

October 19, 2018

Greetings Maple View Families:

Wow! What a stretch of weather for October. I read that last year it rained 27 out of 31 days in October. What a difference one year makes. We just wrapped up our 7th week of school and I think everyone is settling in nicely. It is such a blessing to be all moved and settled in our new building. Students are working hard and making great progress and we have a number of events coming in the near future. We look forward to seeing each of you over the next few weeks.

All next week we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. Wearing red ribbons and red clothing during the month of October represent the pledge for students to live drug, tobacco, and alcohol free. Students and staff are invited to wear red on Thursday! We will have activities at Stretch on Monday and Tuesday and a lunchtime information table one day during the week. We are dedicated to supporting your student to be healthy, happy, and safe!

The 6th grade basketball season will culminate this Thursday with a jamboree against Summit Trail. Girls will play at Maple View while the boys will play at Summit Trail. The jamboree will start at about 3:00 pm at both locations.

Angie Davis, our school nurse has been sending out reminders to sixth grade families and also to families that are new to our district to make sure and send in your student's vaccination information. It is state law that we have this information on file at the school. Please make this a priority if you haven't already done so as I do not want to exclude students from attending school over a vaccination record. Thanks for your attention on this important matter.

We'd like to recognize the following students whose names were drawn as BEARS Buck winners this week: **Kenneth A., Shelly L., Jedidiah L., Ian Mason, Kealohi B.** Keep up the great work!

One of our goals at Maple View is to give our students opportunities to give back to their school community or to their greater Maple Valley community. Gary Connor, one of our health/fitness staff is working to encourage some of his students to volunteer and mentor a group of special education students in our school. It gives our special education students an opportunity to interact with students they would not ordinarily work with and it develops a great deal of compassion in our volunteers for our special education population. It is very gratifying to see our students working together to better our community. Kudos to Mr. Connor.

The first ASB after school event, the Pumpkin Patch Bash is Thursday, Nov. 1st! This is an age-appropriate social opportunity for students to hang out with friends in a supervised environment after school from 2:30 to 4:00. Please note: there will NOT be an activity bus so kids will need a ride home at 4:00. Tickets are sold at all lunches on the day of the event and there will be concession pre-sales at lunch also. Tickets are \$5 with ASB and \$6 without and

students need to have their ASB card on them for the discount. Concession items are generally a dollar or two. In addition to concessions there will be a cake walk, DJ and dancing, face painting, 3-on-3 basketball competition, and games. All activities are free with the price of admission.

The second sports season for 7th and 8th grade will begin on November 5th. We offer boys' basketball and dance during this season. The 6th grade second season will begin on November 6th. Their second season is volleyball. If you have a student interested in participating have them see Mr. Oliver, our athletic director or Ms. Holly, our cashier for details.

Check out the newest information from PTA: [PTANewsletter1018.pdf](#)

Have a fantastic weekend. Enjoy the weather. Go Bears!

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