



MAPLESCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, MAPLE FAMILIES!

2019 is off to a strong start at Maple School! It's an exciting time in the school year because students are really starting to take off and show their growth making for many celebrations in our classrooms! I hope your children are bringing stories of their success home to share with you. I am amazed at just how quickly the first month of the new year is coming to a close!



The first week of February is Black Lives Matter at School week in Seattle Public Schools and in school districts across the nation. Students across the District will be learning and having discussions about racism, injustice, social justice and equity. Presenting issues of racial justice in the classroom not only affirms the identities of our students, but it fosters critical engagement with our local and global community.

Our families are also an important part of these conversations. While educators in SPS advocate for Ethnic Studies curriculum for all students, change will not take place with just one week of lessons at school. On an ongoing basis, please support students as they process issues that may bring up strong feelings for them and have authentic conversations with them so they know we are all responsible for making our society just and equitable.

In closing, I thank you for your continued partnership and wish you all the best in the new year!
Elena Sanchez, *Principal*



LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Come celebrate the Year of the Pig!

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

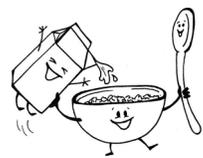
5:30-7:00 PM, Maple School Gym

Entertainment:

Lion Dance by Maple Students & Songs Performed by Maple Students

Arts & Crafts tables and food will open after performances around 6:15pm

Please bring a dish to share



BREAKFAST AT MAPLE

Reminder that Breakfast is served daily starting at 7:30 until the first bell at 7:50 a.m. Hope this is of some help to the parents that need to leave a little earlier to get to work with the viaduct now being closed. In addition to the primary daily entree mentioned on the menu, students may also select from a

variety of low sugar cereals, 100% whole wheat toast, fresh and canned fruits or 100% fruit juice, and low-fat white milk. Breakfast is \$2.00 or free for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Children who eat a healthy breakfast tend to show improved academic performance, longer attention span, better attendance and decreased hyperactivity in school.



FAMILY LITERACY NIGHTS

On Thursday Jan 17th we had a great turn out of families attending our first *Family Literacy Night* of 2019. "Telling Your Family Stories" was the topic for the evening. Parents learned how telling family stories impacts students' literacy and emotional development. The parents in attendance agreed to start telling family stories to their children and to keep a log of the stories they tell over the next eight weeks. When we gather again on March 14th for our 2nd Family

Literacy Night we'll hear how well they did, and some parent volunteers will share their stories with one another in their language groups. At our 3rd Family Literacy Night in May, it will be the students' turn to tell their family stories to one another. It's fun and fascinating to listen to stories and it's not too late to join in! Contact Julie Savas for more information: jmsavas@seattleschools.org.

PLAN AHEAD

- **January 29:** *Lunar New Year Celebration*
5:30-7:00pm / School Gym
- **January 30:** *Day between semesters*
No school
- **February 12:** *PTSA Meeting*
6:30pm / Teacher's Lounge
- **February 18:** *President's Day / No school*
- **February 19-22:** *Mid-winter break*
No school
- **March 7:** *Maple Grows Community Meeting*
6:00-8:00pm
- **March 12:** *PTSA Meeting*
6:30pm / Teacher's Lounge
- **March 14:** *Family Literacy Night*

GIRLS ON THE RUN



Girls on the Run is starting on March 5th and runs through May 21st! Practices will be on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 in B4. GOTR is full of interactive lessons to increase self-confidence and help girls feel good about themselves, team building, and fun running games and activities. It is open to all 3rd-5th grade girls. Please apply online at www.GOTR-PUGETSOUND.org before February 8th.

Questions?

Ask Ms. Cole (B3) acole@seattleschools.org



DONORS CHOOSE

Donors choose is an organization that is dedicated to funding classroom projects. The following teachers at Maple currently have projects listed. If you'd like to

donate to their project, visit donorschoose.org and type the teacher's name in the search bar.

- Ms. LaBlond (K) - When Learning Feels Like Play... Hooray! / Expires Mar 20

"Help me give my students engaging math tools, nonfiction books that pique their interests, and materials for creative free play."



Scan here to learn more and to donate or visit mapleptsa.com/maple-donorschoose.

BOX TOPS SPRING COLLECTION



Thank you all again for your participation in this year's Box Top Collection Drive. Each Box Top collected is worth .10¢ towards funds for Maple and we earned over \$300 during our Fall collection.

Box Tops for the Spring Collection need to be turned in by **Friday, February 22** in order to count towards earned funds for this year. But Box

Tops will still be collected until mid May to be counted towards the classroom contest. The top three classrooms that collect the most Box Tops will earn a prize toward the end of the year.

Reminder, Box Tops should be submitted through your classroom collection box. Also, be on the look out for fun collection sheets (*available in the front office or ask your teacher*).

Thanks for your support!

Agnes Gómez / Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator



LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and restorative break. I know that bacteria, viruses and germs did not take a break. Here are some reasons to keep your student home from school:

Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Student should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. This is **WITHOUT** medication to reduce the fever.

Persistent Cough-Students need to be able to cover their cough to be at school. If a cough or cold persist for more than 2 weeks, students should be seen by a healthcare provider.

Diarrhea and/or vomiting-Students should stay home for 24 hours after the last instance.

Keeping ill students at home, encouraging frequent hand washing, rest and covering coughs protects **EVERYONE** including those with fragile immune systems. Remember to wash your hands and that it's not too late to get your flu shot! Contact your healthcare provider or local pharmacy to get one. Most are free and/or covered by insurance.



MAPLE LENDING LIBRARY

Do you have extra children's books just sitting around on your bookshelves? Would you like to give them a new home? Please consider donating your gently used children's books to Maple's "Little Free Library"!

The "Little Free Library" can be found on a table across from the display case in the front hallway of Building A. Students and families can take a book(s) home

to read (or keep) and return when they are finished. Mrs. Trudnowski and Mrs. Savas maintain Maple's "Little Free Library". If you have books that you'd like to donate, please drop them by Mrs. Trudnowski's second grade class in Pod C-2 or Mrs. Savas' office located at the back of Pod B-1.

Gently used books for grades preK-6 are welcome – board books, picture books, children's chapter books, children's nonfiction books, etc. When the "Little Free Library" baskets start to get low on books, your donated books will be added to them. Thank you so much for your book donations!



MAPLE ELEMENTARY GROWS

The outdoor spaces at Maple School provide an important learning environment for kids and are an amenity for the entire neighborhood, creating opportunities to play, picnic, enjoy nature, and come together as a community. With funding from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and a team of designers we are creating a plan for the school's green and recreation spaces, with the goal of making the outdoor experience at the school more inclusive, artful, and welcoming to all.

We want to hear from you. Please join us at Maple Elementary to learn more about the project and share your ideas at one or all of our Community meetings!

- March 7 and April 2 / 6-8pm at Maple School
- Snacks and Childcare will be provided
- Español, 中文, Somali, Tiếng Việt and English language assistance available!

Ideas, questions & comments: maplegrows98108@gmail.com

STAY CONNECTED

Want more school info? Here are some options for you to stay up to date with what's going on at Maple:

- Join the Maple Friends and Family Facebook page and get updates in your newsfeed
- Join the Maple PTSA email list, email maplepta@gmail.com and request to be added
- For current K-1 families, request to join your dedicated class closed Facebook group



Scan here for Facebook Page

You can also find past meeting minutes and newsletters along with other information by visiting maplepta.com.

Bring any questions, concerns and meet other parents at one of our monthly meetings scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year, 6:30-8:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge.



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