



**SAFETY: DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS BEFORE 8:40AM**

**There is no one available to supervise the children before 8:40AM. Your child can not arrive before 8:40AM. Your child must be in the building no later than 8:55AM. Please arrive on time, as breakfast will not longer be served after 9:15 a.m. Be on time — Breakfast will stop being served at 9:15 a.m.**



**Principal's Thoughts**

**Happy New Year!**

Often times the New Year is a time for fresh starts. We resolve to do things differently that will help to make us better people, employees, spouses, etc. This year is no different.

This year I want every parent to help Maple be the BEST we can be! Our focus in the New Year is going to be on attendance. We need Maple students to be at school on time and to stay all day! YOU can help us in our quest for improved attendance. Here are a few things you can do to make mornings a little smoother and get your child to school or to the bus stop on time:

- \*Stick to a regular bed time and consistent before-bed routine
- \*Pack backpacks the night before
- \*Lay out clothes for the next day
- \*Schedule appointments for after school hours or on scheduled school breaks

Together, we can ensure that Maple is the BEST place to be and our students are the BEST they can be too!

*Mrs. Elhor*

**School Closing Info**

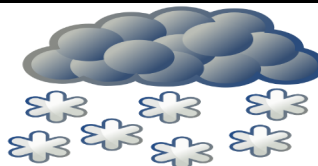
Greater Clark County Schools has recently implemented SchoolMessenger, a quick alert messaging service that is being utilized to **communicate weather related closures/delays**, emergencies, attendance, and general communications such as important school announcements or events.

One feature of SchoolMessenger is the ability to send text message alerts. In order to participate in the text message service, you must indicate your willingness to receive text messages to your phone. The process is simple and will only take a few moments to complete. Follow the steps below:

1. Text "yes" to the number 68453.
2. You will know you were successful if you receive the following message: "You are registered to receive approx 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help."

3. You will need to repeat this opt-in process for any wireless numbers that you wish to include. Please note, although the corporation does not charge for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text alerts. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges. Also, please ensure that your child's school has your wireless number(s) in the corporation's student information database (PowerSchool). Please contact your child's school if you haven't already provided that information.

If you have questions regarding SchoolMessenger text message alerts, please contact Erin Bojorquez, Supervisor of Communications, at (812) 288-4802



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1/9 4:30 p.m. PTO Meeting
- 1/10 5th Grade Field Trip
- 1/15 No School — MLK Day
- 1/24 Jump Rope for Heart begins
- 1/24 Boys' Bball vs. New Wash H
- 1/29 Boys' Bball vs. Northaven A
- 1/31 Boys' Bball vs. Bridgepoint H

**FUTURE DATES**

- 2/5 Boys' Bball vs. TJ A
- 2/7 Boys' Bball vs. Spring Hill A
- 2/19 Snow Make-up Day
- 2/26 ISTEP Applied testing begins



**SECURITY PROCEDURES**

- All doors are locked all of the time.
- You must ring the doorbell and state your name and business to gain entrance into the office.
- All guests must sign-in and wear a name tag.
- No one will be allowed anywhere in our building without a name tag and approval from the person you want to see.
- Please always make an appointment when you need to speak to the teacher in person.

**Stay Connected With Us!**



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**Maple Elementary School**



## PTO Reports—

**Ed Siewert, President**

Don't miss the next PTO meeting, it will be on Jan. 9th at 4:30p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. There is no membership requirement. Your input is valuable in planning activities for our students!

## Medicine Reminder

Parents, medicine cannot be given at school without a signed permission form from your child's doctor. This includes all over the counter medicines.

**It's not too late to order your yearbook!**

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**We have more order forms in the office.**

**You can also order on-line @ [ybday.lifetouch.com](http://ybday.lifetouch.com)**

**\*\*\*Delivery will be in the spring.**

## PRIDE Rewards

- ▮ Persistence
- ▮ Respectfulness
- ▮ Initiative
- ▮ Dependability
- ▮ Efficiency

We reward students who show PRIDE each quarter. Showing PRIDE includes good attendance, good grades, and good behavior. The requirements for receiving a PRIDE reward are

- ⇒ No Office Discipline Referrals
- ⇒ 2 or fewer absences
- ⇒ 2 or fewer tardies
- ⇒ No D's or F's

A PRIDE reward is just that — a reward that is earned by meeting all of the necessary requirements. We want students to know that we value their hard work.



## Boys' Basketball Schedule

New Washington	Home	Jan. 24
Northaven	Away	Jan. 29
Bridgepoint	Home	Jan. 31
Thomas Jefferson	Away	Feb. 5
Spring Hill	Away	Feb. 7

All games begin at 4:45 PM. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders **ONLY** may attend games without an adult. Tournament dates are Feb. 13 & 15.



## Boy's Basketball Tryouts

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys interested in trying out for the basketball team will need to take home a permission slip that will be going home shortly. Boys trying out need to be prepared each day with appropriate dress: Tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts.

**We would like to welcome our new coach Mr. Cloudy!**

## Cheerleading Tryouts

Permission slips for cheerleading tryouts will be going home shortly. The cheerleading coach will be Mrs. McCoy.

Good luck to all of our cheerleader tryouts!



## PE News

Please remember as the weather gets colder that **only tennis shoes are safe for PE**. Students should not wear any type of boots or other street shoes on PE days so they can safely participate in the activities. Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Ferrell, Mr. Posey and Mrs. Thornberry have PE every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Rickard, Mrs. Griffis, and Mrs. Gibbs have PE every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Game Ticket Cost

**Adults \$2.00**

**Children: \$0.50**

Cost is determined by Greater Clark County Schools