



**MAPLE ELEMENTARY HAS FREE LUNCH AND BREAKFAST EVERYDAY!**

Your child will receive free breakfast and lunch everyday. In order for us to keep our **Free Lunch for All** status, we need parents to complete the **Free/Reduced Lunch** form from the GCCS website. The same form should be used for textbook assistance. We encourage parents to take the time to fill out the form in order for our school to maintain the free lunch program.

If you need to apply for textbook assistance please make sure to go to [gcs.k12.in.us](http://gcs.k12.in.us) and fill out the free/reduced lunch form.

**August Events**

PTO Meeting 8/8  
4:30 pm

Chromebook Parent Night 8/8  
6:30 pm

Maple Night at Chillers 8/22  
4-9 pm

Boy Scout sign-ups in the cafeteria 8/24  
6:30pm

**Upcoming Events**

Picture Day 9/7  
Mobile Dentist 9/22

HOME OF THE MAPLE PIRATES (812) 288-4860  
FACEBOOK PAGE: [HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MAPLE.ELEMENTARY.GCCS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MAPLE.ELEMENTARY.GCCS)

**Maple Elementary School**

**Principal's Message**

**Our first days of school have been AMAZING! Students are learning the routines and procedures of their classrooms. They are getting to know their classmates and their teachers. The most fun part of my day is watching our students return to school each morning with giant smiles on their faces. I want to sincerely thank you for choosing Maple Elementary School and for allowing us to spend our days with your child. We know that your child is the most precious person in your life. It is a huge honor that you have entrusted us with your child for 180 days.**

*Mrs. Ellenor*

**"Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!"**

**Car Rider Line Alert:**

We have many car riders this year! Due to the number of cars going through the car line, we ask that you enter the alley from Main Street only. Students are asked to wait by the cones on the sidewalk until an adult can help them enter their car safely. Safety at dismissal time is our #1 priority! Thank you in advance for your patience and assistance!



**LUNCH NEWS**

If you have not sent a copy of your child's birth certificate and shot records to school, please do so as soon as possible. We need to have birth certificates and shot records on file for all students. Thanks!

We enjoy parents and grandparents coming in to have lunch with their kiddos. It is a policy that visitors sit at a separate table with only their child though. This is to help us maintain compliance with FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing YOU at lunch!



## VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK FORMS

If you would like to go on a field trip with your child, help with our festivals /field day or be a room helper, please fill out a volunteer form. Volunteer forms were part of the registration process; however, if a grandparent or other guardian would like to volunteer throughout the school year, we need a volunteer form for them as well. If you have filled one out, THANK YOU! If you need additional forms, please give Mrs. Cathy a call at 812-288-4860 or send a note in your child's planner. We will send one home to you.



### Connect with US!

Stay connected and informed about what's going on at Maple Elementary through Facebook and Twitter!



<https://www.facebook.com/maple.elementary.gccs/>



@PiratesMaple

Also, check out our school website at <http://mes.gcs.k12.in.us/>

### In Case of Absence

If your child is ill, please remember to call the office at 288-4860 before 10am. You can leave a message if you call before school hours. In order for an absence to be excused, the student must have a doctor's statement.



## Maple Night at Chillers

Join us for family, food, and fun on August 22nd for Maple Night at Chiller's on Allison Lane. From 4-7 p.m. let them know you are with Maple Elementary and a portion of the profits earned throughout the evening will benefit the Maple PTO.



### Birthday Celebrations

Due to student health needs such as diabetes and food allergies, as well as being in compliance with the GCCS Wellness Policy, cookies, cupcakes and other sweets are NOT ALLOWED to be brought in for birthday celebration purposes. You may bring in any type of healthy food such as fruit, cheese or vegetable items or trinkets/birthday goody bags for each student in the class to recognize the special day. Any student birthday celebration/recognition should be approved, in advance, by the classroom teacher. Balloons or flowers brought to the birthday child will be held in the office until dismissal time to avoid distractions in the classroom.



