

Maplewood Tidbits

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A Message from the Principal.....

Maplewood Families,

Fall is in the air and we are gearing up for the WKCE test to be held between October 25 and November 16. Please make sure your child is eating a healthy breakfast and getting plenty of sleep during this testing window.

Our football, volleyball and cross country teams did an outstanding job working on teamwork and practicing their skills during their season. I am very proud of their discipline and talents they shared to help in making Maplewood a great place to learn and share your skills. Thanks for your dedication.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. We have a chorus concert for 7th and 8th grade choral students on Thursday, Oct. 20 and Band Concert on Oct. 24. Please join us in listening to our students share their talents in music. We also have a dance on Friday, October 21 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Finally, Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28 there will be no school due to Teacher's Convention. If you every have a question or concern, please feel free to call me at 967-1605. Thank you

Dr. Bev Starke

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The first Parent/Teacher Conference is being held on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Conferences should be no longer than 3-4 minutes in length. If you need to speak to your child's teacher for a longer time, please contact your child's teacher and arrange a time outside of the conference time. Remember, conferences with teachers can be held outside of this date if questions arise during the school year. Please be sure

to check the parent portal weekly for your child's progress.

Benchmark Grading for all grades

This year the seventh and eighth grade students will be joining the sixth graders with benchmark grading report cards. Parents, please check the parent portal for your child's missing work weekly to ensure that they are keeping up with their school work. Thanks in advance for your help. If you have questions about the benchmark grading, please do not hesitate to call me.

The Book Fair is here.....

The book fair will be set up in the LMC beginning October 18 and ending October 23. Please stop in during Parent/Teacher Conferences to check out the great selection of books for your student. It will also be opened during the lunch hours this week. Thanks

WKCE Testing

- All grades will test in their ELA or Math class on Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 7, and 10
- Eighth grade will also test on – Nov. 11 in Social Studies, Nov. 14 in Science, Nov. 15 and 16 in ELA

Parent Connection Meeting – Nov. 14

Please join me on November 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to discuss what is happening at Maplewood and any other school news. We will be meeting in the LMC. The agenda will be posted on the website under Parent Connections. Hope to see you there. The October Parent Connection Meeting featured Officer Amy Cook, Police Liaison Officer who provided us with information on **internet safety** and **cell phone use**.

PBIS

“Define, Teach, Remind, Celebrate, Correct”

In essence, this is what PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) is all about. We define our expectations of behavior in all areas of the school (classroom, hallway, cafeteria, bathroom, outside, bus). We teach the expectations through modeling, role-playing, watching videos, discussing and practicing the behavior. We remind students about the expectations when they make a mistake. We correct when we see a pattern of behavior that does not meet our expectations and we go back to teaching those behaviors in a small group or one-on-one setting. We celebrate the successful choices they make through our Jaybuck incentives. If you don't know what a Jaybuck is, please ask your child. Also, ask them what they can do with those Jaybucks.

We are beginning our implementation year and our focus is on the classroom and hallway behavior at this time. We expect them to *be respectful, be responsible, be resourceful and build a great reputation*. The 4 R's are tied into everything we do here at Maplewood and who we will be as citizens. As we grow to proficiency in these areas, we will look at all the areas of our matrix. Do not hesitate to ask questions, we are more than happy to help in any way. It is our hope that you will be able to utilize these same expectations at home. We wish to partner with you.

If you are interested in becoming a parent member of the PBIS team, please contact.

Mrs. Torrie Rochon-Luft at 967-1606.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 25-Nov. 16 – WKCE testing window
Oct. 20 – Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 – Band Concert – 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27-28 – No School--Teacher's Convention
Nov. 1 – Winter Dress Code in Effect
Nov. 8 – No School - Staff Development Day
Nov. 9 – Delayed Start
Nov. 23 – 10:30 dismissal for students
Nov. 24-25 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29 – Orchestra Concert – 7:00 p.m.

Influenza Vaccines



The Menasha Health Department will be offering **FREE** flu vaccines for children age 6 months through age 18

Location

Butte des Morts Elementary School

October 27, 2011

2:00-6:30 p.m.

Adult flu shots are \$10.00

For more information contact

Menasha Health Department

920-967-3520

“When your child walks in the room, does your face light up?”

-Toni Morrison