



MAPLE LEAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As your child approaches kindergarten, we would like to welcome you to the Maple Leaf Elementary School community. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with your child. Kindergarten is an exciting step in your child's journey of learning and growing through their early experiences. We hope to form a strong home and school relationship with you to help make your child's years at Maple Leaf nurturing, exciting, and fulfilling.

The first step to entering school is to register your child for kindergarten. We kindly ask that you complete the online registration form by clicking [here](#). If you would prefer to download or print the form, please visit our [website](#) and navigate to the registration section.

We anticipate that the majority of registrations will be submitted during the week of January 20-24, 2025. If you encounter any difficulties while completing the forms, please feel free to contact the school office for assistance (204-822-4458).

To complete the registration process, please provide a copy of the following documents:

- **Child's Birth Certificate** (or another legal document containing their legal name and birth date) - This is usually a government-issued document that shows your child's legal name and birth date.
- **Proof of Residency** - Examples include a utility bill (electric, water, or gas bill), a lease agreement, or any official document that verifies your address.
- **Proof of Citizenship (for newcomers to Canada)** – Copy of Permanent Residence document or Study/Work Permit for both parent and child.

You can submit these documents by emailing a copy or photo when you send in your registration form. Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the office in person, and we can make a copy for you at that time.

Please be aware that morning or afternoon placement is not guaranteed. If you have a compelling reason for preferring one over the other, you are welcome to submit a written request at the time of registration. Be sure to include a clear explanation of your reason for the request. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, but please understand that placement is subject to availability and other factors.

If you believe your child has any special needs or requirements for their education, please inform us as early as possible. We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations to support your child's learning and will do our best to address these needs whenever feasible.

We encourage you to schedule an eye exam with an optometrist before the school year begins. Please complete the "[Eye See...Eye Learn](#)" children's eye exam form and take it with you to the eye appointment.

The [transportation request](#) is only required for students who qualify for bus services. This includes rural students and those who live more than 1.6 km away from the school. If you are uncertain whether your address qualifies for bus transportation, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We will be happy to assist you. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the transportation form, please let us know.

In the spring, you will receive additional information regarding our Kindergarten orientation process. This will include an invitation to visit the school and complete a kindergarten readiness assessment with one of our dedicated kindergarten resource teachers.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to you and your child. We assure you that we will do our very best to provide your child with rich and rewarding educational experiences, and we look forward to having your family join our school community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Dick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia Dick,
Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Upon entering Kindergarten, your child is due for his/her school entry immunizations. Immunization has saved more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other medical intervention. Immunizations help your immune system to recognize and fight bacteria and viruses that cause diseases.

Manitoba Health's recommended immunizations for children 4-6 years include the following:

- MMRV vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella)
- Tdap-IPV vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio)

Immunizations in Manitoba are voluntary and only given with the consent of the parent or legal guardian.

These immunizations can be given free of charge by your family doctor or by a Public Health Nurse at the Child Health Clinics. The Child Health Clinics are located at _____.
Please call _____ if you wish to make an appointment.

The role of the Public Health Nurse in schools is to act as a resource linking schools to information and resources, provide school-based immunizations in designated grades as per Manitoba Health's schedule (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>), and follow-up on reportable communicable diseases.

Here are some resources you may find helpful as a parent:

- Manitoba Health's Communicable Disease Control website:
Find topics such as Lice, Mumps, Pertussis, Lyme Disease, and vaccination
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/index.html>
- Immunize Canada:
Up-to-date information on immunizations
<https://immunize.ca/>
- Caring for Kids:
Information for parents from the Canadian Paediatric Society
<https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca>

Please feel free to contact a local Public Health Nurse at the number listed above if you have any concerns or for more information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our commitment to provide the best opportunities for students to achieve success, Western School Division is pleased to support the **Eye See...Eye Learn**® program. This program was developed by the Alberta Association of Optometrists with support from the Government of Alberta and Alberta Education and has now been successfully implemented in many Canadian provinces.

Eye See...Eye Learn® is based on research that confirms the importance of vision and eye health on students' success in learning. According to statistics provided by the Canadian Association of Optometrists, four out of every ten school-aged children have a vision problem that may negatively affect learning. Children may not reach their full potential if they can't see the board clearly, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book. As well, early diagnosis can prevent future or more complex vision problems.

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's eye exams; however, less than twenty percent of children access this service before they begin school. Western School Division recognizes the important link between eye health and learning and recommends comprehensive eye health examinations for all children entering kindergarten.

When your child sees the optometrist, please ask them to complete the enclosed form. Two copies will be returned to you by the optometrist: the yellow copy should be given to your child's teacher; and the pink copy can be kept by you or given to your family doctor.

If you don't currently have a family optometrist, you can find one by going to the MAO website at www.optometrists.mb.ca and selecting *Find an Optometrist*, or by calling the Manitoba Association of Optometrists at 204-943-9811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Wiebe". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carla Wiebe

Student Services Administrator