

Principal's Newsletter

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Mrs. Tammy Poole, Principal – Ms. Erica Swan, Assistant Principal

Dear Maple Families:

It was so great to see so many of you at Turkey Bingo. We gave out twenty-nine turkeys this year which was a record number due to the generosity of the Maple staff as well as other generous volunteers. We hope you enjoyed the event.

As a staff, we wish you and your family a wonderful and happy holiday. Enjoy your time with your children over the two week winter break. We look forward to having them back on January 7th.

December Calendar:

- 6 Safety Patrols Meeting and Pizza after school @ 2:45
- 20 December Birthday lunches with the principal
- 21 PBIS Store – Please consider coming in to volunteer
- 24-January 4 Winter Break

January

- 7 School Resumes
- 9 Family Engagement Meeting @ 2:45
- 18 No School- School Improvement Day
- 21 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

PBIS Store

If you would like to help at the PBIS store on Friday, December 21st please contact the school office. In order for us to offer this very special event to our students we need lots of parent volunteers to make it work. Any amount of time is appreciated! Thank you in advance for volunteering. Remember this counts towards your mustang pin at the end of the year award's ceremony.

As part of PBIS we had a lot of fun with our Game Day celebration in November. Students enjoyed playing games for 45 minutes while enjoying a snack. Students enjoyed it so much that if we decrease our referrals by 10% we will do it again for 2nd trimester. We have a laser assembly show already planned but we will also do another game day as well.

Reminders from the School Nurse

Winter Wear: Now that the snow and cold weather have arrived, remember to help keep your student safe and warm by sending the child to school with a winter jacket that zips, boots, hat, mittens/gloves, snow pants, and a scarf.

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.

5th Grade Students: Physical and Immunization Reminder: All students entering 6th grade in August 2019 need to have a 6th grade physical and the required immunization records turned in to the nurse before starting school. **Please schedule an appointment with your physician as soon as possible.** Once the child is 11 years old, the required vaccines

can be given. You can turn in the papers after the appointment rather than waiting until summer. The papers will be put in your student's health file and this will prevent your child from **first day exclusion**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Currens, Maple school nurse, at (815)654-4502 ext.4.

2nd and 6th grade students Dental Examination: Completed exam forms should be given to the school nurse by **May 15, 2019**. Schedule an appointment today for your child to be seen by a dentist during the winter break or in the beginning of the New Year.

Communication

Open communication is so important to all of us at Maple. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Swan or me with questions or concerns. No question or concern is too small. We will respond back to you within 24 hours. 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 Ms. Swan at Erica.swan@harlem122.org or you are welcome to call me as well at 815 654-4502 ext. 1515. I look forward to partnering with you in making this a fun and educational school year.

I will be out of the US from December 28th- January 6th and will not have access to email during this time. I will return all emails when I return on January 7th. Thank you.

Mrs. Poole
Maple Principal