



03-04-2026 Message to Maverick Families

Can you believe March is here already and we are heading into a well-deserved break for students and staff alike. Students continue to work through the curriculum developing important lifelong knowledge and skills. We also have several extra-curricular activities taking place: Junior Basketball, Badminton, Primary Drawing Club, Student Leadership, Lunch Leaders, Junior Soccer Intramurals, Reading Buddies, and Robotics.

Student Identity

I met with Grade 7 and 8 students on Pink Shirt Day to talk about biased attitudes and how they can lead to acts of bias, which can also include bullying. We watched a short video where students in the video talked about unfair judgement that they have faced. As a follow up, our students wrote identity statements (*I am* statements about themselves) and also an *I am not* statement challenging assumptions, stereotypes or generalizations that have been made about them. Some students chose to share their statements with the school and are now posted on the TV in our front foyer.

Electives - Day 2

Our second day of Electives will be on Friday, April 24th in the morning. Permission forms will be going home after the March Break.

Save the Date - Grade 8 Graduation

The Grade 8 graduation ceremony will take place on Monday, June 22, 2026 beginning at 6:30pm at Brooklin High School.

School Community Council (SCC)

Our next meeting will again be virtual and will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. We will share the link and agenda the week prior to the meeting.

Recognition Assemblies

Our next round of recognition assemblies will be held on Tues. March 31. We will be recognizing students in Grades 4-8 at 1:55 pm and students in Grades 1-3 at 2:45 pm. Students can be recognized for a variety of accomplishments and achievements. I encourage them to talk to their teachers about their goals and the steps they can take to reach them.

DDSB Student CensUs - The DDSB is once again engaging students and families in a census. The census helps us gain a clearer understanding of who our students are. It is about "Knowing Every Student, Growing Every Student." Participation is voluntary. Students will be invited to participate at school if in Grades 7-8 and parents/caregivers will receive an invitation to participate for students in Grades 1-6 via email.

School Mental Health Ontario - Free webinars for parents/caregivers

Supporting Your Child's Well-Being is a free, four-part webinar series developed *with* parents and caregivers, *for* parents and caregivers across Ontario. Each session features subject-matter

experts who will explore key topics and provide practical, evidence-informed strategies that families can use at home. Parents and caregivers also have the opportunity to submit questions in advance, helping to shape the conversation. Families can register for one or multiple sessions, whatever works best. See link for more information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ib-ODvEh5bvgH7xFtKUTuYq3lKO9ZT7/view?usp=sharing>

Meadowcrest Important Dates

- Thurs. Mar 5 - Primary drawing club at lunch recess
- Tues Mar. 10 - Championship round - Int. Badminton 4:00-6:00
- Thurs. Mar. 12 - School Spirit Day - Wear school colours (Blue/Yellow) or School Spirit Wear or Jersey Day, Treat Day (Cookies \$1.50, Chips \$1.00, Sour Keys 2/\$1.00)
- Thurs. Mar 12 - Primary drawing club at lunch recess
- Fri. Mar. 13 - Fri. Mar. 20 - March Break
- Mon. Mar. 23 - Welcome Back!
- Mon. Mar. 23 - Crossing Guard Appreciation Day (our crossing guard is Ainsley)
- Thurs. March 26 - SCC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm (virtual)
- Mon. Mar. 30 - Outdoor Education - Gr. 2s to Pheasant Pen
- Mon. Mar. 30 - Grade 3 and 8 Reading Buddies
- Tues. Mar. 31 - Recognition Assemblies (1:55 pm for J/I; 2:45 pm for Primary)

DDSB Recognized Dates of Significance for March

03 - Purim (Judaism) ★

04 - Holi (Hinduism, Sikhism)

08 - International Women's Day

13-20 - DDSB March Break

16 - Laylat al Qadr ● ★

17 - Irish Heritage Day (St. Patrick's Day)

19-20 - Eid al-Fitr (Islam) X ● ★

20 - Eostre (Druid)

20 - Nowruz

21 - World Down Syndrome Day

23 - Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

26 - Purple Day for Epilepsy

28 - Earth Hour

29 - Palm Sunday (Christianity)

31 - International Transgender Day of Visibility

31 - National Indigenous Languages Day

As always, feel free to reach out to the school with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Chrystal Marolt
Principal

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