



Maude Clifford Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Keeping Students Actively Involved in their Education

Message from the Office

It's hard to believe that September has already passed. Leaves are turning, the morning air is crisp, and children at Maude Clifford are digging in to some very exciting learning projects!

September is an exciting time where we welcome new families and classmates and work together to build our school community. We spend time reviewing our expectations, routines, and challenging students to be their best every day. Our students have quickly transitioned back into school mode, and we are very proud of their efforts! Our Division Student Code of Conduct can be found [HERE](#)

To honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, students at Maude Clifford prepared an art walk on the windows of our school. The art was inspired by our learning about Orange Shirt Day. Students also had the privilege of participating in a drumming and Cree lesson with Al Crawford and Bronson Lachance, culminating in a whole school round dance.

As we enter October, we have many things to be thankful for – our families are on the top of the list. We look forward to partnering with you to help your child grow academically, socially, and emotionally this school year.

We expect all students to **BE YOUR BEST** and become Trailblazers in their own unique way. We are excited about the journey ahead of us!

Teresa Rawlyk - Principal

Reminders

Criminal Record Check

All volunteers must provide a Criminal Record Check before volunteering at the school. A new check must be issued each new school year.

Attendance

If your child is ill or will be absent from school please call the office and let us know or leave a message. It is important for student's safety that they are accounted for each day.

Animals on School Grounds

Bylaw Officers are responsible for enforcing Bylaw C-1226. C-1226 states that "The Owner of a dog shall ensure the dog does not enter or remain in or on any area where dogs are prohibited by posted signs, or within five (5) meters of a playground, athletic field or school ground."

Wear your Costumes



More information regarding our Halloween activities will be sent home next week.

Parking Loop Success!

A **HUGE** thank you to all our families for observing our no parking zone within our front loop! Your efforts help to keep all students safe and the traffic flowing. What an excellent start to the school year!



School Council

We had a great turn out to our first School Council informational meeting. We are hoping to have one parent representative, from each grade level this year, to support lines of communication and gather information from a variety of grade levels.

School Council is a great way to get involved as a new or returning family. School Council members work together to support and enhance student learning. Members consult with and offer advice to school principals as well as trustees regarding educational issues. We work together to make sure everyone feels welcome and supported. Council usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Join us in-person on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm for our Annual General Meeting followed by our regular monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing many of our families attend.

School Spirit Fridays

Wear black, orange, grey on Fridays and show your school spirit! A limited selection of clothing is available for purchase through the office. Our online School Clothing Store will open later in October with delivery before Christmas should you want to purchase items as a Christmas gift, we can help make it a surprise!

MAUDE CLIFFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our school council is a collective association of parents, teachers and the principal who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning.



- ✓ September 28, 2022
- ✓ October 12, 2022
- ✓ November 2, 2022
- ✓ December 7, 2022
- ✓ January 11, 2023

- ✓ February 1, 2023
- ✓ March 1, 2023
- ✓ April 5, 2023
- ✓ May 3, 2023
- ✓ June 7, 2023

Your participation and ideas truly enhance our school community.

PE & Intramural Corner

We hope you all had a safe and fun Summer. We are excited to be back in the gym and fields teaching our awesome Trailblazers!

We were finally able to get together for the return of the annual GPPSD Fun Run which was held on September 17th at Legion Field. Despite the pouring rain, it was an excellent opportunity to build community and see everyone out walking, running and visiting - thanks to all who made it out!

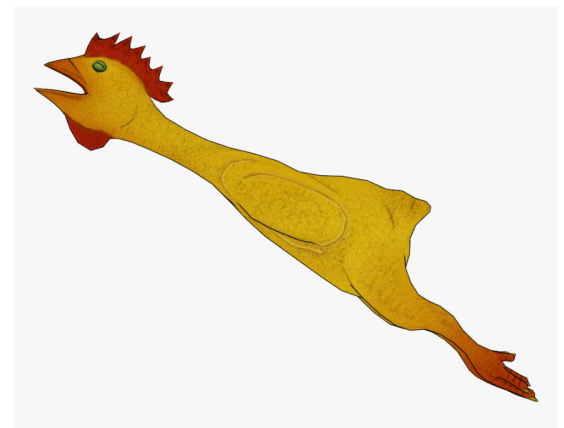


Maude Clifford's Terry Fox Run was on September 23rd. Students ran/walked around our field to commemorate Terry Fox's heroic run against cancer.

In K-4 Phys. Ed. Classes we have been focusing on spatial awareness, locomotor movements, the importance of warming up before exercise and the effects of exercise on the body. We have also started a throwing and catching unit and look forward to playing lots of fun games involving throwing and catching to practice these skills.

Intramurals for October will feature a return of "Flying Chicken Baseball": A whacky version of baseball where the baseball and bat are replaced by a rubber chicken. Teamwork, cooperation, and fun are key components of this game. There will an open gym feature later in the month where students can play with various equipment set out - a great opportunity for creativity!

Upcoming Sports Opportunity: Grade 5 and 6 Triple Ball. This is a modified Volleyball game where the coach tosses up the second and third serve. This year's Triple Ball Tournament for the Grade 5 and 6's is Saturday, November 5th. Locations and times to be determined. Practices will be held in our school gym directly after school. Students interested in participating in Triple Ball will be given a parental consent form to take home, with their practice dates and times.



The Maude Clifford Physical Education Team

ECS: Mrs. Peters

Gr. 1-3: Mrs. Chliboyko, Mrs. Chaulk

Gr. 4: Mrs. Chliboyko, Mrs. Delaney

Gr. 5-6: Ms. Massong, Mrs. Ryder, Ms. Ford,
Mrs. Hingley

Social Media

Much of our communication to parents and students will occur by utilizing social media. Maude Clifford can be found online:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/maudeclifford
- School Website: <http://www.gppsd.ab.ca/school/maudeclifford>



French Corner

Bienvenue and welcome back! I'm excited to have a new group of Grade 4's who are eager to learn a new language. They have been busy learning basic conversation pieces like introducing themselves and asking and responding to "How are you?" (Comment ça va?). They have also been learning how to talk about the weather and the date as well as the alphabet, colours and numbers.

The Grade 5's have been reviewing conversation basics as well. They started a unit on Our School and have been learning about the people, places and things found in a school. In addition, they have been learning to understand and talk about the locations of people and objects within our building.

The Grade 6's have been learning how to express their food preferences and how to understand the preferences of others. They have been working through Club Mystère: Le cas de la collation numéro 3 where they help solve the mystery of a missing snack.

Ask your child about what they are learning in French class; they will be excited to share, and you might learn something as well!

Merci,
Mme Chliboyko

Supporting our Community



Merv Crouse – Coats for Kids

The community of Grande Prairie joins together to support one another. Maybe you have a gently used coat that no longer fits which you would like to donate or maybe you are need of some winter wear.

DONATE YOUR GENTLY-USED WINTER WEAR

September 15 - October 15
Crouse's Cleaners
Monday to Friday 6:00 am to 6:30 pm & Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
10007-98 Avenue

PICK UP FREE GENTLY-USED WINTER WEAR

October 15 - November 15
Monday to Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Grande Prairie Family Education Society
9607-102 Street

A Community Project Established by
Grande Prairie Family Education Society in 1991.

Rotary Dignity Drive

This October the four Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Club in Grande Prairie have teamed together to collect new underwear and socks for homeless and street-involved people, as well as others who would benefit by having these items. Underwear and socks are the most needed staple clothing but are the least donated items to centers that shelter and serve homeless and street-involved individuals.

Help us make a difference in our community!

We will be collecting underwear and socks here at Maude Clifford for the Rotary Dignity Drive. Thank you for supporting this community initiative. When we work together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our community.



Rotary
Dignity Drive
October 1 - 31

DROP OFF LOCATIONS





Communication and Support in the Grande Prairie Public School Division

Grande Prairie Public School Division staff are committed to supporting responsible environments that build relationships, improve teaching and learning, and supporting each other to open, honest and ethical decisions. Our schools and parents are partners in the education of our students and the purpose of this document is to provide advice for parents regarding the best way to get help for their children when it is needed.

To help support this practice the following are the most effective strategies to address concerns you may have about your child's education or about something that has happened at school. Following these steps is the best way to receive timely support from school.

Step 1- Communicate with your child's teacher

The person that can help resolve the issue quickly and appropriately is usually the person closest to the concern. AT the school, the teacher knows their students best, and wants the best for them. He/she can provide support for resolving the concern.

Strategies for working with the teacher include:

- Schedule an appointment so you can have uninterrupted time with the teacher
- Talk to the teacher about how your child feels
- Focus on the problem and not on the people involved
- Ask questions to help you understand school policies and procedures
- Follow up on the solutions discussed

Step 2- Talk to an administrator at your school

If you feel your concern has not been addressed after talking to your child's teacher, make an appointment to speak with a school administrator. You will be asked whether you have spoken first to the teacher directly. A meeting may be set up your child, the teacher and an administrator to address

your concern, as the administrator's primary goal is the success of the student.

Step 3- Contact the Director of Student Supports for GPPSD

If a resolution is not reached with school administration, contact the Director of Student Supports by telephoning the Division office. Note that the Director will ask whether you have spoken to an administrator. The Director's role is to support student success and will work with parents, the school and other educational partners if necessary to resolve concerns about a student's education.

Grande Prairie Public School Division Central Office Education Team

The GPPSD central administration team works out of The Division's Central Office. The team is comprised of staff in various departments that help to support the day to day operations of the Division.

The function of the Central Office team is to support schools in their focus on student success. Common topics include supporting students when attendance might impact achievement, supporting safe and consistent practices in Division schools and in supporting stakeholders to work with legislated documents that guide education in the province and Division.

The principle "is it good for students" shall guide the actions of all Division staff. The majority of concerns that occur during the course of the school year will be successfully addressed at the school. For those concerns that may be more complex or can not be addressed at school for any reason, our Division staff are available to help ensure every student succeeds.



Curriculum Corner



Welcome to our Curriculum Corner!

This school year all K to 6 students will experience the new English language arts and literature and mathematics curriculums, while all K to 6 students will experience the new physical education and wellness curriculum.

Our monthly publication will provide updates on GPPSD strategies, tactics and milestones, and our continued commitment to 'every student succeeds!'



Alberta Kindergarten to Grade 6 Education Curriculum Renewal

The Province's Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum renewal is a refocusing on essential knowledge in Alberta's elementary schools.

The revised and strengthened Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum gives students a strong base of essential knowledge for future learning.

Based on proven research, this curriculum is designed to improve student outcomes across all subjects. It delivers on the commitment to refocus learning on essential knowledge and skills to give children the best possible chance at success.

The Curriculum Implementation Information Hub

Provides information for parents/guardians, teachers, and education partners to support the implementation of Alberta's K-6 curriculum.

See the [K-6 Curriculum Implementation and Supports Timeline](#) for what is coming next!





This short video explains the key learning themes
<https://youtu.be/SO-1BwpAkOO>

GPPSD and the Curriculum Renewal

GPPSD started the process last spring by ensuring our system was ready to implement the new curriculum. In working with school leaders and teachers across all grades, Kindergarten to grade 6, we prepared through collaboration and planning to roll out the new curriculum/curricula.

Starting the 2022 school year we continued with:

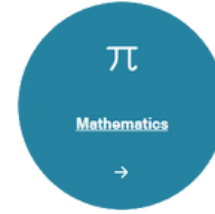
- Collaborating with our regional learning consortium to support teacher professional learning.
- Centralized resources were purchased to support teacher and student learning in math and English language arts & literature (ELAL)
- Division Professional Learning Fridays are focused on curriculum implementation



Visit: [K to 6 curriculum renewal](https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-6-curriculum-renewal) | Alberta.ca



English language arts
and literature



Mathematics



Physical education and
wellness



The K-6 Curriculum information outlines what students will learn in each grade.

Image credit Alberta Education

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx>



What this means for your child

What your child is learning in the three subjects will be slightly different. Your child's report card will also look different in these three subject areas, with a focus on Outcomes, Progression and Competencies.

- Literacy and Numeracy is embedded in learning across all subject areas. It is foundational, allowing students to live, learn, and work as knowledgeable, active participants in a democratic society.
- Knowledge and behaviours that students may demonstrate by the end of each grade level will be found in the Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes and Progressions
- Combinations of knowledge, skills, and characteristics that students develop and apply for successful learning, living, and working are now called Competencies. Competencies work together with learning outcomes to prepare Alberta students for successful and fulfilling lives and to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world.

If you want to learn more about our Divisions support for Curriculum Renewal and Implementation

Speak with your teacher or your school Administrators.