

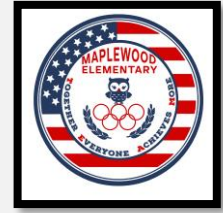
MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Together Everyone Achieves More”

Owl Gazette

A Title I School committed to success!

4th Quarter Newsletter
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Dear Owl Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of the year! This is the time for us to show what we know, as we complete our end of the year assessments. Our owls will be ready, and we ask for everyone's cooperation in helping get them ready. Please see the FSA Assessment Calendar and important test dates contained in this newsletter.

Just as a reminder, please ensure that students arrive to school on time by 8:00am. It's also important that they've had a good night's rest and breakfast in the morning; our cafeteria opens for breakfast at 7:15 am daily.

Thank you to ALL of the families who completed this year's Free & Reduced Lunch form contributing to the percentage we need to remain a Title I School! We also appreciate the families who have completed our Parent Survey. If you have not, please take a moment to complete the parent survey so that we can receive your feedback.

Be sure to follow and visit our website, www.browardschools.com/maplewood for updates and school announcements.

With Gratitude,

Leena Itty, Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5th: Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)- 4th & 5th Grade Writing (one 120-minute session)

April 5th-6th: (FSA)- 3rd Grade Reading (two 80-minute sessions)

April 6th: Pinwheels for Peace & BLUE Day for Child Abuse & Neglect Day

April 13th: Autism Awareness- Light it up BLUE

April 14th: Early Release Day- 12:00 PM Dismissal

April 15th: NO SCHOOL

April 18th: 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home

April 20th: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

April 22nd: Honor Roll Awards Program 8:30 AM / EARTH DAY!

April 26th & 27th: Primary Reading End-of-Year Test (1st & 2nd grade students only)

April 28th: Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

May 4th - 5th (Sessions 1 and 2 ELA Reading 4th-5th grade) 2- 80-minute sessions

May 10th - 11th (Sessions 1 and 2 Math 3rd-5th grade) 2- 80-minute sessions

May 17th - 18th (Sessions 1 and 2 Science 5th grade) 2- 80-minute sessions

Make-up tests will be administered until Friday May 20th.

Parent Customer Survey 2022

Please complete by April 29th

We need your support! Please complete this survey to share your opinions about Maplewood, including questions about teachers, administrators, and other aspects of your child's and their own experiences with our school. Please use the following link or QR code to complete this year's survey. **Only one survey is needed per family.**

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/186381/p568>



KINDERGARTEN



Dear Parents,

As we are heading towards the end of the year, our Pre-K students have been busy learning our letters and letter sounds, as well as improving our counting skills. We have learned about our Community Helpers and even had a chance to meet our city's firefighters and explore their firetruck. We zoomed through our unit on transportation as we talked about all the different ways we "go". Our student's will be participating in Special Olympics this month on April 28th. We are so excited for you to come and watch us do our best!

Just like that, we are down to the final quarter of this school year! Our Kindergarteners are working hard as they prepare to make their way into 1st Grade! Although this year came with its unique set of challenges as we continue to take on the pandemic, it has also taught our children some of life's greatest lessons: to be patient, flexible, and appreciative of good health. As we wrap up this school year, in Social Studies, we will learn about basic human needs and wants, jobs in our community, and the tools those community helpers use. We will also recognize and describe the importance of US symbols and events that changed our nation. In Science, students will begin to sort and describe objects by observable properties, such as size, shape, and color. In Math, we will continue to work on our addition and subtraction skills, as well as identifying, writing, and counting numbers to 20. Students will also work on recognizing and comparing similarities between 2D and 3D shapes. Families, thank you for continued support as you have seamlessly partnered with your child's teacher to ensure they are achieving success! Don't forget to read nightly and discuss the story you read! We are looking forward to learning and growing into BIG 1ST GRADERS! As always, READERS are LEADERS!

1st Grade

Hello families! We made it to the fourth quarter of first grade! Your children are such hard workers and always strive to do their best. To get them ready for second grade we will continue to work on reading comprehension and story elements. We will also be exploring some new concepts such as how to read and construct a basic map with elements. Also, recognizing that some things in the physical environment happen fast and some happen slowly. We also have a fun math unit about telling time to the hour and half hour, creating, and reading different types of graphs and learning 2D and 3D shapes! Families, your support at home has made a tremendous difference in your child's success. Please continue helping your child practice sight words and read

2nd GRADE

Our second graders have begun talking about an important life skill, money! We will be closing out math with measurement, data, geometry and laying the foundation for fractions. In reading scholars have been working on mastering retelling and comparing and contrasting different types of texts in both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our scientists will be working on weather patterns as well as matter. In Social studies we will learn about supply and demand and trade. We are also working on a field trip to take scholars out of the building to Flamingo Gardens for a Wildlife Encounter!

3rd GRADE

Wow! We can't believe that we are halfway through our first semester. Our students have been doing a fine job managing their time on tasks, participating in lessons and discussions, and asking for help. We are wrapping up fall conferences, so be sure to share any positive points as well as areas for improvement with your child. In reading, are learning weekly reading strategies and focusing on supporting responses with information from the text. Students should be reading 20 minutes daily and parents may ask comprehension questions as they complete their reading log each night. In math, we are learning multiplication strategies. Please practice weekly multiplication facts to ensure confidence and success. It makes a noticeable difference when students practice at home. Our third-grade teachers will continue to do all we can to make our students feel challenged, comfortable, and confident in third grade.

4th GRADE

We cannot believe that we are already in the last quarter of the school year! Time flies when you're having fun! In 4th grade we are gearing up to take our writing FSA, we have been working diligently to strengthen our writing skills and we are prepared for any prompt they deliver to us on April 5th! We are starting to revisit and deepen our knowledge in all of our reading skills as we will take the Reading portion of the FSA in May. Our teachers are making sure that we are familiar with all of the question types and teaching us how to use our reading strategies to comprehend what we read! In math, we are finishing up our last two math chapters covering geometry (shapes, types of lines, and angle measurements). We will conclude with perimeter and area of shapes and then work on reviewing all 4th grade math skills to make sure we are prepared for our math FSA and ready for 5th grade! In science, we just created our own models to represent the Earth's movement in relation to the sun and moon. Next, we are preparing to experiment with forces and space exploration! We are ready to finish off this year STRONG!!! 😊

5th Grade

Our fifth graders are entering their final stage of elementary school! We are now preparing our students for our end of the year assessments: the FSA. In ELA, students are engaging in test-prep strategies using a variety of reading passages that are very similar to what they will see on the actual test. In Math, we are wrapping up measurement, data, and geometry, and will then move on to our test-prep time. In Science, we are concluding our unit on forces and scientific theories. Just like ELA and Math, we will also have a dedicated prep-time schedule for the Science FCAT.

Once our testing days are over, our fifth-grade students will be able to celebrate their final days as elementary school students. We will have an end of the year grade-level party as well as a celebration in J.P. Taravella's auditorium on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. More information will be released soon.

Friendly reminder to please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes a day and is using i-Ready 50 minutes per subject per week.

Thank you for all that you do and for your support! Let's have a great fourth and final quarter!



Special Programs would like to thank all the amazing parents and guardians of our students. During these challenging times, we cannot thank you all enough for your support, patience and understanding.

Our classes have been busy and working hard to learn our core subjects and having fun. We've been participating in various fun activities and events, such as Apple Day, Choose Peace Week, Anti-Bulling Week, Hispanic Heritage Month, Pumpkin Day, and Down Syndrome Awareness Month, to name a few. Special Programs encourages everyone to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations. Stay safe and be well... Best wishes, Special Programs Team.



The Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a family support and resource organization dedicated to serving families who have an individual with Down syndrome. Our school joined Team Preston and helped raise over \$851.00. We also had several families and staff participate in the 5K run/walk.



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

- In STEM we are focusing on the anatomy of plants and how their seeds disperse.
- 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.



As the end of the school year approaches, it is important to encourage our students to finish strong while celebrating and reflecting on all of their accomplishments. With our Primary End of Year Assessments just around the corner, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to offer some reading testing tips so that you may support your child's writing at home.

Testing Tips

- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.
- Ask what they suggest you do at home to help your child strengthen academic skills.
- Make sure your child does all of his/her homework & assignments which will help ensure your child is prepared.
- Mark down test dates on your calendar so both you and your child are aware of important dates.
- Encourage your child to do well, but don't pressure him/her. It is important for the child to stay relaxed during the test.
- Keep a positive attitude with your child about the tests.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep, especially on the night before the test.
- Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast on test days.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time.



Title I News

Participate in the development, evaluation and revision of the current Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School/Parent Compact. Join us at our upcoming SAC meetings on Thursday, April 7th and Thursday, May 5th. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Maplewood Elementary School at 754-322-6850



Greetings from your School Counselor Ms. Clemmons. I would like to say THANK YOU to the Maplewood PTO and to our Maplewood families, for your continuous support. We hosted a wonderful Shamrock Bingo night a few weeks ago because of your assistance. To recognize the Stoneman Douglas Day of Service initiative, Maplewood collected several boxes of hygiene supplies and donated them to the Henderson Behavioral Services shelter. The Peace Club collected sock donations to contribute to the Wounded Warriors program by sending packaged goodie bags filled with socks and treats to soldiers in need. To further address the Social Emotional needs of students at Maplewood, SEL lessons from the Lauren's Kids curriculum are being taught in grades K-5 . There are a total of 6 mandated lessons to complete from Lauren's Kids on safety and abuse prevention topics and one state mandated lesson from ReThink Ed on Substance Use. Parents can also complete SEL activities at home in Rethink Ed with their child, using the Clever app.



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 required 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.**

It Takes a Community to Protect a Community

- "If You See Something, Say Something®" is a national campaign that raises public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement.
- We can all help keep our communities safe by paying attention to our surroundings and reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement.
- One resource is the **SaferWatch** app. This app, supported by the Broward Sheriff's Office, allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/> for more information about the SaferWatch app.
- Another resource for reporting safety and security concerns is the **FortifyFL** app. FortifyFL allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.

