

MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Together Everyone Achieves More”



Owl Gazette

A Title 1 School committed to success!

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2nd Quarter



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Dear Owl Families,

We are in the second quarter of the school year and student learning and engagement is evident throughout the school. All of our students and staff are working hard each day to ensure that we meet our academic goals. It was great seeing so many dads and father figures walk their kids to school last week. Thank you to our fabulous PTO for donating the water and snacks.

The students were quite busy for the first quarter with a variety of activities from Hispanic Heritage Month, Miami Heat Pep Rally, Digital Citizenship Week and Choose Peace Week. We are looking forward to Red Ribbon Week, Trunk or Treat, Fall Parade and Book Fair which will be taking place next week. We have many exciting activities planned over the next few months and hope that you will be able to participate. As the holidays approach, please make sure that you are an approved volunteer so that you can participate in class parties or the Maplewood Olympics. We are also asking that when sending in treats, baked goods, candies, etc. that you only purchase store bought goods and do not include any items made with nuts.

A special thank you to our school community for participating in our Down Syndrome awareness initiatives and helping us raise funds towards improving the lives of people with Down Syndrome. Maplewood Elementary is a great place to be as a result of your support. We look forward to our continued collaboration for a successful year.

With Gratitude,

Leena Itty, Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 28th- PTO Trunk or Treat Event 6:00pm

Oct. 31st- Fall Parade

Nov. 10th- 1st Quarter report cards go home

Nov. 11th- No School

Nov. 15th- Honor roll assemblies for 1st Quarter

Nov. 1-4 – Fall Book Fair

Nov. 15th- PTO Meeting

Nov. 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 12-16 - PTO Holiday Shop

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Maplewood Elementary is a uniform school. All students must wear the school uniform unless parents have completed and have an approved uniform waiver exemption on file.

Back to School Forms

Parents and guardians please complete, and return required annual forms as soon as possible. Remember to update your contact information to receive the most up-to-date messages from your child's school and the district. Please call the front office if you need assistance.

I.D Badges

All visitors to the school must present a valid ID to enter the building. If you wish to assist a teacher in the classroom, you must visit:

<https://www.browardschools.com/getinvolved>

Or call 754-321-2300

Students must always also wear their identification badges on campus.

Important Contacts

Guidance Counselor - Ms. Clemmons

ESE Concerns - Ms. Davy

RTI - Ms. Bretz or Ms. Thibeault

Before & After School Child Care - Ms. Saulsby

Transportation, Registration, & Attendance

Concerns - Ms. Yvette

School Resource Officer - Officer Guard



Breakfast and Lunch is free for all students this year!!



Pre-K started off this school with so much excitement and joy to be back at school. Each class took time to get all the students acclimated to our new school year. We explored our classrooms, discussed school safety and focused on emotionally being ready to learn. The children have started learning the letters N, P, W and H through hands-on activities that are engaging and developmentally appropriate. We work on Social emotional learning and social skills such as sharing, taking turns and following directions daily. Remember to read to your children as often as you can.

KINDERGARTEN



Happy Fall, ya'll! Just like that, we are already done with Quarter 1!! Our little learners have adjusted seamlessly to "big" school by creating new friendships and experiences and are well on their way to mastering the school rules and procedures! Families, we always need your continued help and support to ensure your child's success! Please continue helping your young learner at home by using games and flash cards to practice skills; incorporating cooking and shopping into math to identify quantity, shapes, and colors is always a fun way to learn! And don't forget to read nightly together because ... READERS are LEADERS! We are looking forward to seeing our Kindergarteners grow and flourish as they enter a new Quarter!

1st Grade

Hi Maplewood families! Your first grader has already been working so hard this year and proving that they are Maplewood minded. As we begin the second quarter, we continue to hit the ground running with reading! Your child will be mastering "story elements" such as main idea & details and sequence of events as well as "text features" in non-fiction texts. We will dive into economics where they'll get to learn all about goods and services, saving and spending money and consumers vs producers. In math your child is learning different addition and subtraction strategies and working on fluency. We went on our first field trip to the Sawgrass Nature Center and learned all about different kinds of wildlife. Remember, we are a TEAM and always need your continued support at home. Please read with your child every night and ask those comprehension questions to keep your little learner interested in different kinds of texts. We've got a lot more to learn and we'll continue to grow in all academic and social areas!

2nd GRADE

Second grade is off to a great start. Students have been working hard in reading, we've identified how text features help us make meaning. We've talked about plot structure and story elements using robust text about habitats as well as folklores. In the area of social studies, scholars have explored maps, and spoken about the role of government. In science, we have worked on life cycles, severe weather, force. Our mathematicians have worked on even and odd numbers, as well as explored various strategies to help us add numbers to 100. It has been a wonderful few weeks of school and our scholars are finishing the 1st quarter off happily.

3rd GRADE

We are off to a great start in third grade! We have learned all of the classroom rules and expectations. Our new Florida B.E.S.T standards in reading and math are being taught and reviewed throughout the week. We are so happy to see students getting acclimated to third grade and becoming responsible with their nightly reading and math homework. Please continue to read 20 minutes each night and check their comprehension. Students should also be striving for 50 minutes of i-Ready reading and 30 minutes of math. Please continue to practice multiplication strategies at home (arrays, equal groups, repeat addition, skip counting – especially by 2s, 5s, 10s). Stay tuned for fall conferences as teachers will be reaching out to you soon!

4th GRADE

We have busy little bees over in 4th grade land! We have hit the ground running with LOTS of new materials to implement this school year. In reading we have been digging into a variety of different text types to summarize and find the central idea using relevant details. We have learned a lot of new vocabulary words and skills that go along with our reading too! In class, we just completed our first writing piece, which was an expository essay on chipmunks. We enjoyed researching this furry friend and writing an informational essay using all that we learned. We have also been practicing our cursive and typing skills weekly! In math, we have made it through three whole topics, or chapters, which included: place value, rounding, ordering numbers, multiplication and division (up to 12's), and multi digit multiplication! In science we have been working through several fun topics. I think it's safe to say that our favorite was studying the phases of the moon and modeling each phase using Oreo cookies! Mmmmmmmmm! We are really looking forward to our upcoming field trip at the end of October at the Broward Center of Performing Arts to see School House Rocks! We are ready to pick up speed as we head into quarter two!

5th Grade

We are extremely proud of our fifth graders and how they are progressing academically and socially. In ELA, students are focusing on different skills such as cause and effect, making mental images while they read, and exploring content vocabulary. They are also making science connections as they look closely at “Cultivating Natural Resources” such as corn. In science students are learning about weather, the water cycle, and earth’s movements of revolution and rotation. Finally, in math students are diving into adding and subtracting decimals. As the quarter ends, students are beginning to multiply multi-digit numbers. The fifth-grade team looks forward to another successful quarter with our students!



Special Programs were so excited to start the 2022-2023 school year. We saw our old friend as well as welcomed new friends. We have been busy learning and start ULS (Unique Learning System). The students seem to enjoy the activities, stories, current event articles and games that we are using with the program. The students are enjoying learning about fall and are getting excited for Halloween.



The specials classes are hard at work in their respective subjects.

- In PE we are staying active and physically fit through exercise, dance, and yoga.
- In Art, primary grades are focusing on the element 'shape' by breaking down images into different shapes.
- In intermediate grades we are focusing on art techniques such as blending and shading with various materials.
- In Music we are exploring the sounds of fall and continuing our work on our steady beat skills as well as reading music, rhythms, and musical analysis.

In October, Maplewood participated in the Step Up 4 Down Syndrome Walk & 5k event which raised funds for the Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization. The Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is where families receive support and resources. This organization is dedicated to serving families who have an individual with Down syndrome. Our school joined Team Preston and helped raise \$685.00. Our team placed 2nd for largest team with 59 members.





At Maplewood, safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- All individuals are encouraged to wear a mask on our campus.
- All visitors must have an ID to gain access to the school.
- All parents MUST have your child(ren)'s CurbSmartCard to pick up their child by car or "walk-up". You MUST have the physical card which will be input by our staff. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you do not have the CurbSmartcard, you will be asked to retrieve it from your car or get an additional card printed in our front office. You may not tell us the number; we will not enter it manually.
- **CONSISTENCY with dismissal is critical.** Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Students will wear their student ID badges (once school pictures are taken) while on campus.
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be dressed in our unified dress code. Please visit the website for specific colors of shirts and pants/shorts/skirts.
- Early sign-outs end promptly at 1:30 pm.
- If your child feels unwell or have any symptoms such as a fever, persistent cough, and shortness of breath, please **keep them at home**.



Social Emotional Learning



Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) helps students develop the skills necessary to identify and manage their emotions, set, and achieve goals, feel, and show empathy for others, respect diversity, create and maintain positive relationships and make safe and responsible decisions. We recognize the importance of teaching our students these life skills that are needed now and throughout adulthood. Mindfulness supports SEL as the base of awareness and is described as paying attention in the present moment. It includes being aware of one's thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations, and the surrounding environment. Practicing mindfulness promotes mental and physical well-being and resiliency.

Greetings from your School Counselor Ms. Clemmons. Our 4th and 5th grade teachers recently administered the ReThink Ed Social Emotional (SEL) Survey to their students. The survey consisted of 45 questions, designed to assess the student's social/emotional needs. The survey results will be analyzed, and feedback will be provided to all teachers. Teachers will use the data to implement daily SEL lessons, that are specific to each student's need. Students in 5th grade are also engaging in the SEL program, Riding The Waves with Ms. Shanel, who is a licensed mental health therapist. The curriculum consists of 12 short lessons that focus on identifying sources of stress and learning healthy ways of coping.

We are excited to celebrate the upcoming festivities during the week of October 24th-31st for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is recognized districtwide. The goal is to educate students about the negative impact of drug abuse and to influence students to continue to maintain a drug free lifestyle. There are many new student engagement opportunities beginning at Maplewood. The following clubs are scheduled to begin the week of October 24th: Cooking, Art, Chorus, Fitness, Robotics, Debate, Safety Patrol, WOWL, Play Pals, Gameday and Peace Club. In addition to the exciting club activities, Maplewood students are also participating in 2 charity donation drives. The first one is Harvest drive, food donations will be given to local families in need. Collections will continue until November 10th. The second drive is The Hurricane Ian Relief collection. Students schoolwide have been asked to donate spare change to contribute to the Peace Club initiative. The funds will be collected until the end of October. All proceeds will be sent to our fellow FL residents (west coast) who were victims of the hurricane Ian. There is an incentive for the grade level who collects the most money. They will receive a special reward.



Title 1 News



1. School Improvement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/maplewood> If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Nicole Thibeault at 754-322-6850.

2. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/maplewood> If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Nicole Thibeault at 754.322.6850

3. LEA (District) Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan using the following weblink: https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13545/parent%20engagement/LEA%20PFEP%202022%20-%202023_4-22-2022%20ADA.1.pdf

If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

4. Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)/Statewide Assessment Data and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports

The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports using the following weblink:

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.



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How can I help my child get the most out of i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction?

i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction is an online, interactive learning environment designed to assess students and then provide individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs.

- Talk with your child about how practicing i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction at home will help prepare for classwork. Also, explain that i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction will show teachers where your child is doing well, and which topics need some more review.
- Encourage your child to use the tools provided during lessons and to use scrap paper for math computation.
- Students should practice reading and math at least 50 minutes per week which should be broken up into 10-15 minutes per day

The i-Ready app can be launched on students Clever Launchpad



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In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

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Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.




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Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500

Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

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