



MAPLE LEAF OCTOBER 2009

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PTA Web site:
<http://www.maplegrove-pta.org>



News from the Principal: Michael Maffoni



Dear Maple Grove Families,

Autumn is here and one can definitely feel the change in seasons. The shorter amount of daylight and cooler nights are reminders that school is well underway and students have fully progressed into our year. Each evening, keep asking your student about his/her school day...there are exciting things happening at each grade level.

Maple Grove's PTA sponsored an outstanding community event on Friday, September 25! Thank you to the planning committee and the many volunteers who helped organize and implement the 70s Dance Fever and Carnival Night. This well planned event drew a huge crowd and it was very apparent that all families had a great time. (The 70s costumes were awesome!) Thank you, PTA!

In the middle of the month, we welcome parents to Parent/Teacher conferences. On October 14 & 15 parents will meet with teachers to discuss student progress, thus far in the year. I encourage you think ahead to your conference and formulate a list of questions you have for your child's teacher. At this conference the teacher will share classroom work, assessment data, and insights into your child's learning. Thank you in advance for making time to be present at your scheduled conference.

Finally, as October begins, students are already talking about Halloween. We look forward to celebrating with our students. Please look for an additional letter to be sent home regarding Maple Grove's Halloween parties as we near the end of the month. This letter will detail party times and costume guidelines. Watch for it so we can ensure a safe and "spook-tacular" Halloween for everyone.

I hope to see you around the halls of Maple Grove throughout October!

Regards,

Michael Maffoni, Principal

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 1	October Count
Oct 1	9:00-10:00 Emergency Drill
Oct 2	Vision & Hearing Screening Gr K-3 & Gr 5
Oct 8	2:45 PTA Mtg - LIC
Oct 9	Picture Retake Day
Oct 13	8:15-2:00 Wheat Ridge Area Track meet - 6 th & Kipling
Oct 13	PTA Chili's Fundraiser Night
Oct 14	9:15-1:15 Gr 2 @ Lookout Mtn Nature Center
Oct 14-15	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades K-6
Oct 16	No School, Teacher Inservice Day
Oct 21	3:30-5:00 Talent Show Auditions - gym
Oct 22	4:30-6:30 Talent Show Auditions - gym
Oct 23	7:15-8:15 a.m. Flu Shots - Maple Grove Clinic (sign up in the office)
Oct 26	2:45-4:15 PIE mtg - LIC
Oct 30	1:00 Halloween Parade & Parties to follow in classrooms

OCTOBER COUNT DAY!

Each year Jeffco Public Schools must provide the State of Colorado an official count of how many students are enrolled in our schools. This number determines how much funding each school receives. The state will look at the number of students attending classes from Thursday, Sept. 24 through Thursday, Oct. 8. **Thursday, Oct. 1 is the key student count day. Please help us ensure that all our students are accurately counted by having your child in school that day. If your child must be absent on Oct. 1, please call the attendance line at 303- 982-5810.**

FROM YOUR EDITORS

The Maple Leaf newsletter is published monthly by the Maple Grove PTA to keep you updated on Maple Grove news and informed about issues that affect your children.

To submit articles:

Email

mapleleafnews@yahoo.com



STUDENT MEDICATION

Jeffco Public Schools has modified policy JLCD to correspond with state law which now allows students with severe medical issues to possess and self-administer medications in accordance with the Colorado School Children's Asthma and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act. (Page 67 of the booklet) As a convenience, you may also access the Code of Conduct on the district's Web site at, <http://sc.jeffco.k12.co.us/conduct>. All Jeffco Public School policies are online at: <http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/board/policies/>.

With your support, we can help our students achieve academic success because they feel safe in their school and know what is expected of them each and every day.

PHOTOS ON THE MAPLE GROVE WEBSITE

One of our goals this year is to include photo highlights of the many Maple Grove events on our website. It is a fun way for students and families to remember events and celebrate community participation. Students in photos will NOT be identified by name, only as members of a group, i.e. —Maple Grove Students or —Fourth Graders.



If you would prefer that pictures of your student participating in such events NOT be used on the website, please notify the main office in writing. See page 34 of the Jeffco Public Schools Conduct Code, for more information.



Save the Date! Grandparent's Day at Maple Grove Friday, November 20th



Have your grandparent or special friend visit your school and meet your teacher!

Full Day kids (grades K-6)

2:00 – 2:30 snacks and coffee provided in cafeteria

2:30 – 2:45 grandparents visit classrooms

Half Day kids (Kindergarten)

10:30 – 11:00 songs and games in half day classroom

** Grandparents and special friends only, please*



2009 Maple Grove Talent Revue

Sponsored by the PTA

Friday, November 13th, 2009

Manning Middle School Auditorium



The 2009 Maple Grove Talent Revue is right around the corner!

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Email your song/artist choice: **Wednesday, September 30, 2009**
7:00PM SHARP!

NOTE: To avoid duplication of songs this year, you **must** email your song/artist choice on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00PM SHARP to jknagode@hotmail.com.

Audition Forms Due: **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

Completed Individual, Group & MC forms need to be turned in to your teacher by Wednesday, October 14th, 2009. Audition forms are located on the PTA table outside the cafeteria or can be printed from the PTA Website.

Sign Up for Your Audition Time by: **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

Audition time sheets for individual & group acts are located outside the cafeteria on the PTA table.

Hurry, sign ups are on a first-come first-served basis.

Auditions – Individuals & Groups: **Wednesday, October 21st & Thursday, October 22nd, 2009**

Auditions – Masters of Ceremony: **Friday, October 23, 2009 (6th graders only)**

For those 6th grade students auditioning to be one of four Masters of Ceremony, audition packets will be sent home on Monday, October 16th. The packet will include audition time, location and instructions on what to prepare.

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: **Thursday, November 12, 2009**
Auditorium at Manning Middle School.

Maple Grove Talent Revue: **Friday, November 13, 2009**
Auditorium at Manning Middle School.



Talent Revue Questions? Contact Jill Nagode at (303) 384-9322



Volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving lunch on 11/19/09

Linda Enderle, cafeteria manager, needs a minimum of four volunteers to assist in serving the Thanksgiving lunch.

Help is needed from 10:15 am - 12:30 pm.

Please email or call Linda if you can help.
303-982-5784 / lenderle@jeffco.k12.co.us

New research shows drivers in school zones are distracted

There have been a few near misses during drop-off and pick-up. Please be certain that you are not distracted while driving near the school.

- ◆ Safe Kids USA shows that 1 out of every 6 drivers in school zones is distracted
- ◆ Use of electronics was the leading cause of distraction while driving according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study



Help to keep our kids safe!

URGENT: Maple Grove wins Grant

Maple Grove has won The Jefferson Foundation's Engagement Challenge Grant. The grant is designed to help PTAs spark participation and investment among local businesses. Maple Grove must show investment of businesses with the school. One way is to advertise in the Membership Directory – coming soon! If you have a business or can approach a business to advertise – The Jefferson Foundation will match their contribution! They will give Maple Grove up to \$2,000. **The Ad needs to be submitted by**

Friday, October 3rd.

A check will be presented at the first Grizzly Gathering on **Tuesday, October 13th at Chili's on Youngfield at 6:30 PM.**

Come show your support!

Visit the PTA website for forms and more information at <http://www.maplegrove-pta.org>.

FROM THE GYM

The school year is off to a great start! Grades 3-6 began with a unit in which we used to pedometers to track our fitness levels. We set individual goals for the end of the unit and each student worked to achieve their goal which emphasized improvement over the course of the unit. Fifth and sixth graders ran a mile, fourth graders ran a half mile, and the third graders set class goals to see how many laps their class could run in a 15-minute time span. The overall effort from the kids was fabulous! We also spent time learning about the FITT formula and how we can set up our own fitness plan using the formula.

Kindergarten through second grade have spent the first month on locomotor skills and using them in different pathways and levels. We have begun to work on the various jumping and landing patterns and will be putting them to use with long jump ropes.

Almost 60 fifth and sixth graders have been up early in the morning trying to earn a spot on our track team. The participation and enthusiasm shown by the kids has been really fun to see! The Wheat Ridge area track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at Jeffco Stadium. Approximately 45 kids will earn a spot on the team and go to the meet which has become one of our favorite events!

Feel free to stop by the gym anytime! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 303-982-7423.

Have a great day.
Mrs. Shauna Wujek
P.E. teacher



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October 23rd is the final day to send in Box Tops for the first semester count. Box tops submitted after that date will count toward spring semester. The class with the most box tops will receive a prize.

Keep on clipping!!

Questions: Stacey Durden 303-279-3706



School-Age Child Care at Maple Grove is now Enrolling for FALL!!



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SKI VACATION FOR SALE!



Thanksgiving week in Steamboat Springs
Nov. 21-28, 2009

Leisure Resort - 1-bedroom, full kitchen, sleeps 4 adults but allowances will be made for more who may want to bring blow-up beds or sleeping bags for children and/or extra guests. Sheets will be provided for the inflatable beds by the resort. Gold Crown Resort with shuttle service to nearby town and ski slopes. Regular price for Thanksgiving week is \$896.77 (plus tax at 11.04% per night) . . . Peaches and Goldie just want to recap their yearly maintenance fee, transfer cost and guest fees. Our total price for the entire week is \$750. To view the resort, go to www.rci.com and enter resort number 3642. If you are interested, call Goldie or Peaches Sellers at 303-279-3483.



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