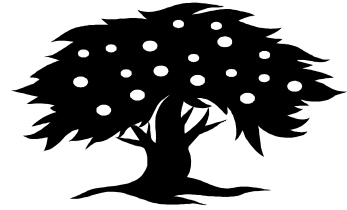


MAPLEWOOD CHIPS

December 2011



Dear Maplewood Families!

Wasn't it just November and we were looking forward to Thanksgiving? Geez...I know I say it all the time, but the days are flying by so quickly! The Holiday Season seems to speed things up even more!

I love, love, love the Holidays! Time with friends and family seem to be all the more meaningful and precious this time of year. Until this year, my husband and I have enjoyed our son's reaction to Santa's arrival! We'd place food outside for the reindeer and set cookies and milk on the coffee table. We'd even drop crumbs to really pull off the whole scene! Sadly, this year, the jig is up...we've been discovered! So, the morning might have a different feel to it, but the excitement and joy of being together will continue!

My sincerest wish for all of you, no matter what age...Happy Holidays! Cherish the time with your family and friends! I hope you enjoy the poem below by famous children's author, Shel Silverstein...

Snowball

by Shel Silverstein

I made myself a snow ball as perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas and a pillow for its head.
Then, last night it ran away.
But first -- it wet the bed!

Peace and Joy,

Susan Walton

Principal

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Wednesday Learning Improvement Calendar (LIC):

November 2nd: Evaluation and Conferences

November 9th: Evaluation and Conferences

November 16th: Evaluation and Conferences

November 23rd: Planning Makeup Time

November 30th: Independent (Teacher)



Calendar:

Dec. 1	Report Cards Home
Dec. 2	PTA Art Night
Dec. 5-9	PTA Holiday Shoppe
Dec. 6	Citizenship Assembly-9:15 am
Dec. 7	Choir Concert
Dec. 13	Choir to Aylen
Dec. 15	Aylen Music Assembly-10:30 am
Dec. 19-Jan.1	Winter Break
Jan. 10-11	DIBELS Testing
Jan .11	Talent Show Sign Ups
Jan. 12	PTA Bd & Gen Mtg
Jan .13	MLK,Jr Assembly
Jan. 16	MLK Jr. Day-No School
Jan. 18& 25	Talent Show Rehearsals
Jan. 26	Citizenship Assembly-9:15 am
Jan. 31	Grandparent Lunch



Birthday Invitations Reminder

Parents, if you send birthday invitations to school, please make sure you send one for every child in the classroom. If you are only inviting a portion of the class, please send invitations through the mail. By mailing a select few invitations, you can eliminate unnecessary hurt feelings . Please do not hand out invitations before or after school to students unless you are including everyone in the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation concerning this matter.



Fill the Bus Food Drive

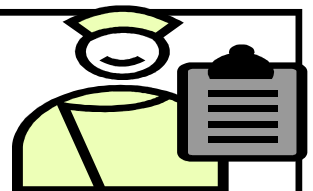
Maplewood students and families donated over 1,800 items for the "Fill the Bus" Food Drive. 13,210 items were donated district-wide

Birthday and Celebration Treats

Everyone loves homemade birthday and class celebration treats, however, with the many allergies and student medical conditions in the classroom, it would be beneficial to all to only bring in purchased items. Homemade treats do not list the ingredients or if some portion of the mixture came into contact with peanuts. They also do not include the necessary carb count for our diabetic students. Please be mindful of all our students at Maplewood and make your next treat for the classroom a store purchased item.



Nurse News:



Does your child need dental care? If you do not have dental insurance and are interested in free dental care for your child, please call me regarding an opportunity coming up on Dec. 9th. You may also email me at shortds@puyallupk.12.wa.us

Darlene Short, R.N.
School Nurse

Holiday Secret Shoppe

The Holiday Secret Shoppe is scheduled for Monday, December 5th through Friday, December 9th. The Shoppe will be open before school 8:30-9:00, lunch 11:30-1:00 and after school from 3:16-3:45pm. This is a great way for the kid's to shop for family and friends "secretly". Please come down and check it out. We will need volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, call Donna Willis (253) 531-8401 or Joni Little (253) 841-8883.

ETHNIC MINORITY PARENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (EMPCC)

6:00-7:00 pm; ESC, Pioneer Room-Thursdays

November 10, 2010

January 12, 2012:

February 9, 2012

March 8, 2012

May 10, 2012

Reflections



Thank you to the following Maplewood students who submitted entries for the "Diversity Means..." 2011-12 Reflections: Maritza Tedesco, Brianna Harris-Moore, Hannah McVay, Leo Quale, Jena Stansbury, Michael Strom, Chris Brown, Sawyer Storaasli, Dilan Askew, Jackson Park, Jasmine Park, Mallory Stansbury, Ethan Graham, Sydney Matos, Nicole Bodwin and Rachel Overman. The entries that will be going on to Council were created by: Jasmine Park, Ethan Graham, Michael Strom, Sawyer Storaasli, Dilan Askew, Mallory Stansbury, Sydney Matos, Nicole Bodwin and Jackson Park. Congratulations everyone!

Awards will be presented during the PTA Art Night on December 2nd.

Math News...

Parents with students in Kindergarten through grade five can learn about a new Bridges Mathematics curriculum being used for the first time this year at elementary schools across the district. A parent forum is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on January 17th at the Education Service Center, 302 2nd Street, SE in downtown Puyallup.

Please check out the following website for parents. You can find homework tips, math games, help for parents with math terms and a general overview of the new Bridges Mathematics curriculum.

www.mathlearningcenter.org

Science Fair Project Success Night

Would you like to do a science fair project but just don't know how to get started? Maybe you have done one before and found it frustrating? An informational night has been designed especially for parents to support and encourage science fair project success. The basic how-to's, display tips, suggestions and rules will be shared. Information will also be presented about new requirements for working journals. We look forward to seeing you.

Date: January 10, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: The Puyallup Fair and Events Center
(Please enter through the Gold Gate)

For more information contact:

Katie Paige

Maplewood Science Fair Coordinator

School Transfer Application Time Lines

While it may be only December, it is time to begin thinking of which school your student will attend next school year. The waiver process begins now in order for the district to determine staffing and classroom needs at each school prior to the end of the current school year.

The optimal timeline for receiving waiver applications is coming soon: March 1-5. Waiver applications not received until after this window will not be considered until May 1-5 or June 15-20.

Out-of-district applications: Please visit your residential district to request a “Release of Attendance”. Complete a “Non-Resident Application for Enrollment” form. Submit both to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

In-district applications: If your student is currently on a waiver, and you wish for him/her to attend this same school next year, you do not need to do anything. According to new policy guidelines, the student will continue automatically at the same school unless rescinded by the parent or revoked by the school. Parents who wish to request a new school for their student will need to complete an “Intra-District Transfer of Schools” form. Submit this form to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

6th graders: Parents who wish to request a different junior high than their residential junior high need to submit an “Intra-District Transfer of Schools” form by the secondary timeline of January 10 in order to register for the desired school and classes in late February.

Upcoming School Holidays

Winter Break—Dec. 19th-Dec. 30th

MLK, Jr. Day—Jan 16th

Teacher Supplemental Day—Jan 27th

Mid Winter Break-Feb. 17th-20th

Spring Break-Apr. 2nd-6th