

Maplewood Elementary School

O.W.L.S. Newsletter



"Together Everyone Achieves More!"



January, 2019

Parents & Maplewood Community Supporters:

First and foremost, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday break that included lots and lots of REST! As we move into the New Year, this is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to spend time together to set goals for the year. Take a moment to focus on their success by setting small attainable goals together as a family. This is a wonderful way to support growth as we work together at school to meet our goals.

Thank you to all who attended the annual Maplewood Olympics. The students, parents, and staff had a grand time! A big THANK YOU to our amazing PTO and Room Parents for making sure that our winners received ribbons and everyone was hydrated. We would also like to congratulate Mr. Wexler and the talented Singing Owls for an amazing performance at the winter show! Each year the performance gets better and better. We ended the school year with our annual Sing Along and Winter Ball. Our students certainly had an eventful December!

We have many exciting activities planned over the next few months and hope that you will be able to participate. On January 29th at 6:00 p.m. we have our annual Family Night. Dinner will be served; babysitting services will be provided for school age children (5-12) and, parents will have the opportunity to participate in amazing workshops that will equip them with skills and tools to help their child at home. We hope to see all of our Maplewood family there.

Thank you for all you do to make Maplewood Elementary a great place to be. 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. – 2:00p.m.
Office 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:20 a.m. – 8:00 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/SP Dismissal
2:00 p.m. Grades K-5th Dismissal Bell
2:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m. After School Care

Title I Updates

The 2018 – 2019 School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be available for parent review on the Maplewood website. Your feedback can be shared at our next School Advisory Council Meeting on January 24th at 6:00 PM or you can email the Title I Liaison at Nicole.thibeault@browardschools.com. Your input is valuable and greatly appreciated.

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 and make sure it is returned to their teacher the 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

Pre-K had a blast at our “Polar Express” event before winter break. Our kiddos got to relax with some cocoa and popcorn as we watched a movie together before giving our hugs for a great winter break. We’re super excited this month as we prepare for our Special Olympics event on January 25th! We have been working so hard in P.E as we practice important skills that facilitate gross motor control such as running, jumping, balancing, and throwing! We can’t wait to have our families come out and cheer us on!

Kindergarten News

As Kindergarten welcomes 2019, students are taking on the third quarter. Children are celebrating the successes of becoming a reader and writer. Students will continue to learn about addition and move into subtraction. As January comes to an end all students will celebrate the 100th day of school on January 30th. They will be 100 days smarter and enjoy a wonderful day participating in activities.

Kindergarten is a great place to be!

First Grade News

First grade has had a joyful January at Maplewood! We started off the month easing back into our regular classroom routines after a well-deserved and well-rested winter break. We are really getting good at using different strategies to help us add and subtract up to 20. We had an amazing time on our field trip to Flamingo Gardens and saw some really great animals. All of the students have continued working hard in the classroom on phonics, reading comprehension, outer space, and maps.

We are looking forward to February's field trip to Sawgrass Nature Center.

Second Grade News

We are starting off 2019 with an exciting field trip to the Broward Humane Society. This experience will teach our students how to nurture, respect, and show compassion for living things and the environment. In reading, students are learning how to understand the point of view of characters in a fiction text through their actions and dialogue. In math we are finishing 2-digit subtraction with and without regrouping. In science we will be learning about matter, types of energy, and life cycles. Finally, in social studies students will be exploring the lives of many Native American tribes throughout North America through interactive read alouds, videos, research, and a unit project.

Third Grade News

Our students have been working hard, learning the third grade standards. As FSA approaches we are working on building our students' confidence by encouraging them daily to do their very best, and to believe in themselves! We are starting off the third quarter focusing on comprehension strategies. We will be focusing on comparing and contrasting key details when reading two reading passages, using fiction and non-fiction text. In math, we are focusing on Measurement and Data. The students will be working on telling time, finding elapsed time, measuring to the nearest fourth using a ruler, and finding area and perimeter. We will be using many manipulatives, and strategies to teach these standards! Please be sure your child is reading for 25 minutes each night, along with completing their homework! Also, please continue working on math fact fluency with your child! Thank you for all that you do!

Fourth Grade News

Our fourth grade students have been working extremely hard. In math we are learning strategies for multi-digit multiplication and will soon be exploring division. In Science, we have been learning about properties of matter like taste, mass, color, and texture.

We are beginning to explore magnetic and non-magnetic properties. In Reading we have been working on comprehension strategies for informational and fictional texts. In Writing we are focusing on drafting informative essays using evidence from the text. In Social Studies we are exploring early Florida history.

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade students have been working hard preparing for their BSA tests in reading, science, and math. In reading, students have been learning all about the different types of text structures, such as, cause and effect and chronology. In math, students are working with fractions and dividing fractions with whole numbers. All NBT and NF standards are completed! In science, students are investigating physical science through figuring out what objects make the best conductors, insulators, and how to create an electrical current. We are looking forward to an exciting third quarter!

Guidance News

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are currently participating in the Broward Standards Assessments (BSA). Grades 3 – 5 participate in the ELA and Math Assessment. Grade 5 participates in the Science Assessment as well. The BSAs are district wide subject-area assessments aligned to Florida's academic standards and one of the many tools used to measure your student's learning and progress towards mastering grade-level content. The results help teachers prescribe for student's academic needs. The Student Assessment and Research Department analyzed BSA results and compared them to FSA results, finding a strong, positive correlation between scores.

You are encouraged to reach out to your student's teacher(s) with any questions you may have about your student's BSA results and/or academic progress. For resources to help you and your student better understand the Florida standards, including a tutorial, visit <http://www.floridastudents.org/>. You may also log into the Students and Families tab on the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org for more information regarding FSA and www.cpalms.org for more information about Florida standards, course descriptions and standard resources.

ESE News

In December, Maplewood celebrated Inclusive Schools week. During this week our Special Olympics team competed at Coconut Creek High School in the track and field event. All students participated in cheering on the team during our Parade of Champions where classes held up banners and cheered for the team as they left for the event. This celebration brought smiles and encouragement to all of our Special Programs students and teachers. During the week students also made individualized flags to express what is special about themselves. To close out the week students wore a kaleidoscope of colors to demonstrate that education can take on a beautiful shape when we are all INCLUDED!

Math News

Congratulations to our Quarter 1 Reflex Winners - Most Facts Solved

- * Primary – Mrs. Sandbrand's Class with 71,576 facts solved
- * 3rd Grade – Ms. Ferguson's Class with 79,383 facts solved
- * 4th Grade – Ms. VanValkenburg's Block 1 with 142,581 facts solved
- * 5th Grade - Mr. Dexter's Block 1 with 107,359 facts solved

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/> **K-5 students can use the Personal Math Trainer, available through Think Central for additional math practice.**

Literacy News

Happy New Year! Making reading part of your child's routine at home is important in developing a child's love of reading. Providing access to many types of print materials is important, this includes magazines, books and newspapers. Below is a link that will provide you with some ideas.

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/16290/urlt/K2LRHF.pdf>

PTO News

Maplewood PTO would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back to school. The PTO has many exciting things coming up this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at all upcoming PTO sponsored events. We are helping the school buy valuable programs to assist with our children's' learning and are sponsoring a year long Safety Fundraiser to help buy a door buzzer and Stop The Bleed Kits for our school. You can visit estore.browardschools.com and click the column that says safety fundraiser to make a donation. We still have Spirit Shirts available for are \$10. Please send money into PTO with child's name size and teacher's name. We do not have any XS shirts.

Important Dates

Jan. 14-18	BSA Testing (Grades3-5)
Jan. 21	MLK Birthday/ No School
Jan. 24	SAC Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	Special Olympics
Jan. 29	Family Night @ 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	100th Day of School
Feb. 1	Take Your Child to Work Day
Feb. 6th	Honor Roll Assembly
Feb. 6	Family Night @ Larry's Ice Cream
Feb. 12	PTO Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 18	Presidents Day/No School
Feb. 26	Club Picture Day
Feb. 28	SAC Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.

