

News Letter

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Mrs. Tammy Poole, Principal – Mr. Rheon Gibson, Assistant Principal

Dear Maple Families:

It was great to meet with so many of you at parent teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher so that you can be updated on your child's progress.

Due to the five snow days the last day of school for students will now be Monday, June 3rd.

Please note the important events below:

March Calendar:

- 1 End of 2nd Trimester
- 4 Family Engagement Meeting @ 2:45
- 9 Forensic's Event 9AM at Harlem High School
- 12 Report Cards Go Home
- 15 School Improvement Day- No School for students
- 21 Maple Literacy Night and Book Fair 5:30-7:30
- 25-29 Spring Break- No School

Positive Office Referral Program

The following students were sent to my office for good things by a Maple staff member as part of our positive office referral program. I am so proud of these students and the good choices that they are making at Maple. Each student also received a be buck and a smencil in honor of this positive recognition.

Students:

- Damon Fish: nominated by Ms. Dilley
- Olivia Borowski: nominated by Ms. Whitmire
- Ava Rascon: nominated by Ms. Corr
- Mason Soukhaseum: nominated by Ms. .Corr
- Jayce Eisman: nominated by Ms. Corr
- Alivia Neubauer: nominated by Mrs. Hagerman
- Keiland McCain-Thomas: nominated by Mrs. Forrest
- Aiden Czyzyk: nominated by Mrs. Forrest
- Jackson Parisek: nominated by Mrs. Forrest
- Gavin Koerner: nominated by Mrs. Forrest
- Melanie Schewe: nominated by Ms. Corr
- Trayven Arthurs: nominated by Mrs. Meacham

Keep up the great work boys and girls. I love positive office referrals!!!

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New Assistant Principal: Mr. Rheon Gibson

Ralston Elementary and Maple Elementary will be sharing our new assistant principal, Mr. Gibson, whose first day at Maple will be this Wednesday. You will find Mr. Gibson to be approachable, student centered, and passionate about the social/emotional needs of our students. He is coming to us from the Dekalb School District where he was a Middle School guidance counselor for the last four years. Don't hesitate to reach out to him for assistance.

PBIS School Store and End of the Year Field Trip

Our next PBIS store will be on Wednesday, April 3rd and we need a lot of volunteers to make this work. Please consider coming in and helping. No amount of time is too small. Once you arrive it will be so much fun I don't think you will want to leave. Helping the kids shop and spend their Be Bucks is so much fun. My husband helped at the last PBIS store and he absolutely loved it and hopes to come and help again. He couldn't stop talking about the store and the students! Please call or email your child's teacher or me if you would like to help. Of course, this counts towards volunteering to earn that horse pin!

You may remember last year we took all of the students to the Boys and Girls Club as our end of the year celebration if they didn't have 2 or more office referrals. The PBIS team is arranging this event again for the last week of school. It pays to have good behavior! This incentive starts for the 3rd trimester which begins March 4th.

Our students absolutely loved the laser assembly on February 4th. They were singing along and having a great time. Thankfully that was not a snow day as they are pretty booked up and we might not have been able to reschedule them.

Literacy Night and Book Fair

March 21st is going to be a pretty awesome night at Maple School. We will have our yearly literacy night where classrooms will have fun activities for families to do together and then you can head down to the book fair to purchase books. We have even arranged a theme week for the kids to dress up too. Please mark this event. There will be an opportunity to win some pretty special prizes as well. You must be present to win.

Additional Early Childhood Classroom Being Added to Maple School

In the very near future we will be adding another EC classroom at Maple bringing our total to 4 AMs and 4 PM classes. Our new teacher will be Ms. Stephanie Elias. She is currently getting the new classroom ready for her students. While we are super excited about this additional classroom please be aware that parking will be even tighter than normal. As a result, it may be necessary for you to park in front of the school and walk your child up to the school. In order to avoid the congestion in the parking lot this may be your best option especially since it will be closer to the front door.

Reminders from the School Nurse:

March is National Nutrition Month!! The benefits of Good Nutrition include: Keeping the heart, lungs, bones, and muscles strong; Better sleep; More energy during the day; Reducing the risk of health problems like heart disease and diabetes, and Increasing self- esteem. Help your student think about good food choices this month by doing things like snacking on fresh fruits or vegetables instead of chips and candy, avoid sugary drinks and drink more water, eat breakfast every day, and eat a colorful variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to get the different minerals and vitamins the body needs for growing.

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Health Checklist for Students Entering 6th grade August 2019:

___ Physical

___ Meningococcal and Tdap Shots

___ Physical and shot records given to Maple nurse by August 14, 2019

Per school district policy, 6th grade students **will be excluded the first day** from school if there is no current physical and/or immunization record on file. Schedule your appointment today!!

Vision Screenings: If you received a letter in the mail stating that your student failed a vision screening, please schedule an appointment for follow-up with an eye doctor. Take the letter to the appointment so the doctor can complete the form with results from the exam. You can have your student bring the letter to school to give to the nurse.

2nd and 6th grade students Dental Examination: Forms are due to the nurse by May, 15, 2019.

Communication

Open communication is so important to all of us at Maple. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gibson or me with questions or concerns. No question or concern is too small. We will respond back to you within 24 hours. Please know that if you just show up at school we can't guarantee that we will be available to meet with you as we both start our day supervising students and then teaching in 6th grade. As partners in your child's education it is important to keep the lines of communication open. I can be reached via email at tammy.poole@harlem122.org and Mr. Gibson at Rheon.Gibson@harlem122.org or you are welcome to call me as well at 815 654-4502. I look forward to partnering with you in making this a fun and educational school year.

Mrs. Poole
Maple Principal