

March 1, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

I am so happy to be back and school and into a normal routine. As you can imagine, we have spent this week trying to figure out how to make up all the missed events from the snow week. The first item that I am sure all of you are wondering about is how will the district make up the missed days from the snow. I sat on a committee that met during mid-winter break and this past week that worked to brainstorm all the possibilities that would be viable to meet the state guidelines. The unions are meeting today with the hope to bring a proposal to the school board next week. I think that you will be hearing sometime next week what the plan to finish out the year will be.

Other things that have been rescheduled: girls' basketball and wrestling begin their games this week and 6<sup>th</sup> grade badminton will practice on Tuesday morning with the jamboree on Thursday afternoon right after school. Badminton girls will compete at Maple View and the boys will be at Summit Trail.

This Thursday our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to listen to a Holocaust survivor who will come to Maple View and present. This is part of their US History classes. What an incredible opportunity as there are not many actual survivors left from the second world war. The presentation will be on Thursday at 1:00 and will last until the end of the day. If you would like to attend you are welcome to come by, please check in at the main office.

The high school will be hosting a parent night for all parents who will have high school students next year on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at TSHS. **This is not the Freshman Parent night that will happen in a couple of weeks. But, if you are going to have a high schooler next year and want more information about the high school experience I would encourage you to attend. I have attached a flyer to this newsletter.** [High School & Beyond Night 2019.pdf](#)

As I shared with you last week, we have been struggling with bleachers that would not function for the last month or two, happily I can report that they have been repaired and we can now have full-school assemblies again. In the next few weeks, we will be scheduling our MLK assembly, a Spirit assembly and a Future Ready assembly that we missed due to the snow. Details will come in our newsletter over the next few weeks.

Registration for next year's classes for returning MVMS students and for students moving on to the high school will be coming in the next few weeks. Below is the schedule for each group:

- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be at TSHS next fall will register here on March 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. The high school counselors will come to MVMS to register students.
- Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will register with our counselors on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> during the school day.

- Current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will get their registration materials during their visit to Maple View on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Tahoma School District Food Drive will begin this week. I love these events as it gives our students an opportunity to give back to their community while doing some service learning. This is a core belief of our school and I love seeing our students rise to this challenge. Please send canned food to us and we will see that it gets to the local food bank. [MVMS Food Drive 2019.pdf](#)

The BEARS Buck box was quite full, now that we're back to our regular school days. The following were drawn as BEARS Buck winners this week:

Yarettzi Casteneda

Cannon Lambro

Isabelle Srnka

Jackson Walker

Jimmy White

Tahoma has paired up with King County Best Starts for Kids to start a program called SBIRT. SBIRT is an acronym which stands for Screen (S), Brief Intervention (BI), and Referral To Services (RT). We are inviting you to come to an informational meeting March 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the District Office in the boardroom. Please come hear about this new program and how it can help support our students.

King County Department of Health is offering a FREE vaccine clinic to all students in grades K-12. The clinic will be at Federal Way High School on Tuesday, March 5 from 2:15pm – 8pm. No appointment needed. All vaccines required for school will be offered. For more information visit: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/disease-control/measles/clinic.aspx>

Lots of things going on with the missed school time. Have a great weekend and we will get back after it on Monday. Go Bears!

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