



February Maple Leaf News

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News from the PTA Presidents

Sasha Overholt and Kathryn Todd



Maple Grove
Elementary School



February 2009

Spring semester is when PTA runs its two major fund raising events of the year, the Gala and the Gallup at the Grove. Both these events are fun social events for the school and community. We hope everyone can attend or participate in some way in these events as they represent our most powerful means of reaching you as a community and having you understand the PTA.

Maple Grove PTA is a non-profit organization that depends entirely on membership dues and fundraising events like the Gala and Gallup to achieve its purpose.

PTA builds bridges between homes and schools, integrating the efforts of parents with those of principals and teachers. **When you get involved in PTA, the child who benefits the most is your own.** You also are taking a major step toward improving your child's school, your community, and your state and national education and health policies. PTA promotes the education, health, and safety of children and families.

The overall purpose of Maple Grove PTA is to be

A powerful voice for all children,

A relevant resource for families and communities, and

A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

To achieve this we use the money we raise to invest in programs that directly benefit our children and that help make every child's potential a reality. To see where the money is going please review the article on page 8 of this edition of the Maple Leaf News titled "Why Keep Giving to the Maple Grove PTA?"

PTA is the largest parent involvement organization in the United States, with nearly 6 million members nationwide. PTA was created to better the lives of children, and it continues to flourish because we never lose sight of that goal. Help us maintain our ability to achieve our goal by participating in these exciting spring events.

Sasha and Kathryn

News from the Principal: Michael Maffoni

Dear Parents,

Happy February! As parents, you are all aware that students are busy this time of year. As you circulate amongst classrooms, students are engaged in a wide array of activities directly linked to Jeffco's curriculum and Colorado State Standards. It is fun for me to move between classrooms to witness the level of thinking happening in these classrooms. I hope you all have an opportunity to be part of your child's classroom. It is amazing to see learning happening!

Maple Grove's continued high expectations have attracted many families to our school. This year's Choice Enrollment process resulted in a large number of open enrollment applications. This number speaks volumes about our school, the quality of instruction, the enrichment opportunities, and our community involvement. In the weeks to come we will begin to think about the 2009-10 school year in regards to staffing and class projections. Even though we initiate this process, be assured that our students still have a full four months of instruction left in this year. Our staff, as always, is committed to making each day count for kids.

During the month of February, PTA is sponsoring the **third** annual Gala for Grownups (February 20). Each year the committee goes 'above and beyond' to host an evening filled with delicious food, a warm atmosphere, and excellent silent auction items...simply a fabulous community event. It is always a memorable time! I want to extend a personal invitation to all parents. Not only is it a great event, but the proceeds directly benefit your child and all Maple Grove students. Money raised at the Gala will purchase additional laptops and carts for use in classrooms. Preparing students for the 21st century includes the integration of technology into our current classrooms. The additional dollars will enhance our budget to benefit students. Again, thank you to Maple Grove's PTA for dedicating your time, talent and passion for children....you help make Maple Grove a great school!

Over the next few weeks and months, students in grades 3-6 will be completing CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) testing. Annual CSAP testing allows both our school faculty and parents to examine academic progress of individual students. This 'snapshot' of learning is an important assessment tool as a student progresses, for it allows teachers to adjust instruction to benefit individual students. As we look ahead to the upcoming CSAP tests, thank you in advance for making sure your child is present at school during the designated testing dates. Research supports the notion that students achieve at a higher level when they take a test at the assigned time slot with their peer group. Please take a moment and note when your intermediate student will be testing. Arrange appointments, etc., at an alternate time so that your child is present at school. Thank you in advance for helping your child to demonstrate success on the CSAP tests.

Finally, as February begins, we hope to see you around the halls of Maple Grove. Come see the great things happening at our school.

Michael Maffoni, Principal

**CSAP Schedule -
See Page 3!**

CSAP Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade Level and Content Assessed</u>
Feb. 18	3rd Reading 1—8:30-9:30
Feb. 19	3rd Reading 2—8:30-9:30
March 2	5th Science 1—10:30-11:35
March 3	3-4 Writing 1—8:30-9:30 5-6 Writing 1—10:30-11:30 5th Science 2—12:30-1:35
March 4	3-4 Writing 2—8:30-9:30 5-6 Writing 2—10:30-11:30
March 5	4th Reading 3—8:30-9:30 5-6 Reading 3—10:30-11:30 5th Science 3—12:30-1:35
March 6	4th Reading 4—8:30-9:30 5-6 Reading 4—10:30-11:30
March 9	4th Writing 5—8:30-9:30 5-6 Writing 5—10:30-11:30
March 10	4th Reading 6—8:30-9:30 5-6 Reading 6—10:30-11:30
March 11	3-4 Math 1—8:30-9:35 5-6 Math 1—10:30-11:35
March 12	3-4 Math 2—8:30-9:35 5-6 Math 2—10:30-11:35
March 13	4th Math 3—8:30-9:35 5-6 Math 3—10:30-11:35

**GeoBee**

Congratulations and a big pat on the back to all the students that earned a chance to participate in the 2009 Maple Grove Geography Bee held on January 16. Students attended after-school practices and worked hard to answer questions about all kinds of geography. Our 2009 MG Champion was Sam Weese in Mr. Gupton's class. After winning the school bee, Sam took a written test that was sent to the National Geographic society for scoring, and we'll find out sometime in March if she gets to participate in the state bee. Well Done to Everyone!

4th Graders

Kiera Armintrout Erik Elgard
Ethan Berkery Barrett Condon
Amanda Williams Brock Young
Mady Brotherton

5th Graders

Sophie Beierle Calee White
Brewer Castle Trent Morris
Siena Dute Paul Cowie Jake Pott

6th Graders

Maren Lappens Grace Carlson
Grady Jensen Kate Baier
Simon Krupa Rachel Litz
Caleb Squire
Paige Perea Nate Graveling
Madeline Walters Julianne
Engquist Willie Harris Sara Landucci
Sam Weese Sammi Steele



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2009

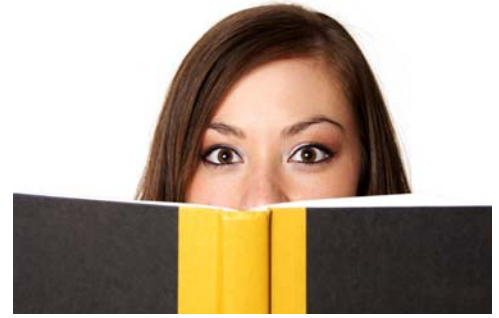
February 2	8:15 Emergency Drill
February 4	Gr 3 to Planetarium
February 4	6:15-7:15 p.m. Parent Safety Night
February 9	Gr 5 to Planetarium
February 11-12	Kdg Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 12	End 2 nd Trimester, Report Cards Issued for Grades K-6
February 12	8:00 a.m. PTA mtg
February 13	No School, Teacher Inservice Day
February 16	No School, Presidents' Day
February 18	8:30-9:30 Gr 3 CSAP-R1
February 19	8:30-9:30 Gr 3 CSAP-R2
February 20	6:00-10:00 p.m. PTA GALA
February 23	2:45 PIE mtg
February 24	Class Pictures
February 26	1:00 p.m. Early Release

Parent Safety Night
 February 4, 2009
 6:15-7:15 pm

John McDonald of Jefferson County School District will speak on behavioral and other issues facing our elementary school children and how parents can engage children in conversations about these issues. Michael Maffoni and staff from each grade level will also discuss methods used at MG to address these issues. Look for additional information in the next week. You won't want to miss this interesting and informative evening.

Maple Grove Book Project

Our creative children (and teachers) at Maple Grove have been working hard to create a one-of-a-kind color, hard cover book to be purchased through the PTA. Each grade level was given a topic to write about and each student made a page for the book. You will have the choice of buying a “class only” or a “grade level” book. The Class Book (\$35) will contain pages made from the students in one classroom, and the Grade Level Book (\$45) will contain pages made from all of the students in that particular grade. We have had a great time making these books and getting an inside look at how this coming generation thinks about different topics and how they express their creativity through writing and illustrations. This is a great keepsake for the kids.



Below are the grade level topics:

Kindergarten: “My Family” – classic family portraits made by the little ones.

1st Grade: “What I Want to be When I Grow Up” – Illustration and written description of what they have planned.

2nd Grade: “In Their Own Words Cookbook” – They tell you just what you need to make their favorite dish. Photographs of the chef included.

3rd Grade: “How To...” – In their own words and illustrations they give you steps on how to..... - you’ll have to find out!

4th Grade: “How I Plan to Make My First Million \$” – some very clever ways to make money in this book. Illustrations included!

5th Grade: “A Day in the Life of a MG 5th Grader” – a comic book written and illustrated by the students. So, that’s what they do all day?

6th Grade: “Mother Earth” – It was their choice-poem, story or drawing. See how they view our planet.

Look for the book order form in your child’s take home folder this month.

Samples of the books will be available to look at in February. Stay tuned for updates.

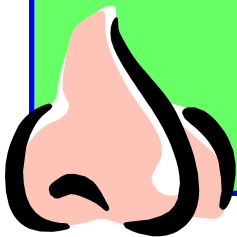
Questions? Contact Tania Peterman at tania328@comcast.net

NOSES NEED HELP!

Non-classroom teachers (Specials) are in dire need of Kleenex. In the past, every student brought a couple of extra boxes at the beginning of the year and I think this tradition has been forgotten.

PLEASE SEND TISSUE. Thanks a bunch!

There is also a need for gallon-sized ZIPLOC baggies. If you can donate some, please drop them to the office or send to school with your child.





JOIN US! the 3rd Annual Gala for Grown-Ups
“Grizzly Gras” live auction

Friday, February 20th
6:30 – 10:00 p.m.
Great Hall at Calvary Church in Downtown Golden
\$30 Individual \$50 Couple

There will be...
Entertainment
Food & Drink
Live Auction Items
Teacher Experience Silent Auction
Book Project for Sale
Hallway Photo Sponsor Sale

Become a Maple Grove Partner!



\$100 Level
Name on school banner for 1 year, and 1 Gala Ticket

\$250 Level
Banner, 2 Gala Tickets, Gala Table Sponsor, Ad in 2009 Directory

\$500 Level
Banner, 4 Gala Tickets, Table Sponsor, Ad in Directory,
Ad in MG Newsletter for 1 year

How else can I help?

Hallway Photo Sponsor: \$35; MG kids in your family photographed by Tania Peterman. Images displayed in school entrance, and one for you too!

MG Book Project: Get into the heads of these talented MG students. Each student made a page for these fantastic hard cover theme books. \$35 for a class book. \$45 for a whole grade level book (best bargain!).

To volunteer contact Kathleen Remington at ktremington@msn.com

Where does the money go?
For a detailed description look at page 8,

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Find a need and fill it.

~Ruth Stafford Peale



If you have **ONE** hour to give:

GALA event night:

There are a wide range of volunteer opportunities the night of the gala! All shifts are only one hour so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the evening. Choose from:

- ~ Check-in
- ~ Raffle Balloons
- ~ Silent Auction
- ~ Assist Caterers
- ~ Clean-up

1 hour shifts

6:30pm—11:30pm

Fri, Feb 20th

CONTACT: Kathleen Remington - ktremington@msn.com

If you have **TWO** hours to give:

GALA: Help decorate, set-up tables, and get the auction items ready.

2 + hour shifts

9:00am—5:00pm

Fri, Feb 20th

LIBRARY:

If you have as little as 10 minutes,

we need you! Because we have many avid readers (good problem), there is always an overflow of books needing to be checked in and shelved. Please consider volunteering in the library. You may commit to a weekly time to help or just drop in when you happen to be around. If shelving books isn't your thing, how about covering paperbacks with contact paper? Or straightening shelves? Or creating displays for new books, seasonal books, or curriculum themes? If you can help, stop by, call (3/982-1664), or email astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us

CONTACT: Kathleen Remington - ktremington@msn.com

Why Keep Giving to the Maple Grove PTA ?

The Maple Grove PTA has given over \$32,000 back to the school in the last 12 months due to our successful fundraising. This is even more important now that 3/A and 3/B did not pass –this means that over \$77,000 in proposed improvements to the school's technology will not occur. The PTA Board has chosen to put our fundraising focus into 2 main fundraisers that are coming up in 2009: the GALA on February 20th and the Gallup at the Grove to be held on May 17th. We thought it would be a good idea to let you know where your dollars have gone in the last 12 months:

\$9,300 to run PTA programs and events such as: Destination Imagination, Drama Team, Field Day, Grandparents Day, Reflections, Science Fair, Sock Hop, Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Young Writers & Author Visit, which included a classroom book donation from Barnes & Noble night proceeds.

\$4,100 to school infrastructure: Landscaping improvements, Hospitality committee which provides teacher dinners during conferences, CSAP snacks for students, and Staff Appreciation (includes staff water and coffee, etc).

\$9,000 to Technology Fund (2008 GALA proceeds): so far \$8,645 has been allocated to 10 new laptops and software which represents $\frac{3}{4}$ of one new laptop cart that can then be checked out by the various classrooms.

\$2,700 in Teacher Grants: this money went directly into the K-6 classrooms plus DHH and Special Ed for classroom enrichment agreed upon by the teachers at each grade level.

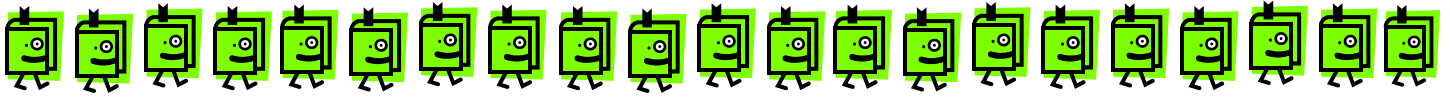
\$7,800 for Spring Academic Support: items included, calculator kits, document cameras, speech material, classroom hearing transmitters, magnetic lapboards, tumbling mats, guided reading group

SQUEAL

Come join us for the Maple Grove Drama Team production of ***Squeal***,

Friday February 27th at 6:30 pm in the Maple Grove Gym. Admission is \$1 and a can of food for the Jeffco Action Center.

Come support our performers, we hope to see you at the show!



SmartStarts@YourLibrary

February 2009

By Amy Stahura, Librarian

Did You Know...

According to PEW Internet & American Life Project, 80% of American Internet users have searched for health information online, while only 15% of them regularly check the reliability or currency of the information.

With the billions of web sites available online and lack of regulations for posting or maintaining sites, it is critical that we, and students, learn to evaluate what we read for reliability, accuracy, currency and bias. This is especially important since the web is the resource of choice for most students even though we teach and encouraged them to use print sources and other, more reliable electronic sources.

As required in Jeffco's Educational Technology and Information Literacy Standards, I have been, and will be, working in collaboration with classroom teachers to teach 4th-6th grade students to evaluate websites by looking for the following:

- Reputable organizations sponsoring site (National Geographic, Government agencies, etc.)
- Author's name, credentials & contact information provided

- Copyright date or last update
- Links that work and are current

Other things to consider:

- Can the information be verified in a source other than a website
- Use caution when the author is a student— even college students make mistakes (this is surprising to our elementary students).

For more information, contact me at astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us or stop by the library.

PEW Internet & American Life Project
<http://www.pewinternet.org>

Parenting Resources

Need some parenting advice? We have a large selection of books, CD's and books on CD from the Love & Logic Institute. Some of the available titles are:

Parenting with Love & Logic;
From Innocence to Entitlement;
Hope for Underachieving Kids;
Winning the Homework Battle;
Trouble-Free Teens; Shaping Self-Concept; Love & Logic Magic for Early Childhood; Painless Parenting for the Preschool Years; Par-

enting Doesn't Have to be Rocket Science; and MORE.

Just drop by the library, call, or send a note with your child and we'll get you what you need. If we don't have a title you want, let me know. I'll do my best to get it.

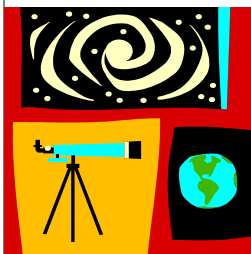


Help Needed

If you have as little as 10 minutes, we need you! Because we have many avid readers (good problem), there is always an overflow of books needing to be checked in and shelved. Please consider volunteering in the library. You may commit to a weekly time to help or just drop in when you happen to be around. If shelving books isn't your thing, how about covering paperbacks with contact paper? Or straightening shelves? Or creating displays for new books, seasonal books, or curriculum themes? If you can help, stop by, call (3/982-1664), or email astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us. Thanks!



Science Fair 2009!



Has your son ever asked you how airplanes fly? Or your daughter inquire what rainbows are made of? Encourage them to answer their own science questions by participating in the Science Fair! It's a fun – and empowering – way for students to explore the world of science.

The 2009 Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 24. Students from any grade (K-6) can participate.

Here's how it works: Each registrant submits a science question, then conducts experiments or research to determine the answer. Participants then build a display board to showcase their results.

During school on April 24th, all students visit the Science Fair to view the projects, and visiting scientists from the community meet with each participant to discuss what was learned. That evening, everyone – science fair participants, all students, parents – is invited to attend a celebration and show from Future Quest.

Participants are supported and encouraged throughout the process. For help in determining a good science question, you may want to review this List of Past Science Fair Questions (hyperlink to list). There are also many great resources for science experiment ideas in the Maple Grove library (see Amy Stahura), your public library (Children's science section), and on the internet. Some particularly good internet sites are:

- www.stevespanglerscience.com/experiments
- www.scifair.org
- www.exploratorium.edu
- www.accessexcellence.org/21st/TL/scifair
- www.chipublib.org/008subject/009scitech/scifideas.html

Once a student is registered and a science question submitted, the participant is assigned a “parent contact” who will be able to support the child and answer questions. The parent contact will help to remind the students of critical dates and check-in on progress.

For those new to the Science Fair, there will be informational meetings at 2:40 and 7:00 pm on February 24th.

More information will be provided in the Registration Packets and Past Project Questions are available on the Maple Grove Science Fair Website <http://www.maplegrove-pta.org/activities---science-fair.html> which will be sent home with all students on Friday, January 23rd. Registration forms are due by March 27th.

Students may also enter a design contest for the Science Fair logo. This contest is open to all students (they do not need to be a science fair participant to enter). The winning logo will be used on the Science Fair publicity materials and the Science Fair t-shirts. More information on the logo design contest will be sent home in February.

The Science Fair is sponsored by the Maple Grove PTA and is run by parent volunteers. We adhere to guidelines set forth by the Science Department of Jeffco Schools regarding science fairs in elementary schools.

The Science Fair committee needs more volunteers to support the program. We need parent contacts (no science experience necessary), assistance with participant registration, and help setting up and cleaning up on the day of the Science Fair (April 24th). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Science Fair Committee Chair, Donna Walker at 303-956-6429.



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

February 25th

Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children

This seminar is sponsored by the Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC). Join us on Wednesday, February 25th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm at the Jeffco Education Center, Building 27, School Board Room, 5th Floor, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, CO 80401.

Nationally-acclaimed speaker, Dr. Jim Delisle, Ph. D., will offer practical advice to parents on raising gifted children. His honest and thought-provoking presentation helps parents re-examine the way they perceive and relate to their children with such topics as:

- Questions about how to best meet their intellectual and emotional needs
- What giftedness is (and what it isn't)
- How to set expectations that are balanced and attainable

How to help children find true friends who share similar interests and abilities

Dr. Jim Delisle brings over 30 years of experience as a teacher, counselor, professor and parent. His work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Education Week, People Magazine, Nat'l Public Radio, and on Oprah. He has authored 200+ articles & 14 books, including *The Gifted Kids Survival Guide: A Teen Handbook* and *Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children*. Dr. Delisle will stay for a BOOK SIGNING after the presentation.

JAGC BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER: From 6:00 - 6:30 pm and then until 9pm following the presentation, some of Dr. Delisle's books will be available for purchase. Additional gifted parenting titles and hundreds of children's educational Usborne books will also be available that night. Cash or check OK for all; credit cards OK for Usborne purchases only. Thanks to Usborne for continuing JAGC fundraising support (20%!) from now until March 10th at Kathy Martin's Usborne Books website: www.UBAH.com/Y1086. Click on 'JAGC e-Show' near top right. (email -booklady2@comcast.net)

EDUCATORS can earn professional development credit for attendance this evening (GTWS02 - 3 clock hrs toward GT endorsement). Dr. Delisle is also presenting a workshop during the same day for teachers (GTWS01 - 7 clock hrs toward GT endorsement). Credit OK for both. Contact the Jeffco GT Dept at 303-982-6650.

This open, educational evening is provided free-of-charge by JAGC, but we NEED DONATIONS at the door (tax-deductible) to defray the expense of bringing in this nationally-recognized expert. Please RSVP by email to info@jeffcogifted.org (call Vicki Ray if necessary, 303-431-8054).

RSVP's help us have enough handouts available for everyone.

JAGC is a local, non-profit advocacy group committed to providing leadership and support to the parents and educators of gifted young people in Jefferson County, Colorado. Visit us at www.jeffcogifted.org

Partners in Education (P.I.E)

To learn more about school curriculum, how you can help your child thrive, have input into goals for Maple Grove in such areas as school safety and environment, budget, and curriculum...

come to P.I.E.

Spring 2009 Dates:

Monday, February 23rd 2:45 L.I.C

Monday, March 23rd 2:45 L.I.C

Monday, April 27th 2:45 L.I.C

Monday, May 18th 2:45 L.I.C

Staff Stories

Cathy Elliott

Cathy Elliott is a 4th grade teacher at Maple Grove. She was born in Denver, CO and raised in Littleton and Colorado Springs. She has always lived in Colorado. She received her B.A. in Elementary Education at the University of Colorado and her M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Denver. She has been married to her husband Tom for thirty-one years and they are now empty nesters with two daughters in their twenties.

She loves any time she can spend in the mountains where she enjoys camping, hiking and nature. Her hobbies include reading, writing, travel and needlecrafts. Her favorite holiday is Christmas and her favorite color is blue. She has fond memories of her fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Pflug (pronounced "flu) because she was truly passionate about teaching and was the first teacher who pushed her to work up to her full potential.



A Note from the Principal,

Please check out PTA's information corner, located by the cafeteria, for important school information. In addition, there is a wall display case, located just inside our front entrance hallway, where parents can help themselves to community information and flyers. [There are many items that you may find beneficial for your student.](#)

Leadership Club at Maple Grove

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

– John Quincy Adams

The PTA is excited to bring a Leadership Club to Maple Grove. The purpose of this club is to provide students with an opportunity to explore leadership skills, community service, and reaching out to those with greater needs than our own. As group leaders we will guide the kids in determining ways and means by which they can make a difference in our school, community and world.

To initiate this group we have set the first activity as a fundraising event for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In April we will present a "Pennies for Patients" campaign. We will be providing more information on this next month. Future events will be decided with Club member input.

Our meetings will be held from 2:30-3:30 on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning with March 2nd. Please understand that it is our intention to maintain an open door policy so your children can commit to coming only when their desire and schedule allows. We look forward to the ideas your kids will bring to this group. Watch for information about Pennies for Patients and the location of the meetings after it is determined.

Lisa Condon, Mica Dute, and Marcy Roark



Now Enrolling! Sign up your child today for afterschool music classes on-site right here at your school! Your child will LOVE learning and playing music with their peers! We offer Keyboard Classes (all ages), Guitar (2nd – 6th), and in some venues Strings and Drums classes. Keyboards for Kids group classes are affordable and so convenient for busy parents! Each class is exciting, convenient, and academically-rewarding. Studies show over how keyboard classes enhance academic performance. Visit our website for more on *Music and the Brain*. Keyboards For Kids has been teaching children to love music since 2003. We have had hundreds of satisfied parents. Kids love our teachers! Positive low-pressure & supportive atmosphere! Enrolling now! Classes are small and fill quickly. Register online & get more information!

HYPERLINK "http://www.KeyboardsForKids.com" www.KeyboardsForKids.com

303-215-1KFK (1535)

303-919-8672



FROM THE GYM:

It's hard to believe the second trimester will soon be coming to an end! Grades 6 have been very busy this trimester while participating in units in basketball, bowling, and now jumping rope/sport stacking (formerly known as cup stacking!) In basketball, we spent a lot of time focusing on the team aspect of the game through passing and moving to get 'open.' Grades 5 and 6 even got a chance to referee their own games!

That always provides an interesting perspective for the kids!

Bowling was great fun as we learned the 4-step delivery and the correct way to fill out the score sheet. Who knew there was so much math involved! In the current unit, the kids are learning new jump rope skills as well as challenging themselves to jump as many times as possible in 60 seconds! Each student has an individual goal for their '60-second challenge.' The effort put forth has been terrific! 5th and 6th graders are also working on their stacking speed with the cups in hopes of making our Maple Grove Sport Stacking team. Our annual Wheat Ridge area tournament is February 18th for 5th graders and February 19th for 6th graders. Some students have wondered where they can buy their own set of cups to practice. The website is www.speedstacks.com. It is a local company, so merchandise is received promptly.

The primary grades are also working on learning how to jump rope and stack the cups. They are making great strides with their hand-eye coordination both with the ropes and the cups. Grades 2 and 3 are working on being able to jump continuously for a period of time. First grade is working on trying to jump a consecutive number of times. Time was also spent on volleying and dribbling skills, rolling skills (bowling) and weight transfer and balance. Thanks to our PTA at Maple Grove, we were able to purchase tumbling mats which were instrumental in our practice of weight transfer and balance using different body parts.

As I sit here writing this article on a 70-degree January day, is it too early to mention that Field Day is on Thursday, May 7th!! Mark your calendars!

Mrs. Shauna Wujek
P.E. Teacher



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It's Clipping Time Again!!!

Our last collection day of this school year is right around the corner. Please get your Box Tops turned into your child's teacher by **February 12th**. To help with our counting process, please watch the expiration dates. Also, please trim around the edge of the box top without cutting off any information.

We appreciate your support with the Box Top Program. This is a wonderful way to earn money for our school.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Durden 303-279-3706 or Tina Glass 303-252-1528.

Stacey K. Durden
303-279-3706

**INSIDE/OUTSIDE PROCEDURES:**

Is it really winter in Colorado? A 70 degree day in January? This year's winter season has begun with mild start. Despite this, it is inevitable that our weather will change. *Many new families to our school have asked for information regarding our school's inclement weather plan. Maple Grove's policy is as follows:*

When cold weather presents itself, we make the decision about whether it is an "Inside" or "Outside" day. This designation applies to both before school and for recess. Prior to school and throughout the day we use weather reports, precipitation and temperature/wind speed readings (from school thermometers and NOAA weather sites on the Internet) to determine if the conditions are safe for the students to be outside. We realize that this system is not perfect, but we base our decisions using as much information that is available.

In the morning, if the temperature is 19 degrees or below (either air temperature or with wind chill/precipitation) we fly a "bear flag" on the front flagpole by the main entrance. This flying flag denotes that it is an "Inside" morning. If this flag is up students may enter through the main door and go directly to their classroom. On cold mornings, simply glance at the flagpole to see if the "bear flag" is flying so you can help your student(s) know if it is an "Inside" or "Outside" morning. We will continually monitor the weather conditions as the day proceeds to decide if students will be outside for lunch and afternoon recesses.

When the outside temperature is 20 degrees or higher, it will be an "Outside" morning. Students should remain outside until the bell rings, and teachers will open classroom doors to let students enter. **On normal days, all students must use only classroom entrances unless the first bell has already rung at which point outside duty staff will direct all students through the front door.** Also, unless the temperature drops, students will be allowed outside for recess. It is important to make sure your child is properly dressed with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. On occasion, due to temperature, wind, etc., students may have a shortened recess schedule. This is determined by office and support staff who monitor weather conditions throughout the day.

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