

From the Principal 08/30/2017

Dear Mapleshade Families:

As we prepare for this school year, we are excited to see the children return enthusiastically from summer break, anticipating a great year of new learning opportunities. We continue to grow in many areas at Mapleshade School to better educate your child. We continue to add laptops to our technological environment and are nearing 1:1 capacity. We are continuing to improve our exciting joint program with Birchland Park, "MakerSpace". This is where our students have the opportunity to work in Birchland on innovation and creativity with a variety of non-traditional materials and approaches to learning (more to come). We also will be continuing our breakfast program for all students. Free and Reduced eligible students will abide by the same guidelines. Lastly, we will continue our commitment to educating your child based on our shared vision: **We believe in creating a respectful and challenging learning environment that cultivates interpersonal communication skills, collaboration, encouragement, and engagement for the entire Mapleshade community.**

We will be welcoming all parents to our school during **Open House on September 7th @ 6:30**. This will be a time to share our expectations for your children and describe what your child's educational experience is like at Mapleshade. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another as partners in education and caring individuals.

This week, many forms will be sent home for you to read, review, and sign. Below is a checklist that we have provided to keep you on track. We really appreciate your promptness in returning these mandatory forms to school. We look forward to engaging you as partners in education!

___ **Updated Student Data Sheet - w/email address** - many updates, reminders, newsletters, and flyers to keep you informed go out via email.

___ **Code of Conduct Sign Off**

___ **Student Handbook Sign Off** - go to www.mapleshade.eastlongmeadowma.gov/html and under parent resources you will find the Mapleshade Handbook to download and read. The sign off goes home as a separate document.

___ **Health Services Information Sheet (green)**

___ **No Photography/videography/websites** only needs to be returned if you do not want your child included in any photographs at school.

___ **Free and Reduced Lunch Form**

___ **Acceptable Use of Technology Policy** signed by **BOTH, PARENTS AND STUDENT**

