

January 11, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are finishing up our first week back from winter break and although it started a little rough with power outages and snow, I think we are settling back into the routine nicely. We are quickly approaching the end of the semester and our first official grading period. As you know, we missed last Monday due to power issues, this day will be made up on Monday January 28th. In the original calendar, January 28th was a semester break day with students having no school. It is also a snow makeup day if needed and this year it is needed, so we will have a normal school day on this date. It will also be the final day of the first semester with the second semester beginning on Tuesday January 29th.

Congratulations to the following students who were drawn as BEARS Buck winners. Thank you all for doing great things!

John Bozarth

Ashlyn Dary

Isabella Donahue

Aeden Henry

Ally Noble

7th and 8th grade boys' basketball and dance will be finishing up their season this coming week. The next season will be girls' basketball and wrestling. It will begin on Monday January 28th. If your student is interested have the see Mr. Oliver or Ms. Holly to get cleared so they are ready to participate.

6th grade badminton will begin on Tuesday January 22nd before school in the gym. Interested students should see Mr. Oliver or Ms. Holly to get cleared to participate.

This coming Friday January 18th MVMS will be holding its second-annual career day. This will take place during the school day on the 18th. Students will have the opportunity to see four different speakers from four different careers during this event. Students picked the occupations they wanted to learn more about a few weeks ago. This was a great day last year and we look forward to it being a cool experience again this year for our students.

With Martin Luther King day approaching, our leadership students are working on an assembly addressing diversity and the changing makeup of the students who attend Maple View. It was

our intention to do this assembly either right before or right after MLK day. Unfortunately, the bleachers in our gym are stuck and in need of repair. We are unable to use them currently. We hope they will be repaired in the next few weeks. When they are safe to use again we will schedule our assembly. I just wanted you to know the situation in case you were wondering about the timing of this assembly. We always try to have heavy student involvement in the planning and performing of our assemblies. I am eager to see what they come up with for this program.

There are some great opportunities coming up to help. Hearing and vision testing and our 2nd ASB after-school event are both happening in the month of January. Please take a look at this week's PTA newsletter for details: [PTANewsletter11019.pdf](#)

With the end of semester nearing, we would like to make you aware of the Awards Night we host at the end of the school year. Maple View recognizes outstanding students by awarding a series of academic and department awards.

GPA Awards are given to students who have academic excellence. There are two types of GPA recognition: 1) certificate for "career" GPA of 3.5-3.99, 2) plaque for "career" GPA of 4.0. The following "career" guidelines are used to determine the students who will be recognized:

- 6th grade students: first semester of 6th grade
- 7th grade students: BOTH semesters of 6th grade AND the 1st semester of 7th grade
- 8th grade students: BOTH semesters of 6th grade, BOTH semesters of 7th grade, AND the 1st semester of 8th grade

In order to receive recognition, the above must be met by the student for either a GPA of 3.55-3.99 or a GPA of 4.0. GPA is based on the actual GPA for each semester in Skyward and not an accumulation of GPA over the students' time at Maple View, therefore, each semester must but be a 3.5 or higher to receive these awards.

Department Awards are given by each of the many departments that make up the various classes. Teachers nominate students based on the following criteria: work ethic/improved work ethic, attitude in class, positive impact on class, and improvement in class grade. Students must have a minimum of a "C" on the semester report card.

Excellent Attendance Awards are given to those students with excellent attendance 1st quarter, 2nd quarter and 3rd quarter. These students attended school EVERY day and were never tardy to class.

It looks like the crazy weather is going to break just in time for the weekend. I hope you are able to get out and soak up some vitamin D. This time of year we could all use a little sun. Have a great weekend. Go Bears!

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