work, you are welcome to get in touch with your teacher to schedule a chat for another time.

We had our first PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 29. Our second one will be on Tuesday, October 27 at 2pm. All Mapes parents are invited to attend. Parents attending will need to wear a mask.

~ Mrs. Geddes



As the weather starts to get colder we would like to remind parents that student are expected to stay outside in the morning, at recess and at lunch, please ensure that your child is equipped with appropriate clothing and footwear.

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARENTS / GUARDIANS

We are now one month into the school year and like all things, some daily practices need reminders. We are noticing that some high school students are either not wearing their masks on busses or not wearing them for the entire duration of their bus ride. We are asking parents / guardians of high schoolers to please remind their children that these are guidelines that we are being asked to follow as a school district to ensure that we are doing all that we can to keep our schools, our students and our staff safe. We look forward to putting COVID behind us but for now, it is important that we all do our part. **THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN KEEPING US ALL SAFE!**

Here is a poster that may be helpful on how to wear a mask:
[http://www.bccdc.ca/.../COVID19 SurgicalMaskPoster.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/.../COVID19_SurgicalMaskPoster.pdf)

Pumpkin Time!

Carve a Pumpkin!
Carve a scary pumpkin and take it to a local shop on Friday, October 30th, to be put on display for Halloween night!

Colouring Contest!
Sponsored by local businesses! Take your coloring pages to participating shops for prizes to be won!

Candy for Kids!
Local businesses are sponsoring candy bags to be handed out at schools on Friday, October 30th!

Hold that thought for the Pumpkin Walk And pull your little ones near. Creepy critters are still on the loose, Halloween is coming, so cheer!

Prizes and candy from all our sponsors For the spookiest pictures around. Carve a pumpkin into a scary monster Then take it to a shop in town.

The displays will have the whole town in fear You may even hear a scream! Keep your eyes wide for a candy surprise At schools the day before Halloween!

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DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?
	Fever
	Chills
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough
	Shortness of breath
	Loss of sense of smell or taste
	Diarrhea
	Nausea and vomiting
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?