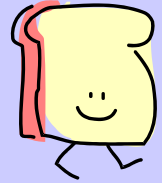




## Next PTA Meeting Thursday, March 11th at 8am *"Beyond the PBJ"*



Do you feel like you're in a lunchbox rut? Would you like to hear from other parents what they have found at the store, or how they have packaged items, or creative sandwiches or other ideas? Come Join Us for Healthy Lunchbox Recipes and Ideas!! Our next PTA meeting is Thursday, March 11th at 8am in the cafeteria. Here's an example of what you can receive....

### *Healthy Homemade Granola Bars*

- 2 cups oats
- 3/4 cup wheat germ
- 3/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 cup peanuts, crushed
- ♦ 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp Kosher salt
- approximately 8 oz. dried fruit

*Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.*

Then, mix the peanuts, oats, wheat germ, and sunflower seeds in a baking dish with sides. Toast them in the oven for 10-12 minutes, stirring every few minutes so that they don't get burned. Meanwhile, prepare a glass baking dish (about 11 x 13 inches) for your granola by lining it with waxed paper lightly sprayed with a nonstick spray.

Put the brown sugar, honey, butter, vanilla, and salt into a saucepan and bring to a simmer, stirring constantly. By now, your grains and nuts should be toasted, so mix everything together in a large bowl. The grains, the liquid "glue," and the dried fruit. Oh, and turn off your oven, because you're finished with it now.

Mix everything REALLY WELL because you want to make sure the "glue" gets all over everything. Now, dump your granola mixture into your prepared baking dish.

Spread out the mixture with a wooden spoon or spatula. Now fold over the sides of the waxed paper or add a sheet on top, and PRESS HARD all over the granola. You want to compact it together so that your bars won't fall apart when you cut them.

Wait 2-3 hours or until the granola has totally cooled. Then, open the waxed paper ...And carefully turn the granola onto a large cutting board, peeling away the rest of the paper. Now, firmly pressing down with a big knife (not sawing), cut your granola into whatever size bars you'd like. Wrap individually in plastic wrap or layer between sheets of waxed paper.

**MARCH CALENDAR**

March 1	10:15-11:20 Gr 5 Science 1 CSAP
March 1	First Round Choice Enrollment ends
March 2	8:30-9:30 Gr 3-4 Writing 1 CSAP
March 2	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Writing 1 CSAP
March 2	12:45-1:50 Gr 5 Science 2 CSAP
March 2	2:40 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Science Fair Info mtg in the LIC
March 3	8:30-9:30 Gr 3-4 Writing 2 CSAP
March 3	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Writing 2 CSAP
March 4	8:30-9:30 Gr 4 Reading 3 CSAP
March 4	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Reading 3 CSAP
March 4	12:45-1:50 Gr 5 Science 3 CSAP
March 5	End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester, Report Cards Issued for Grades K-6
March 5	8:30-9:30 Gr 4 Reading 4 CSAP
March 5	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Reading 4 CSAP
March 8	8:30-9:30 Gr 4 Writing 5 CSAP
March 8	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Writing 5 CSAP
March 9	8:30-9:30 Gr 4 Reading 6 CSAP
March 9	10:15-11:15 Gr 5-6 Reading 6 CSAP
March 10	8:30-9:35 Gr 3-4 Math 1 CSAP
March 10	10:15-11:20 Gr 5-6 Math 1 CSAP
March 11	8:00 a.m. PTA General Meeting in the cafeteria
March 11	8:30-9:35 Gr 3-4 Math 2 CSAP
March 11	10:15-11:20 Gr 5-6 Math 2 CSAP
March 12	8:30-9:35 Gr 4 Math 3 CSAP
March 12	10:15-11:20 Gr 5-6 Math 3 CSAP
March 12	1:50 All School Pie Throwing at Mr. Maffoni in the gym
March 15-19	Gr 3-6 CSAP Makeups
March 16	Second Round Choice Enrollment begins
March 20	2010 Maple Grove Gala at Rolling Hills Country Club
March 22	2:30 PIE mtg
March 29-April 2	No School, Spring Break
April 5	No School, Teacher Comp Day for Conferences

**Congratulations  
to  
Callie White!**

Congratulations to Callie White. Callie completed a clean sweep at Maple Grove this year. In addition to winning the Maple Grove Geography and Spelling Bees, she also won the Wheat Ridge Area Schools' 6<sup>th</sup> grade Writing Contest. Callie will be honored for this at an upcoming Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting.



**FROM YOUR EDITORS**

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## News from the Principal: Michael Maffoni



Dear Maple Grove Families,

March is upon us and it's beginning to feel like Springtime. I hope this edition of the Maple Leaf finds your family settling in for the Spring months ahead.

Two weeks ago you may have been at Maple Grove for your child's Spring conference. Below is a portion of an article from [Education.com](http://Education.com) that I wanted to pass along. I am sharing it with you because I believe the information is both pertinent and timely. Take a few minutes to read over the information.

### After the Conference

*When discussing the conference with the child afterward, stress the good things that were covered and be direct about problems that were identified. If an action plan is in place, explain to the child what was arranged. When an action plan is in place, consider the following: Watch your child's behavior and check on class work and homework. Ask how the student feels about schoolwork. Stay in touch with the teacher to discuss your child's progress. Continuing to keep in touch with the teacher, even if things are going well, can play an important role in helping the child do better in school. When a child knows parents and teachers are regularly working together, the child will see that education is a high priority requiring commitment and effort.*

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If your child's teacher did not request a conference with you, and you have questions for the teacher, feel free to contact him/her. Our staff strives to provide feedback to parents, and they are willing to meet with you as questions/concerns arise. Feel free to contact classroom teachers through voice mail or email. Contact numbers are listed on the Maple Grove website, school directory, or you can call the office and Cheri or Jennie can connect you.

Finally, as March begins, and the days warm up (hopefully) please send your child to school in "weather appropriate" clothing. Mornings are brisk and students will be outside prior to the first bell.

Looking ahead, Springtime around Maple Grove is always filled with many wonderful learning opportunities and community events. I hope to see many of you in the halls of Maple Grove in the weeks to come!

Michael Maffoni  
Principal



## FROM THE GYM:

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade sport stacking team! Fifth grade team members include: Sarah Litz, Brock Young, Justin Kehoe, Parker Skiles, Hannah Strassburger, JC Abrahamson, Jakob Fanning, James Nickell, Adam Strassburger, Jana McVey, and Ethan Berkery. The 3-6-3 team of Sarah, Hannah, JC, and Parker took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Wheat Ridge area tournament! Fifth grade cycle teams placed third and fourth overall. Sarah was the individual champion in both the 3-6-3 and the cycle. Go team!

Sixth grade team members included: Mikaila Paxton, Nicholas Young, Morgan Westfall, Alec Hornecker, Colin Shira, Joey Major, Jake Pott, Sophie Beierle, Kyle Webber, Christopher Ireland, and Susan Whitney. The 3-6-3 team of Mikaila, Nicholas, Morgan, and Alec took home the championship! The same group also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the cycle relay. A good time was had by all and our students represented Maple Grove in a very positive way.

Also, just an FYI – mark your calendars for **Field Day on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**! Hard to believe it is almost time to start getting the kids ready for the big event.

Feel free to stop by the gym anytime.

Mrs. Shauna Wujek,

PE Teacher



### District Leaders Take Salary Reductions

Because of the district's budget crisis, all eight members of the superintendent's cabinet have decided to freeze their salaries for a year, regardless of what happens with budget reductions. If there are other cost-saving compensation measures approved by the Board of Education (furlough days for example), they will take those as well.

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Stevenson has also decided that she will not accept her performance pay for this year and next year; that money will be put back into the general fund.



# 2010 Science Fair: X-Treme Science!

Has your son ever asked you what turtles like to eat? Or your daughter inquire whether hair spray is stronger than glue? 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 2010 Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 16. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 science show.

Participants are supported and encouraged throughout the process. 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.

All interested children must submit their Project Questions no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and information packets have already been sent home with each student.

## Science Fair: Logo contest

The theme for this year's Science Fair is "X-Treme Science!" Submit an original design – and see it become the logo for the Science Fair! The logo will be printed on the Science Fair promotional materials, cover of the Program, and Science Fair T-shirt. *The winner receives a free Science Fair T-shirt! Any participant who turns in a project question will also receive a T-shirt!*

All Maple Grove students are invited to submit a logo design. You do not need to be a participant in the Science Fair to submit a design.

Deadline for design submissions: **March 22nd** (Give designs to your teacher)

The entire school will vote for the winning design On **March 24th**



Guidelines: (please follow these guidelines carefully)

The design must follow the theme: **X-Treme Science!**

**The design can include only 2 colors and one background paper color**

Use a sheet of plain white or solid colored paper for your background paper. Paper must be 8.5 x 11.

Use pencils, pastels, ink, or markers – **NO CRAYONS (crayons do not print well on t-shirts).**

Do not use computer generated designs or lettering.

Submit only ONE design per student.

All designs must be the ORIGINAL work of the student. BE CREATIVE! Have fun with it!

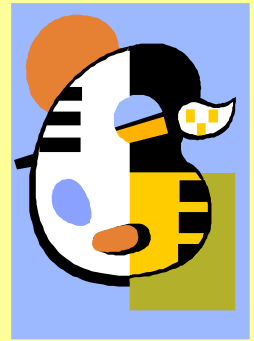


**\*\*IMPORTANT: ON THE BACK OF THE DESIGN ENTRY WRITE:  
SCIENCE FAIR 2010, STUDENT NAME, GRADE, AND TEACHER**

*If you have questions about the Science Fair or the Logo Design Contest, please call  
Science Fair Chair Donna Walker at 303-956-6429*

# Brushstrokes from the Art Studio

*Peg McCombie, Art Teacher 303 982-2854*



**Congratulations** to the students chosen to represent Maple Grove in the **2010 Jeffco Elementary Art Show.**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade 3-D Masks: **Kevin Sanders, Nicholas Young**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Surrealist Landscape: **Bailee Knott**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Color Wheel Painting: **Devyn Snyder**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Texture Drawing: **Kiera Armintrout, Jack Carter, Barrett Condon**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Autumn Radial Collage: **Emily Harrington**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Story Paintings: **Tatum Marshall, Foxton Robie, Allison Smith**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Self-Portrait: **Dillon Hurley**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Line Bugs Paintings: **Gracie Serafin, Kate Svuba**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Patterned Mitten: **Alexander Nobel-Rudolph**

The Art Show is on display at Red Rocks Community College from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Maple Grove display is located in the main lobby of the college. Everyone is welcome to stop by and look at all the art created by Jeffco Elementary School Art Programs.





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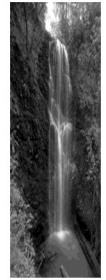
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