

Maplewood Tidbits

Issue 1

September 2011

A Message from the Principal.....

Welcome to the new school year at Maplewood. School has been in session for about a week now and students are adjusting very well to their routines and class schedule. We have really been enjoying the last couple of weeks getting to know your child. It has been a great transition to the new year. We have rolled out the PBIS program and students have embraced it. So if you are seeing some blue jay bucks coming home congratulate your child for doing the right thing.

Mark your calendar! The first event is Meet and Greet on Monday, September 12 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This event is designed for parents to formally meet your child's teachers and learn a little bit about the class. The second event is the Parent Connection Meeting which will be held on Monday, Sept. 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the LMC. Please join me in discussing the happenings at Maplewood. I hope to see you there.

Have a great weekend. *Dr. Bev Starke*

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The first Parent/Teacher Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Sixth grade parents please note that the middle school conferences are held predominately in the large gym and commons in an arena style format. You will not need an appointment to speak to the teacher. The conferences are held on a first come, first serve basis. 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.

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.

The Book Fair is coming.....

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. Thanks

Picture Day

If your student did not have their picture taken at registration or they would like to have it retaken, Lifetouch will be here on September 23 in the morning. If you wish to order pictures, forms are available in the office. Whether you purchase the pictures or not, please have your child's picture taken to be used in the school yearbook. Remember to make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for school.

Fall MAPs Testing

All students will be tested in their Math and ELA class sometime during the weeks of September 22 and October 10. This test will be given three times a year to measure student growth as well as help staff in lesson planning.

Parent Connection Meeting – Sept. 13

Please join me on September 13 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 will feature Officer Amy Cook, Police Liaison Officer who will be providing us with information on **internet safety** and **cell phone use**. The meeting will be held in the computer lab Room 112 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

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 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 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 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

Sept. 12 – Meet and Greet - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13 – Parent Connection Mtg. – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14– Delayed Start - School starts at 8:54 a.m.
Sept. 16 - School social/dance – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23 – Picture Retakes
Oct. 10 – Parent Connection Mtg. – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 – Delayed Start – School starts at 8:54 a.m.
Oct. 18 – Parent/Teacher Conf. – 3:30-6:45 p.m.
October 28-29 – No School Teacher's Convention

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

-Toni Morrison