

MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



“Together Everyone Achieves More”

Owl Gazette

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Quarter 2



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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 walk their kids to school. Thank you I9 sports and PTO for donating the water and snacks. The Fall Book Fair was also a huge success. Thank you to our stellar decorating team for transforming the Media Center into an Artic Wonderland and to our parents for supporting this event. The students were quite busy for the past three months with a variety of activities from Diversity Awareness Month, Digital Citizenship Week, Red Ribbon Week, and Choose Peace Week. Students pledged to be Drug Free and they also made Pinwheels for Peace, which were displayed around of the school. 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.

We are excited to announce that Maplewood’s front door buzzer will be installed in the next few weeks. All visitors to the school will be required to buzz into the front office. This new feature will add to our safety and security procedures at school. Additionally, the school has purchased “Stop the Bleed Kits” for every classroom in the building and the common areas. We are grateful to have these additional safety feature at our school.

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.

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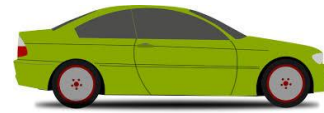
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SCHOOL HOURS

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

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Breakfast--7:30 a.m.– 8:05 a.m.
 First Bell--7:50 a.m.
 Students enter class--8:00 a.m.
 Tardy Bell — 8:05 a.m.
 Pre-K and Special Programs Dismissal--1:45 pm
 Grades K-5th Dismissal Bell--2:00 pm
 After School Care--6:00pm



Pick up/Drop off

Please help us keep the arrival and dismissal process orderly and safe by adhering to the following:

Drop Off

K-2 students in the West lot
 3-5 students in the front lot
 Pre-K & Special Program students in the west lot with a hanging mirror pass

Pick up

Pre-K-1 students in the west lot
 2-5 students in the front lot

Please have all car riders enter and exit from the right side of the vehicle to avoid passing traffic. Thank you for your assistance.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

2019 - 2020

Payments can be made before the last day to pay! Pay online at <https://estore.browardschools.com>
 Call the Business Support Center for online payment concerns at 754-321-0600

| Last Day To Make Payment | PAY PER:OD NUMBER | PAY PERIOD COVERS FOLLOWING DATES | # OF CHILD CARE DAYS |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, August 13, 2019 | 1 | 08/14/2019 - 09/09/2019 | 18 |
| Monday, September 09, 2019 | 2 | 09/10/2019 - 10/04/2019 | 18 |
| Friday, October 04, 2019 | 3 | 10/07/2019 - 11/01/2019 | 18 |
| Friday, November 01, 2019 | 4 | 11/04/2019 - 12/03/2019 | 18 |
| Tuesday, December 03, 2019 | 5 | 12/04/2019 - 01/13/2020 | 18 |
| Monday, January 13, 2020 | 6 | 01/14/2020 - 02/07/2020 | 18 |
| Friday, February 07, 2020 | 7 | 02/10/2020 - 03/05/2020 | 18 |
| Thursday, March 05, 2020 | 8 | 03/06/2020 - 04/09/2020 | 18 |
| Thursday, April 09, 2020 | 9 | 04/13/2020 - 05/06/2020 | 18 |
| Wednesday, May 06, 2020 | 10 | 05/07/2020 - 06/02/2020 | 18 |

CCPRE-K NEWS

Pre- K has been participating in exciting and engaging lessons all quarter long. We have been focusing on our “All About Me” unit, learning procedures and routines, exploring our 5 senses, and learning our letters. Our classes have been working on letters such as M, N, and H, and using these letters while participating in fun and interactive activities that facilitate learning, growth, and play! We have been using language to make observations, role play, and participate in “show and tell”. Coming up in October is Swim Central and we are excited to spend time at the pool learning swim safety skills!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

First grade has had an optimistic October at Maplewood! We started off the month with getting a new first grade teacher, Ms. Abelard, who we love already! The new students were able to meet her and get started working on reading, writing, math, science, and social studies standards right away! We are really getting good at determining the difference between rules and laws as well as rights and responsibilities. We have been integrating science and social studies into our read-alouds to aid comprehension. All of the students have continued working hard in the classroom on phonics, vocabulary acquisition, addition and subtraction strategies, and the basic needs of living and nonliving things. We had a wonderful time at the fall parade and loved seeing everyone’s creative costumes. We are looking forward to November’s fall events and a restful Thanksgiving break.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Fall is officially here! Our Kindergarteners are off to a great start! We are learning about our five senses, how to ask and answer questions when reading, drawing pictures to tell stories, and identifying and counting numbers up to 9. Our first field trip is coming up on November 1st to see the play, “Miss Nelson Takes a Field Trip.” We are looking forward to all the fall fun activities this month. Parents remember to read each night for at least 15 minutes. That includes: reading to you, you reading to them, and/or being read to in any language.

IDENTIFICATION

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.
Replacement identification badges cost \$5.00.**

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second grade students have been working hard in all areas of learning. In reading we have practiced various skills such as asking and answering questions, recounting stories, determining the main idea, identifying character response, and now making science and social studies connections in a text. In math we are finishing up place value concepts. This will prepare our students for 2-digit and 3-digit addition and subtraction. In science we are learning about the scientific process, weather patterns, and basic needs of plants and animals. Finally, in social studies students are learning about different types of maps and their elements.

We are starting off the second quarter with a field trip! On October 22nd we will be seeing the play, "Showtime with Shakespeare and The Magic Treehouse" at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts. This hip-hop musical is based on one of the stories from The Magic Treehouse chapter books. The main characters from the series meet Shakespeare and learn about 16th century England. The Magic Treehouse books are always informative and exciting, and the play introduces students to Shakespeare, rhyming, and literature through fun, music, and dancing.

Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes a day and is using our computer programs at home. Students have access to Reflex, Think Central, Spelling City, Learning A to Z, etc. on Clever. Thank you for all that you do and for your support!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Our students have been working hard adjusting to third grade standards and procedures! We are starting off the second quarter focusing on various comprehensive strategies (going back into the passage and underlining where we find our answers). Our third graders will learn to dig deeper, to fully understand the passage that they are reading. We will be focusing on point of view, using fiction and non-fiction text, text features of a non-fiction text, we will also begin comparing two passages. In math, we will be working on word problems and using strategies to solve them. The students will have to determine which operation to use to solve the word problem (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) using their strategies. We will also be working on rounding and fractions this quarter.

Please be sure that your child is reading for 20-25 minutes each night and comes to school prepared to take accelerated reader tests! Also, please continue working on math fact fluency with your child! Thank you for all that you do!

Cafeteria News

Cafeteria Manager: Ms. Appleby

Breakfast is free for all students.

Lunch (Full Price)- \$2.00

Lunch (Reduced)- \$0.40

Ice Cream- \$0.65 cents

Visit the site below to apply for free/reduced lunch: **Myschoolapps.com**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS NEWS

Special Programs has started off the school year school assessing students for their current skills and levels and teaching them our classroom rules and procedures. Students have been introduced to the curriculum and have all been transitioning well and working hard to master state access points, often through real-life examples. We are very excited about all the great things to come this school year and look forward to seeing your child's progress. Please always remember to check and return your child's blue school folder every day. For primary grade students (kindergarten to second grade), please always make sure that your child has a set of spare clothes and underwear/pullups available at school, in case of accidents or messes due to school activities. Classes need donations. The following items are greatly appreciated: disinfectant cleaning wipes, printer paper, tissue, dry-erase markers (low odor), cups and snacks (i.e. goldfish, pretzel sticks, fruit snacks, and animal crackers). October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Special Programs encourages all our Maplewood family and friends to support and participate in the Step Up 4 Down Syndrome Walk and 5K run at Markham Park. The event takes place on Sunday, October 20th. For more information, please go to www.stepup4downsyndrome.com

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

In reading we have been working on finding the main idea of a text and summarizing it. We are also referring to details in a text in order to draw inferences. While in Social Studies the students been examining physical features of Florida and looking at the contributions of significant individuals in Florida. During math we have been representing and solving multiplication problems using multiple strategies such as area models, partial products, and even lattice multiplication. Finally in Science students explored the three types of rocks: sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic as well as the properties of minerals including color, luster, hardness, and streak.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

In math our fifth graders have wrapped up their units on division and are moving on to understanding how to add and subtract decimals. This will be a handy skill to use in their checkbooks for JA Biztown coming next month! Our little scientists have completed the water cycle, weather and climate, and earth's position in the solar system. Mrs. Marcello and Mr. Culbertson are guiding our young learners through hands on activities and projects to deepen the understanding of science content. In reading our 5th graders have accepted the 10 Book Challenge. Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Earhardt have challenged students to read books from a wide range of genres as they continue on their reading quests. To get the students ready for Document Based Questioning (DBQ), Social Studies has begun with a unit on Jamestown in which our students have been analyzing a series of documents to see what life was like for the first English Settlers in America. 5th grade is off and running to a fruitful school year!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process in which students can recognize and manage emotions, solve problems effectively and establish positive relationships with others. SEL provides instruction in skills that enable students to be successful in all areas of their lives; using a variety of resources and the Harmony Program which aligns with Broward County SEL standards

Research indicates that students involved in SEL programming experience significantly greater academic achievement, greater motivation to learn, a deeper commitment to school, better classroom behavior and improved attendance. Reports of student depression, anxiety and stress significantly decreased as well!

For more information on how we can work together to make our children the most successful and well-rounded individuals, log in to www.browardprevention.org, (school climate and discipline), click on SEL and click Parent SEL Parent Toolkit.

Other school-wide activities and celebrations our students have been participating in for the months of September through November that reinforce SEL, include Peace Week, Say Hello, Hispanic Heritage Month, Diversity Awareness Month, Red Ribbon Week, and Anti-Bullying Week.

TITLE 1 NEWS

Title I Compact: We are still collecting Title I Compacts. The compact is an agreement outlining how the parents, the entire school/district staff, and the students share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards. The Title 1 Compact was sent home in the First Day Packet. If you have any questions regarding the Title 1 Compact, contact the Title I Liaison at 754-322-6850.

***NEW LINK* District Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent engagement program. You can access the plan at

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202019-2020_9-6-19%20ADA.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.

Title I Fall STEM Fest – Presented by Broward County Public Schools and The Flying Classroom. The Fall STEM Fest includes hand-on family activities, STEM Speakers and a STEMnovation Show.

Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM at Broward College – Judson A. Samuels South Campus (7200 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL 33024)

Title I Parent Information Guide –

<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/Title%201%20Book%20motion.pdf>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 21st- First day of 2nd Quarter of school

Oct. 24th- YMCA Lights on Event 6:00pm

Oct. 29th- PTO Trunk or Treat Event 6:00pm

Oct. 30th – Walk to School Day

Oct. 31st- Fall Parade

Nov. 11th- No School

Nov. 13th- 1st Quarter report cards go home

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

Nov. 19th- PTO Meeting 9:00am

Nov. 19th- Maplewood Chipotle Night 4-9pm

Nov. 27-29- No School (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 2nd-6th- PTO Holiday Shop

Dec. 6th- Singing Owls Perform 6:00pm--JPT

Dec. 20th- Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:00

Dec. 23-Jan. 6th- Winter Break

Jan.7th - School resumes

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK NOVEMBER 11-15, 2019

Anti-Bullying awareness and education is an ongoing process, which we highlight on a regular basis through direct Anti-Bullying curriculum and Social/Emotion Learning.

Parents have access to Anti-Bullying training as well!

To access the training go to:

Browardprevention.org

Click on Violence Prevention

Click on Bullying Prevention

Click on Training Modules

Click on Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9
PARENT Training

If you have any questions, call Ms. Mansdorf at 754-322-6850