

November 30, 2018

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are back from Thanksgiving and going hard in our classes. As I said last week, this is an important time of the semester to make sure our students are caught up and doing their very best work. When we leave for winter break in a couple of weeks we will only have 14 school days before the end of first semester. Please sit down with your student and log into Skyward - Family Access so you're both clear on what is going on at school.

Five more names were drawn from all of the BEARS Bucks turned in. Please send these students to the office during the last five minutes of Stretch for their prize.

Elliot Becker

Zane Joyce

Alana Kelley

Payton Krier

Brendan Martin

Our Bears are the best!

We have our first Orchestra concert of the year on Tuesday evening, December 4th, at 7:00 PM in the MVMS commons. The students have been working hard and are excited to perform. Please join us for a great night of music.

Maple View is currently participating in the annual **Maple Valley Food Bank's gift drive**. They are in need of new, unwrapped gifts for children 12 and under and are looking for \$25 gift cards for children ages 13-18. Donations can be dropped off in Stretch classes or the front office and are needed by Thursday, December 6th. [MVMS Gift Drive.pdf](#)

7th and 8th grade basketball teams are playing games on Tuesday and Thursday after school. The Dance team is performing at halftime of each game. I would encourage you to come out and see our students participating in extra-curricular activities.

The 6th grade volleyball season is continuing in the morning and will culminate on December 13th after school with a jamboree against Summit Trail. More details to come next week.

Check out the newest information from PTA. We've attached their newsletter as well as a coupon book order form. These make great gifts and are handy for when you have guests! [PTANewsletter1129.pdf](#) [couponbookorderform.pdf](#)

Explore the Arts and Express Yourself! We encourage all MVMS students to enter this year's [WA PTA Reflections art contest!](#) Students can submit entries for the following categories: literature, photography, or visual arts. The 2018-19 theme is "Heroes Around Me". All submissions are due by January 7th and should be submitted to the school office by that date for review and entry.

Can you believe that our Tahoma Jr. Drama Club has been busily prepping for the spring musical, **Cinderella**? The mandatory parent meeting is on Wednesday, 12/5 at 7 pm in the STMS Library. Auditions will be held 12/13-12/15 at MVMS. [DramaMusical.pdf](#)

Other than that, I hope you have a great weekend. See you next week. Go Bears!

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