



MAPLESCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER / JANUARY 2018

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## DEAR MAPLE FAMILIES,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and you were able to enjoy time with family and friends. I'm happy to announce that Mrs. Jo Lute-Ervin will also continue to support our staff, students and families as the Assistant Principal until Ms. Sanchez returns from her leave. I also want to introduce Mr. Paul Chapelle, a retired P.E. teacher, who will be filling in for Mr. Stevenson until he returns after Spring Break. Feel free to introduce yourself and to welcome them to our wonderful community.



Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle's have implemented an initiative to establish equitable access to the arts for every student at every school. Maple Elementary is one of 21 schools in the Southeast Region that is in the early stages of implantation. A committee of teachers and parents are currently developing a vision and plan of implementation for our school. We hope to continue to see more arts in the classroom and in our community events. More information will be communicated as things evolve and will provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to share in the process. Also visit [creativeadvantageseattle.org](http://creativeadvantageseattle.org) for more information and ways to get involved.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely, Daisy Barragan / *Interim Principal*



## MAPLE ULTIMATE

For the first time ever, we are starting an ultimate (frisbee) team at Maple! The team is open to 3rd-5th graders. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school starting February 27th. The team will have games against other elementary schools on Saturdays throughout Seattle and the surrounding suburbs! There is no cost, but families must arrange their own transportation to games. If you are interested, return the sign up form by Friday, January 19th.

Questions? Email or call Ms. Herman @ [msherman@seattleschools.org](mailto:msherman@seattleschools.org) or (206)252-8368.



## GIRLS ON THE RUN

Starting this Spring, Maple will be offering Girls on the Run for 3rd-5th grade girls. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make

new friends, build their confidence, inspire an appreciation for fitness and health, and celebrate all that makes them unique. Practice will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 2:30 to 4:00 pm, March 5- May 22nd. Information and registration packets will be coming home soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cole (B3) [accole@seattleschools.org](mailto:accole@seattleschools.org).

## EXTRA CHANGE COLLECTION FOR THE MARIA FUND

Dear Maple families,

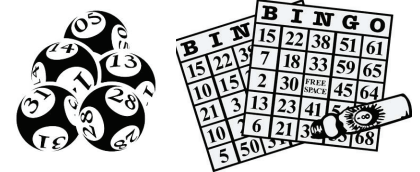
The ReWA Afterschool Program is collecting donations for those affected by Hurricanes Maria and Irma in Puerto Rico. Please bring in your extra change (no donation items, please!) to Maple Elementary School between the dates of January 22nd and February 8th. Donation jars will be kept in the Maple main office. All proceeds will be donated to The Maria Fund, which funds long-term rebuilding projects on the island. Please email [sophie@rewa.org](mailto:sophie@rewa.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your generosity!

-Maple's ReWA Afterschool Class (206)252-8368.

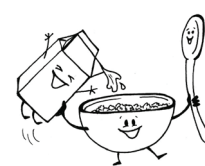
## PLAN AHEAD

- **Every Monday:**  
*Monarch Monday, wear your Maple gear*
- **Every Wednesday:**  
*Early dismissal, School ends at 1:10pm*
- **January 31:** *Day between semesters, no school*
- **February 8:** *African American Night, 5:30-7:30pm*
- **February 13:** *PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, Teacher's Lounge*
- **February 16:** *Lunar New Year Assembly, 1:00pm*
- **February 19:** *President's Day, no school*
- **February 20-23:** *Mid-winter break, no school*
- **March 9:** *BINGO Night*
- **March 13:** *PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, Teacher's Lounge*



## SAVE THE DATE: 2ND ANNUAL MAPLE BINGO NIGHT!

- Friday, March 9, 5:30 -7:30pm
  - Pre-Sale tickets - \$5/person (*order by March 2*)  
Tickets at the door - \$10/person
  - Bake sale hosted by the 3rd & 4th graders
- More details and order form to follow in a flier thru Kid Mail.



## BREAKFAST AT MAPLE

Breakfast is served daily and starts at 7:30 a.m. until the first bell at 7:50 a.m. and students are also allowed to bring and eat breakfast in their classrooms. If busses run late, breakfast is still served to those students. 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.

Over for more...

**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 \$664 during our Fall collection.

Box Tops for the Spring Collection need to be turned in by **Friday, February 23** 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 class that collects the most Box Tops will earn a popsicle party and the teacher will receive a VISA giftcard.

Currently, these are the top three classrooms:

- 1.) B3 / Ms. Cole
- 2.) F1 / Ms. Jones
- 3.) C2 / Ms. Trudnowski

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*).

And don't forget to sign up as a Box Top member (*it's free!*) and check out our school's earnings, money saving coupons and enter for extra chances for Maple to earn more Box Tops, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). Also don't forget to download the Box Tops Bonus App for more quick and easy ways to earn funds.

Thanks for your support!

Agnes Gómez / *Box Tops for Education™* Coordinator

**ATRIUM UPDATE**

Everything is moving forward with the light renovation to the sad Atrium. Initial drawings have been approved by parents, teachers and staff at Maple. Next step will be final approval with the School Facilities Management. Fingers crossed. In the meantime, we are collecting volunteers able to assist in this renovation as it will rely heavily on volunteers to keep costs down. We will need several people with carpentry skills and construction experience as well as several helpers that could help with manual assembly onsite (*only light experience needed for helpers*). We will also need a couple people that like to Sew (*window treatments*). Construction will probably be in the early spring, over a few weekends.

Please email [stephen@gradientinteriordesign.com](mailto:stephen@gradientinteriordesign.com), if you will be willing to volunteer some time this spring to this project.

Stephen Dooley / *Parent Volunteer*

**GARDEN & LEARNING DESIGN SUMMIT**



Join us to learn more about an exciting outdoor learning project happening at Maple called "Learning in Places" focused on K-3 grades. This project focuses on connecting children, families and educators to create together exciting outdoor science education using our school garden. This two day learning and design meeting is an opportunity to learn more about this

project. Together we will begin designing and learning that will continue throughout the school year and summer. If you are interested but unable to attend this event, let us know. There will be other opportunities to participate.

RSVP to Charlene Nolan, [nolanc3@uw.edu](mailto:nolanc3@uw.edu) or Michelle Salgado (*se habla español*), 425.223.2736.

Join us in making your school's outdoor spaces learning spaces for all students.

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

Upcoming event volunteer opportunities, go to [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) to sign up or see contact listed:

- African American Night – February 8
- BINGO Night – March 9
- Atrium Project – Spring 2018, contact Stephen Dooley, [stephen@gradientinteriordesign.com](mailto:stephen@gradientinteriordesign.com)

Special events and various ongoing volunteer opportunities can also be found on [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). At the home page "click" on the magnifying glass in the upper right corner of the page. This will bring you to "Search for a Signup" where you will simply enter the email address of the Volunteer Coordinator for Maple PTSA, Summer Gallagher; [summergal828@gmail.com](mailto:summergal828@gmail.com). This will allow you to search browse current opportunities and sign up to help.



**FALL FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all of the Maple community who participated in the Fall Fundraising events! We raised this money through our Trivia Night and our Fall Into Giving campaign and with your help, we met our goal of raising \$7500 to support our students and teachers. Thanks for getting involved and making a difference with your gift! If you would like to give at any time, please visit our webpage at: [maplepta.com/give](http://maplepta.com/give).

**XS MAPLE GEAR**

There are now Extra Small sweatshirts available for purchase. \$22. Order forms are in the front office, just make a note XS, or email the PTSA at [maplepta@gmail.com](mailto:maplepta@gmail.com).

**GET AND 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 Elementary PTSA Facebook Group and Like us to get updates in your newsfeed
- Join the Maple PTSA email list, email [maplepta@gmail.com](mailto:maplepta@gmail.com) to be added

You can also find past meeting minutes and newsletters along with other information by visiting [maplepta.com](http://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.