



Maplewood Principal Newsletter

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Dear Maplewood Families,

The next couple months have many events scheduled. Please keep checking this newsletter and the PTA website to ensure you have important dates on your calendar. I cannot believe how quickly the month of October is just flying by. This week we have picture day on Thursday the 13th and no school on Friday. Next week Wednesday is Late Opening.

We have been very fortunate with the fall weather and we have been able to have students outside most days. We will continue to have outside recess even on the wetter days so thank you for sending your child/children to school dressed for the weather.

Is Your Child Going To Be Absent Or Tardy? - Please remember to call the Maplewood attendance line at 503-916-6308, press #2 or email our wonderful new school secretary, Shannon Riley at sriley@pps.net before 9:15 am the morning of the absence or tardy. Anytime a student is in the system as “unexcused”, the District auto-dialer will call your primary phone numbers. We need to have a reason for the absence (appointment, illness, etc) for you to not get a call. If you are going on vacation, please be sure to let the office know as well as the classroom teacher.

Talented And Gifted Information - If you believe your child may have skills/abilities in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) range, there is a process by which you may nominate your child for evaluation for this eligibility. The TAG eligibility is measured by the student scoring in the 97th percentile in one or more of the following three areas: reading, math, or intellectual skills. Once they are evaluated, the student then will have a Gifted Student Plan, which is a yearly plan agreed to by you and the teacher. To nominate your child, you must turn in your application for the evaluation to Suzanne Smith, Building TAG Facilitator, by November 17th. The form is available on the TAG bulletin board across the hall from the library or on the TAG website: <http://tag.pps.k12.or.us>

Conference Sign-Ups: In a few weeks we will be opening our school to host parent/teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know each other a little better and to share what we know about our students together. As teachers, we spend the first few weeks of school making connections and building relationships with students. We want every student who enters our building to feel loved, respected, and confident that they have a special place in the school. Checking in at conferences is one way for us to share information. If you haven't signed up for conference times with your child's classroom teacher, please contact them to schedule a time. Remember conferences are approaching the dates are November 9th and 10th.

School Carnival – November 4th, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm There is no school that day as it is a teacher planning day. Mark your calendars and bring the whole family for a night of fun together!

Maplewood Life Skill - Lifeskills Focus: As in the past, Maplewood will have a lifeskill each month that the entire school will be working on. Students will have a chance to hear stories about the lifeskill, journal and draw pictures about this skill, and participate in activities that build this skill. There is a sign in the front hall as you enter the school that displays the lifeskill for the month. **This month's lifeskill is COOPERATION.** When we work on cooperation, we are emphasizing the importance of teamwork and valuing all team members and their unique gifts. Please ask your student about this lifeskill and talk at home about ways you can develop and use this skill.

Breakfast at School –Breakfast is available at school starting at 7:45. Students who will be eating breakfast at school should go straight to the cafeteria once they arrive. Our goal is that students get breakfast and get to class by 8:00.

Lost and Found - Our Lost and Found is continues to grow. If you are in the building, please take a moment to stop by and check for any of your child's missing items. As we approach Parent Teacher Conferences, we will put the Lost and Found items on display in the main hall. That will be a time that you can also look for any missing items. Any remaining clothing, etc. will be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet after November 10th.

From School Nurse: LICE

It's a good idea to be aware and knowledgeable, for lice are always in our community.

Lice are about the size of a sesame seed. Lice eggs (nits) are tan or white and stick to individual hairs about 1/4 inch from the scalp.

Here are just a few tips:

Check your children weekly for head lice using a strong, bright light. Pay special attention to the areas behind the ears, the top of the head and close to the neck. Examine **ALL** family members. It is not recommended to treat if lice or nits are not found.

If lice are found, follow the instructions found on the medicine packaging found at the pharmacy. Be sure that all lice are completely gone before sending student back to school. Since lice shampoos do not remove the nits, manual removal with a comb, and most often pulling them out, one by one with fingers, is necessary for complete removal. It is not recommended to shave the head.

The school has a “NO LIVE LICE policy”, which means that students found with live lice will be sent home. It is required to check in at the office before returning to class after treatment has been needed.

If nits or lice are found, personal items, such as clothes, sheets, towels, etc, should be machine washed in hot water and dried in a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes. Combs and brushes should be soaked in hot water (130 degrees for 15 minutes). Hats, stuffed animals, etc. that can't be washed should be sealed in plastic bags for 2-3 weeks. All rooms, furniture, and car seats should be vacuumed.

TREAT
the lice

REMOVE
the nits

CLEAN
everything

If you have questions or concerns, please call me through the school office. **Sabrina, RN**

Traffic Update: I again want to thank you all for your attention to safety during drop-off and pick-up. The congestion has been manageable and students are getting to where they need to be.

Auction Parking Space:

Every year at the school auction a family purchases the first parking space in front of where school buses load and unload kids. The parking space is on the south side of the telephone pole. The family that purchased the spot has unfortunately not been able to park in it this year due to other people parking in that space. We have set a cone out every day with a red sign, designating the spot but people are continuing to park in the space. We realize not all families are aware of the Auction Parking Space so we thought we would mention it in the Newsletter to inform everyone. Please honor the generosity of the family that purchased the space, as it is designated for the Auction Parking Space Winner, both at drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon and all school related activities.

Back to School Kick-Off meeting for Outdoor Shelter Committee: The meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 5:30pm at Maplewood Elementary in the Library. This meeting will outline our goals and bring together folks that are interested in supporting the outdoor shelter project. This year we are entirely focused on capital raising through an event, grass roots fundraising and grant writing. We have design complete, cost estimating complete and have identified key folks that are able to offer their services as in-kind donations. Now we need the green to build it! If you are interested in helping get this needed project off the ground please attend- all welcome!! If you have specific questions please contact me, Stef Kondor, at stefaniekondor@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Oct 13: Picture Day

Oct 13: 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to Rock the Presidents

Oct 14: No School In Service day

Oct 19: 2 Hour Late Opening

Nov 04: Teacher Planning Day– No School

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