

November 23 , 2009

FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR



EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AT MAPLE RIDGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - PART 1

Maple Ridge Christian School community is eagerly anticipating the launch of our early childhood learning program in the fall of 2010. Last week in the Buzz, Mrs. Sawka announced that we are planning to open up one of the first full day Kindergarten programs in Maple Ridge. In addition, the fall of 2010 will also mark the opening of our first preschool and Junior Kindergarten classroom.

Early learning is quickly becoming one of the most talked about changes in the BC educational system and as a Christian school we are intentionally looking at appropriate ways we can include these young learners into our community.

Many jurisdictions in Canada and around the world either have, or are moving to provide, early learning programs for three and four-year-olds and many offer full day kindergarten for five-year-olds. There is also a trend towards combining early learning with programs for primary school-age children.

Next year, our early learning initiatives at Maple Ridge Christian School will begin to provide the foundation for the rest of a child's educational journey, a journey of discovering who God is, who they are and how they fit into this amazing world. As we develop our early learning program it is our goal to create a play based learning environment that provides seamless learning opportunities and a community where we can nurture young children in a loving environment, leading them to discover God's love and His world around them.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Karin van Wijk

IN THE BUZZ

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CALENDAR

November 23
NO CLASSES for Grade 12, Grad transition day.

November 26
Parent/Teacher Conferences K-12, 7-9pm

November 27
NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences all day.

December 9
Grad Christmas dinner at Milestones, 5:30 pm

December 16
Dress rehearsal for Christmas Concert, 1:00 pm

FROM THE OFFICE

NO SCHOOL

A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL this Friday, November 27, due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 are the dates for the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thursdays conferences will be in the evening, and Fridays conference will be during the daytime.

FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 7 - A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the main office. Sign up is on a first-come first-served basis. Not all teachers will be available at all times.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL – All times are drop in.

PARENT FIELD TRIP DRIVERS

We so appreciate all our parents who are willing to drive for field trips. Thank you for having a Volunteer Driving Form and a Driver's Abstract on file with the office.

STUDENT VISITORS

Visiting students are allowed to visit at lunch time or chapel only and must also sign in at the office. Former students are not permitted to visit classes or spend the day at MRCS. There are many students wanting to visit during class time and it becomes disruptive to the school.

COMMUNITY INFO

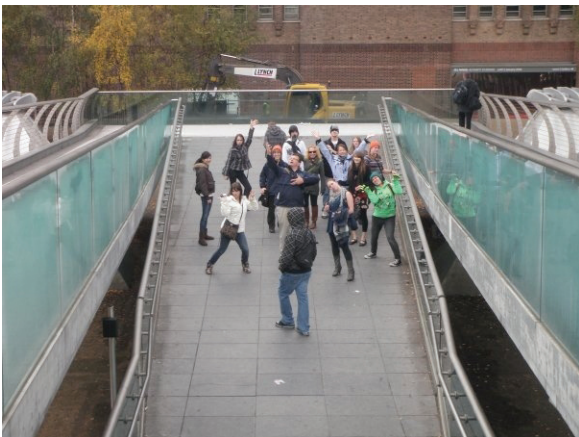
As you may know, Joice Lazarotto, wife of Pastor Carl Lazaroto, passed away last week Sunday morning. Her funeral service will be held at High Way Church, 21746 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge (604-467-5959) next week on Saturday, November 28th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. For those who are asking how they can help, any donations of food (sandwiches, fruit/veggie trays, cheese & crackers, pickles, dessert, etc.) for the funeral service would be greatly appreciated as we are anticipating a large number of people attending. (Please contact the High Way Church office at 604-467-5959 or email Colleen at rcshearing@shaw.ca or highwaychurch@telus.net if you are able to help with the food.)

Please pray for Carl and the family.

50TH FALL SHOW AND SALE

The Garibaldi Art Club of Maple Ridge Presents the 50th Fall Show & Sale at the ACT. It opens Thursday, November 26 and continues through Sunday November 29. Check the office bulletin board for times.

THE LONDON DRAMA TRIP



Wow, what a trip these students had! I just checked out their itinerary — 7 theatre productions, a museum, an art gallery, not to mention numerous walking tours of theatres, cathedrals, bridges and parliamentary buildings. They walked miles, rode tubes and trains, ate in an Indian restaurant, a theatre restaurant and Burger King. (No Tim Horton's in London, yet!) They took backstage tours, saw the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, went shopping, attended workshops and even took a boat to the Tower of London and they were only gone for ten days (two of which were spent in the air.)

Mr. Reg Parks is to be congratulated for organizing such a spectacular tour. Our students are very fortunate to have had such an amazing opportunity and we are all blessed to have Mr. Parks.

WANT ADS

SUITE FOR RENT

2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom, bright garden level suite in newer home. All appliances included. On a transit route and close to Kanaka Creek Elementary School. Nicely landscaped yard backs onto greenbelt. Private entrance.

Rent of \$990 per month includes satellite TV, gas and hydro.

Suits quiet professional couple or single parent w/ one child. Available now or December 1st. No smoking indoors, no parties, no pets.

Call 604-765-9449 to arrange a viewing.

SNOWBOARDING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Boys snowboard set:

Burton Board, [Chopper 126] Burton Custom Bindings. Burton easy do-up boots size 7. outfit has had little use and can be sold as a set or as separate items. \$130.00

Girls Boots and Bindings:

Burton [stiletto] bindings. Boots "Thirty Two" size w7. \$70.00.

Contact Justin Macdonald at justin22@shaw.ca . Photos available by email.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17

Christmas Concert,
1:30 pm & 7:30 pm

December 18

All School Chapel

December 18

Last day of school before Christmas Break

December 21-Jan 1

Christmas Break

January 19

Grade 6/7 skiing

January 4

School re-opens after Christmas Break

DINERS CLUB



Next Diners Club ***1ST OF THE SEASON*** Christmas Dinner,
Wednesday December 2nd - \$25/pp.

Babysitting will be offered by donation, all proceeds for
Esperanza or Grad.