

Maple Leaf

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Maple Grove Elementary
A Nationally Recognized
Blue Ribbon School

News from the Principal: Michael Maffoni

Important Dates:

September:

- * 3: Picture Day for all students
- * 6: No School Labor Day
- * 10: Assessment day– all students attend school during appointment time only
- * 15: PTA meeting 8-9 am Cafeteria
- * 15: Grizzly Gathering @ California Pizza Kitchen 4-8 pm
- * 17: Vision and Hearing Screening
- * 26: Paws in The Park 1-4 pm Applewood Park
- * 29: Early Release Day 12:00 Dismissal for all students

Dear Maple Grove Families,

A huge 'Thank You' for a fantastic beginning to the 2010-2011 school year! It was wonderful to see new and familiar faces at our Opening Ceremony on August 23, 2010. As the school year begins, we welcome 393 students to Maple Grove. Our staff is 100% committed to ensuring a year of academic and social growth for each child. Welcome to our year together!

As a busy parent myself, I am fully aware how quickly a family schedule fills up. I thank you in advance for making time to be present for your child(ren). Nightly conversations about the day's learning, friendships, etc. instill the value that school is important. You are ultimately your child's most

important teacher. Thank you for your investment of time.

Throughout the year, if you have questions/concerns regarding your child, the best place to start is your child's homeroom teacher. He/She can provide a full picture of academic and social information. If, however, you would like to speak with me, I have an open door policy and welcome conversations. Please stop by the office and schedule a meeting time with me. Cheri or Jennie, our secretaries, would be happy to assist you. Finally, I do my very best to stay on top of email/voice mail communication. I try to return calls/emails within a 24-hour period. Please realize, however, that occasionally this is not possible due to un-

planned circumstances. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.

Finally, Maple Grove has a long history of outstanding parental involvement. Maple Grove's PTA and PIE (Partners in Education) are always seeking new members. Please consider involvement in one or both of these organizations. Working together for our students is essential!

Again, welcome back to school. We are thrilled to have the year 'up and running.' I hope to see you around Maple Grove in the weeks to come!

Sincerely,
Michael Maffoni
Principal

SAVE THE DATE FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN!

70's Dance Fever and Carnival

Friday, October 1, 2010

6-9 pm

The Manning School
13200 West 32nd Avenue
FoodDancing**Games

Great music from the 70's and today with DJ Sweetness

Fun games and prizes for all ages and best of all everyone wins a prize every time.

Hula and limbo contest by grade!

\$1.00 adult admission or \$5.00 wristband for unlimited play!

Tickets available before and after school September 30, after school October 1st and at the Disco!

Please contact:

Julie Brotherton and Janell Ficco Co-chairs @ ficco@aol.com for volunteer opportunities. We need your help to make this event happen!

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Early Release Days

A reminder to [Maple Grove](#) parents that there are four early release days this school year. They are:

- Sept. 29
- Dec. 8
- Feb. 9
- May 18

On those days, our students will be getting out of school

two and a half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) hours early. Our teachers use those days to work in teams, going over information gathered from various student assessments given throughout the year. This helps us to guide instruction for students, ensuring that they are reaching their highest learn-

ing potential. We appreciate the flexibility of our families in helping us use this valuable collaboration time.



Notes From The Music Room

Auditions for the Wheat Ridge Elementary Honor Choir (grades 4-6) will be held soon. If your child is interested in auditioning, they will bring home a permission slip with info. Rehearsals will be held before school on Wednesdays in October and November from 7:10-7:55am.

Handbell Choir (grades 5-6) will hold auditions in January. Rehearsals will be before school on Wednesdays from February-

April. More info to come...

Upcoming Concert Dates:

November 11: 5th Grade Veteran's Day Program 7pm

December 1 : WR Elementary Honor Choir 7pm WRHS

December 14: 3rd Grade Holiday Concert 7pm

April 27: 4th Grade CO program 7pm

May 4: Jeffco Handbell Festival WRHS 7pm

May 17: 2nd Grade Concert 7pm

Help support the music program at Maple Grove! Gold C and E Books on sale now. Look for an order form in your child's Friday folder.

I am looking forward to a fun year with the kids! If you have any questions, please call me at 303 982 2665.

Elke Diefendorf
Music Education 1-6



Paws In The Park

Paws in the Park - Come show off your best friend!

September 26, Applewood Park,
1pm-4pm

Bring your furry friend for this fun-filled community event! There will be doggy contests, photo ops, obstacle courses, doggy and people treats, raffle prizes, many local vendors!



100% of the proceeds will be donated to the new Foothills Animal Shelter. We will also be collecting supplies that the shelter needs: blankets, puppy and kitten food, bleach, paper towels, large trash bags, hand wipes, dog toys, treats.

Volunteers needed for this event!
Please contact Lisa Condon,
sunskier12@gmail.com.

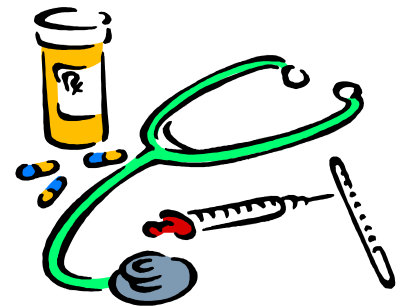


Tips From The Clinic

In trying to stay healthy this year and keeping our building safe, I have listed a few things that the district has put together to follow when trying to decide if you should send your child to school. Although attendance is important, we still want children to stay at home if they are ill and to avoid the spreading of infections and illness.

- Students who do not feel well enough to comfortably participate in the school day
- Oral temperature at or greater than 101 degrees
- Possible contagious disease
- Respiratory distress/congestion
- Severe coughing
- Excessive nasal discharge/change in color of nasal discharge
- Infection of eye (s)- redness, itching, or discharge from eye
- Behavior changes, persistent crying
- Gastrointestinal distress-nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Skin rashes with or without itching
- Severe, unrelenting headache
- Ear pain, discharge from ear
- Complaints of toothache, swollen gum or jaw areas
- Excessive fatigue
- Intense/excessive cramps

Please remember to give your child one extra day to recover when they have been sick for several days and always remind and encourage them to wash their hands and practice good hygiene.



Gifted and Talented News

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC) together with the Jeffco School Dept of Diverse Learners: Gifted and Talented present:

Dr. George Betts on
"Fostering Autonomous Learners in Your Home"

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
6:30-9:00 pm

Jefferson County Education Center, Building #27
School Board Room, 5th Floor
1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, CO 80401
(Map and directions: <http://bit.ly/cVx72l>)

Dr. Betts' Autonomous Learner Model nurtures individuals, supporting them to move away from the 'teacher-pleasing' actions and attitudes, which put them at risk of losing their creativity and positive risk-taking, and develops a variety of traits:

- resiliency,
- the ability to learn in school without sacrificing individuality for conformity,
- developing one's own short term and long term goals,
- creative and critical thinking,
- willingness to work at the edge of one's competence,
- standing up for one's convictions,
- producing knowledge,
- seeking to better the world,
- and ultimately, becoming life-long learners.

Dr. Betts will address YOUR question within his presentation! Please send it to question4betts@gmail.com by Sept. 14th.

Dr. Betts is an internationally acclaimed speaker and consultant for the gifted and talented. He has been a professor and director of the Center for the Education and Study of the Gifted, Talented, and Creative, as well as director of the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) since 1978.

ALSO: The Annual JAGC Book Fair Fundraiser: 600–9:00 in the lobby (before and following the presentation): Pick up 'must have' parent & student guides plus thought-provoking children and young adult books. Thank you to Usborne Books and to Barnes & Noble for supporting JAGC fundraising efforts by donating a generous percentage of sales. Come see the carefully selected, GT-relevant books we have waiting for you! Chat with other GT parents and educators as you browse. Preview the Usborne books or order online at: www.UBAH.com/Y1086

For a .pdf flyer about this Seminar: communications@jagc.org

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children website: www.jeffcogifted.org

GIFTED EDUCATION PARENT SEMINARS

| Date | Time | Description and Topic | Location |
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| 09/21/10 | 6:00pm to 8:30pm | JAGC – ALM—Social Emotional Focus Speaker: Dr. George Betts All GT Team | Ed Center Board Room |
| 10/26/10 | 6:30pm to 8:00pm | Visual Spatial Learners Steve Haas & Penelope Heinigk | Ed Center Board Room |
| 11/30/10 | 6:30pm to 8:00pm | School and Test Anxiety Jenny Fredrickson & Lindsey Reinert | Ed Center Board Room |
| 1/18/11 | 6:30pm to 8:00pm | Twice Exceptional Donna Hebert & Colleen Anthony | Ed Center Board Room |
| 03/01/11 | 6:00pm to 8:30pm | JAGC Guest Speaker—All GT Team | Ed Center Board Room |
| 04/26/11 | 6:30pm to 8:00pm | Acceleration—In's & Out's Steve Haas & Diana Caldeira | Ed Center Board Room |

Parents of gifted children need access to a variety of resources, networking and support to help guide them through their child's academic journey. The GT Department will be offering, in conjunction with JAGC (Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children) GT Parenting Seminars. The presentations are prepared by various professionals on issues related to gifted children. The Parent Seminars focus on supporting the children, parents and educators while offering the resources and networking that are needed.

NOTE:

- * Parents and Staff do not need to RSVP.
- * Babysitting is not provided; although we encourage age—appropriate attendance.
- * Information will be posted after the seminar on Jeffco GT website.
www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted_talented
- * Any cancelations will be announced on 303-982-6650.



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