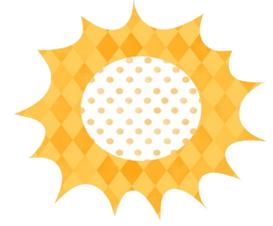


# ÉCOLE MARIGOLD



Dear Marigold Families,

The last few weeks have been busy ones at École Marigold! In addition, staff are already planning for the new year.

Learning for students has continued right to the end of school but we've also had extra "special" events. In the last few weeks alone, children have shared projects on Canadian history, created and presented plays in French, conducted interesting science inquiry projects and continued learning through technology and programs such as Athletics.

Marigold students showcased their talents in a variety of ways. Karen Whyte, our strings teacher, and Judy Carruth brought a spirit of musical celebration to our "Celebration of Play" assembly. Carla Evans and her after school math club puzzled the numerical wonders of the world and constructed tetrahedron kites. Almost 100 students in grades 3, 4 and 5 represented École Marigold at our Zone Track Finals!

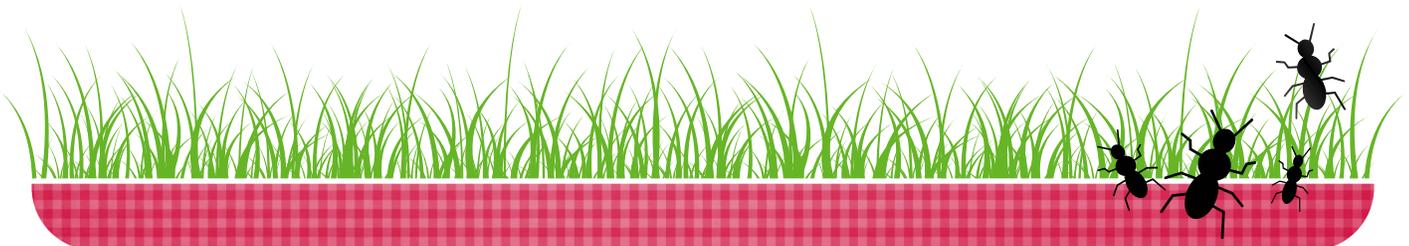
As the year comes to a close, it is an important time to thank people for the contribution they have provided for Marigold. Special thanks goes to the PAC and all of the parents who stepped up to contribute in an extra way through the year. Particular thanks goes to the Playground Committee who stuck to the plot in achieving our goal: a brand new, spectacular playground! Of course, this wouldn't have been possible without the community support of businesses, financial institutions, government advocates, an amazing team of parent installers and the many employees of the Greater Victoria School District.

During this transition time, several staff members have announced that they will be moving on to other places and adventures. Teachers, Ms. Evans, Madame LeClerc, Ms. Chan, Ms. Bryan and Monsieur Mills, have joined us this year and have provided valuable service to students. Ms. Bissonette and Ms. Hoffman, Educational Assistants as well as Ms. Kool and Ms. Gutosky, Office Personnel, are also moving on. Sarah Booth, our Occupational Therapist, looks forward to wedding celebrations when she moves to Vancouver this summer. Each of these individuals has gone above and beyond in providing care for students.

We also wish some longer term staff members the very best as they move on to new positions and plans. Madame Leroux, who has worked for almost five years guiding learning in French Immersion classrooms, returns to Ottawa. Ms. Mullen who, for seven years, has provided primary students with the skills they need to feel and be successful moves to Sir James Douglas Elementary. Mrs. Carruth, who has developed a music program at Marigold that is simply incredible, is moving to Quebec City. Dedicated Marigold Vice Principal and Grade 4 French Immersion teacher, Madame Cairns, also leaves to take a position at Lansdowne Middle School. Their commitment to student learning and their professional approach to developing school culture has been exemplary.

Finally, I would also like to thank all of you, as Marigold families, for seven fantastic years I have spent at École Marigold. This is a community that knows the importance of working together as a team to provide learning success for each student. I know I will miss Marigold. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me.

Lois Bender, Principal



## Marigold Keeps Social Responsibility as a Focus!

Thank you for your support in the 2017 Plastic Bag Grab challenge. Out of 541 participating schools across Canada, Marigold was selected as the Community Engagement/Social Media prize winner in British Columbia. Our school was awarded \$1000 for our participation. Thanks to parent Malia Allen and staff, Bridget Hearsey, Kayla Chan and Monica Shaw for spear-heading this project!

## News for September!

### Families of Grades 1 – 5 Students

Your first day of school is Tuesday, September 5 from 9:00 – 11:30. Children will be returning to their 2016/17 classes so can go to the “old” line up spaces. A teacher will greet them there. Students will remain in these classes until the class lists for 2017/18 have been finalized.

If you are new to Marigold School, please join Mr. Doyle, Marigold’s incoming principal, on the basketball court in the front of the school. After greeting you, Mr. Doyle will assign you to a temporary class until student lists have been finalized.

### Families of new Kindergarten Students

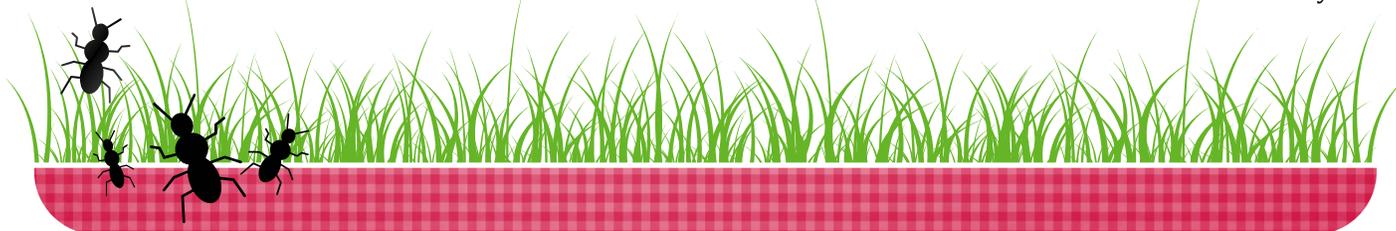
You will have received a notice indicating whether your child is part of the Session A or Session B group. The schedule for the first 5 days of school is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Kindergarten students not in attendance Teacher interviews with incoming kindergarten families.
Wed., Sept. 6	Kindergarten interviews continue
Thurs., Sept. 7	Session A Group Students attend in the morning Session B Group Students attend in the afternoon
Fri., Sept. 8	Session B Group Students attend in the morning Session A Group students attend in the afternoon
Mon., Sept. 11	All Kindergarten students attend all day

Kindergarten families, please see the invitation that was specifically to you to determine your interview time and whether your child is in Session A or B. If you did not receive this notice, please contact Marigold School during the last week of August.

## Lost and Found

Please double check lost and found items on the table near the office. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



## Attached Notices:

Start Up Skool - camps offered through the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria

FUN Society summer camps (in Victoria, Saanich and the Gorge-Tillicum area to youth ages 6-16.) *"FUN Society is a non-profit charity focusing on shifting the way the world thinks about education. We envision a world where a holistic school system nurtures and raises the next generation of society to be happier, healthier and ultimately more whole."*



Thank you, Marigold! From Ms. Bender



Go, team, go!

Marigold's Great Plastic Bag Challenge

