

November 9, 2018

Greetings Maple View Families:

Well, here we are on the brink of the holidays, and with them come some non-school days, a few time changes and a number of activities. I have lots to cover so let's get started.

This week's BEARS Bucks winners are:

Jonathan B R

Liana B

Addie B

Annalise C

Payton E

We love catching students showing BEARS Behaviors! Keep up the great work!

Maple View Middle School conferences will take place on Wednesday and Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 -8 PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> and from 4 -7 PM on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The conferences are by appointment and usually last about 20 minutes. If you do not have an appointment, please contact your student's Stretch teacher to get signed up for a time that works for your family. Remember, our conferences are student led so they can only happen if your student is present.

The PTA will be running our annual book fair all of next week including the two evenings during conferences. If you are looking toward the holidays books make a great gift. Please stop by and take a look while you are here for conferences. Students will also be able to see the book fair during the school day.

There are a couple of schedule changes this coming week due to conferences. Monday is a no school day for Veteran's Day. Tuesday will be a Gold day, Wednesday will be a Blue day, Thursday will be a Gold day and Friday will be a Blue day. Friday is also a full day of school no early-release. School will dismiss at 2:30.

The week of Thanksgiving will be three half-days for students. Dismissal for the middle schools will be 11:30 AM with no lunch served. There is no school on 11/22 (Thanksgiving Day) or Friday, 11/23.

PTA is trying to avoid multiple fundraisers and selling products by hosting a donation drive during conferences. All of the money collected goes directly back to the school for scholarships, grants, enrichment. Last year, for example, PTA funded stationary bikes for the weight room, dye cuts for the school's machine, bleacher panels, an air compressor, and equipment for

basketball, soccer, football, and ultimate Frisbee. Our PTA does a great job of supporting our school above what our funding can provide. Any help you could give them would be greatly appreciated. Here is the weekly PTA newsletter: [PTANewsletter118.pdf](#)

This is a busy time of the year but it is also fun as we begin to see the progress our students are making. I love to watch them learn and grow into young adults. I am looking forward to seeing you at conferences next week. Until then, Go Bears!

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