



MAPLESCHOOL

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## HELLO MAPLE FAMILIES!

We are off to a strong start to the 2017-2018 school year! Students and staff are immersed in teaching and learning and enjoying building positive classroom communities across our building. I hope your children share stories daily of the great things happening at Maple School!

When we return each school year, we focus on building expectations and reinforcing the Maple Way. This year, we are promoting with all students that following the Maple Way means being Kind, Safe and Responsible. Our focus area this month has been recess on the playground. Students have been taught what being Kind, Safe and Responsible look like on our Maple Playground and our staff on duty is reinforcing their positive behaviors each day. So far, we've had zero behavior incident reports come from the playground this school year! Way to go Maple Monarchs!

### Look Out for Each Other



As we continue to work on being Kind, Safe and Responsible on our school grounds, I ask you, our Maple families, to follow the Maple Way in the greater community. I have heard disheartening reports about our traffic safety before and after school. Please remember as you bring your children to school that there are 533 students who travel to and from Maple every day. To ensure they make it safely, we're all in it together! Be Kind—Use thoughtful words and interactions when sharing the roads with each other. Be Safe—Slow Down, be mindful of both pedestrians and vehicles on the streets surrounding our school. Be Responsible—Ensure you are leaving your home in enough time to get your children to school by 7:55 am without having to rush, and follow the rules of the road. As a school, we will continue to look at how we can facilitate drop off and pick up procedures to minimize stress and increase safety. Stay tuned for changes and in the meantime, thank you for your support.

Ms. Sanchez, *Principal*

## PLAN AHEAD

- **Every Monday:**  
*Monarch Monday, wear your Maple gear*
- **Every Wednesday:**  
*Early Release @1:10pm*
- **October 10:**  
*School Picture Day*
- **October 10:**  
*PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, Teacher's Lounge*
- **October 13:**  
*Teacher Professional Development Day, no school for students*
- **October 19:**  
*Multi-Ethnic Potluck Dinner*
- **November 8:** *Trivia Night*
- **November 10:** *Veteran's Day, no school*
- **November 14:**  
*PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, Teacher's Lounge*



## WELCOME NEW MONARCHS

We are proud to *WELCOME* the following new staff to our Maple Community. Remember to extend a warm Welcome when you catch them around school.



Left to right: Molly Sinnott, Benjamin Umhoefer, Abby Lin, Barnabas Lo, Ilan Speizer, Caitlin Curry, Bethany Poon

- Abby Lin – *Instructional Assistant*
- Barnabas Lo – *Instructional Assistant*
- Beatrice Leonard – *Instructional Assistant*
- Benjamin Umhoefer – *Special Education*
- Bethany Poon – *1st grade*
- Brittney Jones – *5th grade*
- Caitlin Curry – *1st grade*
- Erin Bell – *Primary Support Teacher*
- Gerald Barbon – *Instructional Assistant*
- Ilan Speizer – *Speech/Language Pathologist*
- Molly Sinnott – *Instructional Assistant*
- Sara Quan – *Special Education*



## MAPLE KITCHEN NEWS

Welcome back to new and exciting items this year for breakfast and lunch. My name is *Cathy Stalker*, and I am your child's lunch lady.

I have been at Maple for 19 years and love my job feeding your children and getting to know them. My assistant is *Pam Chan* who speaks fluent Chinese and has a son at Maple. Come by and meet the kitchen staff.

Breakfast is served daily and starts at 7:30 a.m. 'till the first bell at 7:50 a.m. If busses run late, breakfast is still served to those students. Lunch times vary per grade but we start at 10:40 with the first lunch. Come join your student for lunch, we would love to have you join us anytime. Adult lunches are \$4.75(cash) which includes the hot entrée as well as the salad bar.

Applications for free/reduced lunches are due by **October 5** or those on the program will be charged full price. If you have received a letter from me stating that your child owes money please sent it in by cash, checks made out to *Nutrition Services* or by paypams which does charge a slight service fee.

## VOLUNTEERING

Any volunteers working in classrooms or at Maple having direct contact with children need to complete the following:



- Volunteer Application Packet (*complete once per year*)
- View the Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention – online course Follow instructions to print certificate (*complete only one time*). If you have viewed the video before, please make a note on page 4 in the Volunteer Application Packet
- Submit copy of ID (*driver's license, state ID, or passport*) for background check
- Review District Volunteer Handbook

Contact Ms Robin Lee, Student & Family Advocate, [rolee@seattleschools.org](mailto:rolee@seattleschools.org) or 206-252-8319 for hard copies of the above forms.

For more details, visit the Maple PTSA blog at [mapleptsa.com/volunteer](http://mapleptsa.com/volunteer).

Upcoming special event volunteer opportunities:

Picture Day – October 10

Multi-Ethnic Potluck Dinner – October 19

Trivia Night – November 8

Over for more...

**BOX TOPS for education**



This year we are relaunching our efforts for collecting BOX TOPS. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for Maple School. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school. Your Box Tops can be dropped into your classroom collection box or attached to a Collection Sheet. Extra collection sheets are available in the Front Office or on the BoxTop website, but are not necessary, just a fun activity to do while collecting.

Every Box Top will make a huge impact for our school. Our fund raising goal for this year is \$1000, that will go directly towards supplies and activities for Maple School.

First collection drive for this year is due **October 21st**. But we'll have another collection in the Spring, so keep collecting all year long.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to *BTFE.com*. Be sure to sign up as a member (*it's free!*) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers. Also don't forget to download the *Box Tops Bonus App* for more quick and easy ways to earn funds.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at *maplePTSA@gmail.com*. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year.

Thanks for your help!

Agnes Gómez / *Box Tops for Education™* Coordinator

**TRIVIA NIGHT Save the Date**

*1st Annual Maple Trivia Night!*

Mark your calendar (*and get a babysitter*) so you can join us as we build our Maple community and have some fun!

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**WHAT:** Social event for the parents, guardians and staff of the Maple community

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8, 7-9pm

**WHERE:** Adventure Hub & Winery  
2969 4th Ave S, Seattle 98134

**WHO:** For adults age 21+

**HOW:** Purchase tickets through the link at *MaplePTSA.com* (\$25 *suggested donation, includes admission, 2 drinks and light snacks*)

- All proceeds benefit the Maple PTSA sponsorship for field trips
- Trivia hostess will be Ms. Sanchez (*unless baby makes an appearance first!*)

**QUESTIONS:** Have questions or want to help with this event? Contact Jenn Gosma at *jennifer.gosma@gmail.com*.

**MAPLE GEAR**

Remember to sport your gear on Maple Mondays. Apparel is available for purchase and all proceeds benefit the PTSA.

**T-shirts**  
Youth \$10  
Adult \$12

**Hoodies**  
*Pull-over & Zipper*  
Youth \$22  
Adult \$25



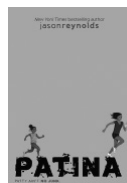
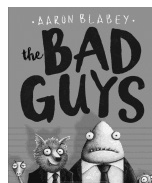
Order forms also available in the front office or contact *maplePTSA@gmail.com* to learn more and to purchase.

**PTSA BOARD MEMBERS**

We are excited to announce all of our PTSA Board roles are filled this year! We are looking forward to an exciting year at Maple!

- Joy Raymond – *President*
- Gitane Versakos – *Vice President*
- Elena Sanchez – *School Principal*
- Daisy Barragan – *School Assistant Principal*
- Nikkie Beall – *Secretary*
- Jen Seminara – *Treasurer*
- Jenn Gosma – *Fundraising Chair*
- Erica DeMeerLeer – *Membership Coordinator*
- Summer Gallagher – *Volunteer Coordinator*
- Gina Englund – *Web & Social Media*
- Agnes Gómez – *Newsletter*

Feel free to contact us for more information at *mapleptsa@gmail.com*.



**FALL BOOK LIST** brought to you by Lillian Welch

I'm the Kids & Teens Book Buyer and Specialist at Island Books on Mercer Island. My daughter just started kindergarten at Maple. I love talking about books and matching a reader with the right story. If you have questions, feel free to email me - *welchlillian@gmail.com*.

**GRADES K-2**

- **Heartwood Hotel** by *Kallie George* - A sweet and suspenseful (*what an unusual combination!*) chapter book about a mouse finding her place in the world. It is also a fantastic read-aloud. I loved it.
- **I'm Just No Good at Rhyming** by *Chris Harris* - This is a wonderful, silly, nonsense-filled poetry collection that reminds me of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* in the best possible way.
- **Zoe and Sassafras** by *Asia Citro* - *Magical Animals, Science, Secrets and Mysteries* - what more could you want from an early chapter book? It also works well as a read-aloud. This a great new series with broad appeal.
- **Arthur and the Golden Rope** by *Joe Todd-Stanton* - Arthur is an unlikely hero chosen to save his town in this picture book based on Norse Myth. I love the illustrations and didn't mind reading it a hundred times. There's a thrilling ending, too!
- **The Bad Guys** by *Aaron Blabey* - Book 4 is out now! If you haven't tried this illustrated chapter book about a group of villains trying to improve their ways, get started now. It's a lot of fun.

**GRADES 3-5**

**Ages 8+**

- **The Explorer** by *Katherine Rundell* - Just call it an adventure like *Hatchet*, but set in the Amazon and so many kids will want to read it - thrilling, suspenseful, and well-written. It's a winner.
- **Wishtree** by *Katherine Applegate* - New from the author of *The One and Only Ivan!* This story is narrated by an oak tree that lives outside of an elementary school. A unique and timely novel.
- **Who Killed Darius Drake?** by *Rodman Philbrick* - There are never enough good mysteries! Two kids partner up to follow clues and solve the mystery of stolen jewels and murder.

**Ages 9+**

- **The Wonderling** by *Mira Bartók* - An orphaned, fox-like character named Number Thirteen is the star of this rich, magical, heavily illustrated fantasy novel. A story of finding oneself that would make a great read-aloud.

**Ages 10+**

- **Patina** by *Jason Reynolds* - Girl power and getting over personal demons in the 2nd book in Reynold's track series. He is one of the best middle grade (*and teen*) writers right now. Don't miss him.