

# Maplewood Elementary School

## Fall Newsletter



*"Together Everyone Achieves More!"*



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November, 2018

Parents & Maplewood Community Supporters:

**November is off to a great start!** 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.

Thank you to all who attended the annual Fall Parade. The students and staff had a grand time. A big THANK YOU to our amazing PTO for making sure that everyone was hydrated. They handed out bottled water to all students and staff. The Fall Book Fair was also a huge success. Thank you to our stellar decorating team for transforming the Media Center into a magical forest and to our parents for supporting this event. The students were quite busy for the past three months with a variety of activities from Red Ribbon Week, Choose Peace Week, and Anti-Bullying Week.

Students pledged to be Drug Free on brick pavers that were displayed on Red Brick Road and they also made Pinwheels for Peace, which were displayed in the front 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 do not include any items made with nuts.

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



## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

7:30 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday November 2. The SIP can be found on the Maplewood Elementary School website. Your feedback can be shared at our next School Advisory Council Meeting on November 15th at 2:30 or you can email the Title I Liaison at [Nicole.thibeault@browardschools.com](mailto:Nicole.thibeault@browardschools.com). Your input is valuable and greatly appreciated.

## 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](http://getinvolvedineducation.com) to begin the process.

## Pre-K News

Pre-K has been learning and growing! Our little ones just completed Swim Central. Over a course of two weeks, they learned to blow bubbles, glide through the water, and other important safety tips. Also, our little ones participated in our traditional Fall Parade. With all this beautiful fall weather, we have been exploring outside around our school. This gave us the opportunity to investigate the world around us and actively use our imaginations.

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is FALLing in love with learning. We are on our way to reading, blending words and segmenting sounds. As we sketch and label pictures, independent writing is being encouraged. 6,7,8,9 we can count to 10 in no time! Kindergarten is also working on comparing our numbers. We are 'mapping' our way through Social Studies and will begin to focus on Force and Motion in Science. We are thankful for our wonderful families.

## First Grade News

First grade has had a noteworthy November at Maplewood! We started off the month with our first grade fall rotations, where we incorporated fun learning activities in each first grade classroom. We were able to let our creative juices flow by building three-dimensional shapes and writing about ghosts and costumes! We are really getting good at determining the difference between goods and services. 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 basics of matter. We are looking forward to December's winter events such as the Maplewood Ball and Olympics.

## Second Grade News

Second grade has a very eventful November ahead of us! In reading, students are working on story structure of fiction text, as well as identifying text features in nonfiction text. In math, students have had plenty of practice with fact fluency and place value. Now we are moving on to two-digit addition with and without regrouping. During the week of Thanksgiving we will be participating in fun and academic activities from Fall rotations to baking mini pies and composing recipe cards. On November 30th, we are going to the Coral Springs Center of the Arts to see the play, "Holiday Traditions Around the World". We are very proud of our students and the progress they have made so far!

## 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, so our third graders can learn to dig deeper, to fully understand the passage they are reading. We will be focusing on point of view, using fiction and non-fiction text. We will also be focusing on the text features of a non-fiction text.

In math, we are focusing on Operations and Algebraic Thinking using word problems. 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 starting fractions this quarter. Please be sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each night, and comes to school ready to take accelerated reader tests! 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 has been working hard on preparing for our JA BizTown Field Trip! Students are learning how to write a check, balance a bank account, fill out a deposit slip, and registering to vote. Our students have been excited to learn how to run a business and are currently working on their advertisements. Each business is required to write a radio ad, TV ad, and a magazine ad. We look forward to a successful trip this month!

## Special Programs

In October, Maplewood joined Team Preston in celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness. We participated in the Step Up 4 Down Syndrome Walk & 5K run. We had a team of 80 members who represented Team Preston. We also raised over \$1000, which will go to helping Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization raise awareness and acceptance of people with Down Syndrome. We had a fun day filled with sunshine, laughter, and walking and were proud to celebrate disability awareness. Thanks to Bach Todaro for organizing the team.

# Guidance News

A special thanks to all our students and families for another successful Red Ribbon Week! Our students engaged in many activities and lessons designed to teach them to make healthy choices and responsible life decisions. Our kindergarten – 2 grade students made Healthy Choice Posters while our 3 – 5 students wrote amazing essays on the subject. Everyone signed a Drug Free Pledge!

Maplewood's Harvest Drive began Friday, October 26 and will continue through Friday, November 9. Harvest Drive educates our students and creates a consciousness about the needs of our community. It promotes altruism and gives our students an opportunity to help others! Thank you for joining us in our effort to stamp out hunger!

November 12 – 16 is Anti Bullying Week. Please join us in taking the Blue Pinky Challenge! All activities will be announced. You may log into [Browardprevention.org](http://Browardprevention.org) to familiarize yourselves with dates for further observances and a variety of websites and lessons for each observance.

We are committed to your child's academic development and success as well as their social and emotional development and success!

## Literacy Corner

Inferences! Synthesizing! Phonological Awareness! The list of important literacy terms floating around can seem endless. As a parent, it may be hard to keep track of everything your child needs to know and understand to be a successful reader. The good news is that research shows that the amount of independent reading done by students both at school and at home is one of the most important predictors of school success. Independent reading refers to the reading students choose to do on their own. Maplewood's reading challenge is off to a great start, as evidenced by the 1st quarter results. All winning students received a reading brag tag and popsicle for all their hard work.

**Our grade level winners are: 2nd grade Ms. Benjamin, 3rd grade Mrs. Chapman, 4th grade Mrs. Loever**

Kindergarten and 1st grade will be announced in mid November.

## Math Corner

### Congratulations to our Quarter 1 Reflex Winners - Most Facts Solved

- \* Primary – Ms. Benjamin's Class with 78,814 facts solved
- \* 3rd Grade – Mrs. Clark's Class with 61,602 facts solved
- \* 4th Grade – Ms. Raj's Block 1 with 94,918 facts solved
- \* 5th Grade - Mr. Dexter's Block 1 with 40,916 facts solved

**Winning classes received a special treat and "Math Ninja" brag tags on Friday, October 26, 2018.**

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

We would like to thank all the families that helped with our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat. It was a big success. Thank you so much for the donations of candy.

We are having a Cherry Smash Night on November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. 20% of all proceeds go to the PTO to assist with buying educational programs. Come celebrate the end of 1st quarter and honor roll that night with some fantastic ice cream!

The Holiday Store will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a family night on December 5 where parents can shop with their children. We always need help so please contact Anita Catalano, PTO President at (954) 803-8512 or [anitamwepto@gmail.com](mailto:anitamwepto@gmail.com)



## *Important Dates*

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| <b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>No School/Election Day</b>                             |
| <b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Have Lunch with A Veteran</b>                          |
| <b>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>No School/Veterans Day</b>                             |
| <b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Report Cards Go Home</b>                               |
| <b>Nov. 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Interims Issued</b>                                    |
| <b>Nov. 21-23</b>            | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>                                 |
| <b>Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly</b>                  |
| <b>Dec. 3-7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Holiday Shop</b>                                       |
| <b>Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>PTO Meeting</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Olympics</b> |
| <b>Dec. 17</b>               | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Olympics</b> |
| <b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Olympics</b>     |
| <b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Winter Ball/Class Parties/SAC Meeting</b>              |
| <b>Dec. 21</b>               | <b>Early Release Day</b>                                  |
| <b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>January 4<sup>th</sup> - Winter Break</b>              |
| <b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Planning Day/No School</b>                             |
| <b>Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Classes Resume</b>                                     |

