

Maplewood Elementary School

O.W.L.S. Newsletter



"Together Everyone Achieves More!"



April 2019

Parents & Maplewood Community Supporters:

We hope that ALL of our students and families had a marvelous Spring Break! Welcome to the 4th quarter! This is an exciting time for ALL Maplewood students. During the 4th quarter, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the new knowledge acquired this year. Students will be busy Owls taking both state and district assessments, participating in Awards ceremonies, Career Day, and various celebratory events. We are so excited to witness the academic and social growth of our students during this time.

We are looking forward to meeting New Owls at the upcoming Kindergarten Round Up on Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00-8:00p.m. If you have an incoming kindergarten student and/or if you know someone, please send them our way! Please check the blue communication folder each Thursday for information regarding upcoming events. Also, if you would like to share your career with our students on May 24th at our annual Career Day, please contact Ms. Orr. During the week of May 13th, we will celebrate teachers and staff during Maplewood Appreciation Week. We will begin Awards Ceremonies on Tuesday, May 23rd with kindergarten Awards at 8:30 a.m. Please see the schedule of events on page 6. Join us for an AMAZING Spring Show on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00p.m. at Taravella High School. During this time, we receive many requests from parents regarding their child's teacher for the next school year. We know how important student placement is for your child and we are confident in all the instructional staff here at Maplewood. If you would like to let us know the teaching style that you think works best for your child, please come in and complete a Concern Form. We do not take teacher requests however; we will work very hard to achieve the best fit for your child.

We look forward to our continued journey into the magnificent world of **LEARNING!**

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Itty, Principal
Ms. Orr, Intern Principal

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SCHOOL HOURS

Students 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Office 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. Breakfast
7:50 a.m. First Bell — Students enter class
8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell — School begins
1:45 p.m. Pre-K and Special Programs
Dismissal
2:00 p.m. Grades K-5th Dismissal Bell

Title I Updates

Join us at our next SAC Meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 2:30 as we review the 2019-2020 Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the 2019-2020 Title I Compact. Your input and feedback are extremely valuable. We would love to see you there!

The Title I Parent Newsletter can also be found on the Maplewood website. This newsletter provides information regarding the School Improvement Plan, Title I Compact, LEA Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the School Public Accountability Report.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security of our students and staff is always a priority. Please adhere to the policy and procedures to ensure the safety of all.

- All visitors must sign in and out at the front office via the STAR system.
- A photo ID is required when visiting Maplewood.
- All visitors must wear an ID Badge or Visitor Pass while on campus at all times.
- All Staff and students are required to wear an ID badge while on campus. If your child comes home with their ID Badge please help us out as it is returned to their next day.
- Gates are locked during school hours. Please contact the front office if you need to enter or exit the East or West parking lots.
- Maplewood conducts monthly FIRE and LOCKDOWN drills. Parents will be notified when codes are conducted.
- All volunteers must complete an application and background check via the district and complete Maplewood's volunteer orientation. Please visit getinvolvedineducation.com to begin the process.



Pre-K News

This month our Pre-K students have been working on following directions and increasing the number of directions they follow. They have been working hard on sharing and taking turns as well as learning their new letters each week. Their math skills have increased as they learn to match quantities and recognize numbers up to 20. Our Pre K students continue to work hard on their skills to prepare them for kindergarten.

Kindergarten News

As we enter our last quarter of Kindergarten we will be preparing our students for a smooth transition to First grade. Students have been working all year to become better readers, writers, and develop a love for learning! As we close the year, students will be learning about landforms, plants, and geometry (2D and 3D shapes). Thanks for all your support this year.

First Grade News

First grade has had an amazing April at Maplewood! We started off the month getting back into our daily routine after a restful spring break. We were able to let our creative juices flow through our paragraph writing! We are really getting good at adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and will finish the year working on measurement, data, and geometry. We have integrated science and social studies into our read-alouds to aid comprehension. All of the students have continued working hard in the classroom on phonics, American history, and Earth science. We are looking forward to marvelous May and joyful June's events such as a field trip to watch a play about Pete the Cat and the first grade awards ceremony!

Second Grade News

We are nearing the end of this academic school year! Where has the time gone? We have just a few more second grade skills to cover before we send our students off into the third grade world. In reading, students are now learning how to describe how an author uses reasons to support specific points in a text. Soon we will also be practicing answering test-style questions to better prepare our students for the Primary End of Year Reading Test.

In math we are finishing up length in metric units, and will move on to graphing and geometry. In science, we will be learning about force and motion, and experimenting with magnets.

Third Grade News

WOW! 4th quarter! 3rd grade recently took the ELA FSA. As a team we are so proud of how hard our students worked to prepare for and complete the FSA. One down, one to go! Please be sure your child is reading for 25 minutes each night and completing their homework.

As we prepare for the math FSA we will be working on cumulative reviews, covering multiple standards daily. The students will be using many manipulatives, and strategies to master these standards! We will also be working on math fact fluency: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Reflex is a wonderful resource as well as flash cards! Math FSA is approaching. We will be testing on May 7th and 8th. The third grade team is working hard to be sure the lessons that we are teaching are rigorous enough for our students to be well prepared to take the math FSA. Also, we are continuing to build confidence within our students by encouraging them daily to do their very best.

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is getting deep into our FCAT Science, FSA Math and FSA Reading crunch time! The students are working very hard and are making tremendous gains. We began the 4th quarter with the FSA Writing test and the students and teachers feel confident that they did their best. A few important dates for 5th grade...We will be having a 5th Grade End of Year Celebration Meeting on Thursday, April 11th and May 16th beginning at 6:00pm. We will also be having another Pajama Bash on Thursday, April 18th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, which will be our last nighttime fundraiser, so if you are able to volunteer, we would appreciate it. Thanks for your continued support, the fifth-grade team appreciates you!

Fourth Grade News

In Science we are exploring Earth's Movement, Effects of Space Exploration, and Experimenting with Forces. In Math we are adding and subtracting decimals, working on order of operations and coordinate grids. In Reading, students will be working on comprehension strategies for literary and informational text.

They will work towards providing support from the text for inferences and points that are explicitly stated. Students will also continue working on vocabulary skills and strategies for academic and domain specific

ESE News

April is Autism Awareness Month. We have several school wide celebrations planned for the month. Our students are working hard in preparation for their annual Very Special Arts performance! Stay tuned for more information!

Guidance News

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. Below is some valuable information for parents regarding extreme depression and suicidal ideation in young people. Never hesitate to reach out for help - it's just a phone call away.



Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents and Educators

If you or someone you know is suicidal, get help immediately via 911, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741).

Suicide is preventable. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs. Do not be afraid to ask about suicidal thoughts. Never take warning signs lightly or promise to keep them secret.

Literacy Corner

Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for longer periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

1. Vary the way the reading is done. Think about this in terms of having your child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.

2. Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him/her choose books that they are able to read independently. This means they should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly.

3. Set reasonable goals. When starting out, limit book time to just a few minutes and work up from there. For elementary aged readers, consider starting with 10-15 minutes.

Math Corner

Congratulations to our Quarter 3 Reflex Winners - Most Facts Solved

Primary: Ms. Acosta with 94, 515 facts solved

Third Grade: Mrs. Felix with 54,677 facts solved

Fourth Grade: Ms. Raj (Homeroom) with 123,419 facts solved

Fifth Grade: Mr. Culbertson with 77,460 facts solved

Winning classes will receive a special treat and "Math Rocks" brag tag.

Grade 2-5 students are encouraged to use reflex at least three times a week. Reflex provides individualized online game-based math fact fluency practice.
<https://www.reflexmath.com/>

PTO News

Congratulations to the newly elected 2019-20 Maplewood PTO Board Members!

Co-Presidents: April Soto and Narisha Ali

Co Vice Presidents: Bach Todaro and Leah Gordon

Co Secretaries: Heidi Larson and Monica Lewis

Treasurer: Erica Ortiz

As we approach the end of the year the board would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year so eventful. We would like to say thank you to the 5th grade families who have been so generous. We wish our 5th graders well on their new adventure. You all will be missed. The safety fundraiser is still going on and we would appreciate any donations. You can donate through the BCPS site. Please keep a lookout for the reminds from the school and our flyers. We have many more events planned for the end of this year.

SAVE THE DATE

April 16	Report Cards Go Home
April 19	No School
May 1	FSA ELA (4/5) Session I
May 2	FSA ELA (4/5) Session 2
May 3	FCAT Science (5th) Session I
May 6	FCAT Science (5th) Session 2
May 7	FSA Math (3/4/5) Session I
May 8	FSA Math (3/4/5) Session 2
May 24	Career Day
May 28	Kindergarten Awards @ 8:30 a.m.
May 29	First Grade Awards @ 8:30 a.m.
	Second Grade Awards @ 10:00 a.m.
May 30	Third Grade Awards @ 8:30 a.m.
	Fifth Grade Awards @ 6:00 p.m. @ Taravella High School
May 31	Fourth Grade Awards @ 8:30a.m.
June 3	Class Parties/ 6:00 p.m. Spring Show @ Taravella H.S.
June 4	PreK Graduation @ 9:00 a.m./Early Release Day