

April 19, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

Today, we finished up the third quarter. Stretch classes and 6th grade rotation classes will switch on Monday as students attend their assigned fourth quarter classes. Fourth quarter will end with the last day of school, June 20th.

Wow – a record number of **BEARS Bucks** were turned in over the past five school days! The following five names were drawn from the more than 175 turned in:

Hayden Butler

Cadence Dallas

Hannah Kvam

Sasha Ross

Nathalie Soltero

State testing is here. All students will be taking the SBAC (state assessment) for language arts this coming week. Students will test in their language arts class and in some cases their social studies class but will have a regular schedule for the rest of the day. Please make sure that students get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast so they are ready to do their very best.

Next week is **Earth Week**. We hope you will join us in spirit days to show your love for our planet.

4/24: Earth Day – wear **Green**

4/25: Animal Attire – show support for ALL animals by wearing clothing with animal designs, or your school appropriate animal pjs.

4/26: Recycle/Reuse – wear **Blue** and bring you lunch in a reusable container

4/27: Flower Day – wear floral designs, Hawaiian shirts, flower headbands, etc.

4/28: Blackout – wear **Black** in honor of energy conservation

At lunch, the Green Team will be looking for students/staff participating in spirit week and will hand out raffle tickets for the possibility of winning a fabulous prize.

The Green Team is hosting a **poster contest** from April 17th – May 2nd. It is open to ALL students and staff. Please make sure it is school appropriate and your original artwork. You can

use any medium (pencil, paper, digital, paint, 3D) and can enter multiple times but can only win once.

The themes are:

- Clean Energy – show your vision of the world being run on clean energy, a source of energy that is renewable and will never run out (biomass, solar, wind, tidal, hydroelectric, etc.).
- What does Earth Week mean to you? Do you re-use, recycle, do something special for the environment like planting trees? Do you have a logo you would like to create?

The Green Team will select the winners on May 2nd and will announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the May 3rd announcements.

Please drop off your artwork in the basket located in the main office before May 2nd. If you have electronic artwork, please submit it to tfritsch@tahomasd.us

I spy with my little eye something **NEW in the lunchroom** at MVMS!

Food Services at MVMS has just opened an additional cash register kiosk style window to sell the same a la carte items your student enjoys during lunch with faster checkout! The new a la carte window will significantly reduce long checkout lines, and in turn, allow your student more time to enjoy their yummy lunch, socialize with friends, perhaps even study.

The rule has been for students only getting snack items to wait for all the Hot Lunches to be served before they could get popular items like Hot Cheetos, Peach Izzy, Strawberry Banana Naked Smoothie drink, Popcorn and much more! Students can now use their same lunch account to purchase a la carte snacks at our new window that offers a faster option for all our hungry scholars at MVMS! So parents, if your student seems to ask for a few extra dollars for lunch this is probably the reason.

ASB elections are coming up. Applications will be available in Room 108 or the front office on Monday. They are due back on Thursday. Please note, **a parent signature is required**. Current 7th graders can run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Technology Advisor. Current 6th graders may run for Secretary, Treasurer or Technology Advisor. Elections will be held at all lunches on May 9th. Class Representative elections are held in the fall.

The **6th grade indoor soccer season will culminate** with the jamboree against Summit Trail on Thursday April 25th right after school. Both boys and girls will play at Maple View in the gyms. As always, parents are welcome to come and see your students perform.

At Maple View Middle School, we have common expectations for all of our students. We are Excellent, Accepting, Respectful, and Safe. We want to give our students an opportunity to practice these same expectations outside of school! **Working with the Seattle Mariners, we are developing a program that encourages students to do a home or community project that demonstrates BEARS Behaviors.** Examples could be something like helping a neighbor with some chores, visiting a senior center, volunteering at a food bank, or more involved like organizing a park clean-up crew or organize a fundraiser for a favorite charity. If students choose

to do this project, they will earn a free ticket voucher to a Seattle Mariners game, as well as \$14 tickets for family and friends. [Mariners Service Project.pdf](#)

Maple Valley Bear Run: The 36th Annual Maple Valley Bear Run/Walk 5K is coming soon! Save the date! It will be held at Lake Wilderness Park during Maple Valley Days on **Sunday, June 9th!** This is a really fun community event that promotes health and fitness and also raises money for the Tahoma Cross Country team. Due to generous sponsors, all kids 12 and under can participate for free (however there is a \$2.50 handling fee). Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a registered adult or participant who is 13 or older. The link is below and everyone who registers by May 31st is guaranteed a tech T-shirt.

It looks like a sunny warm spring weekend. I hope you can get out and enjoy the weather and get some much needed Vitamin D. Go Bears!

Andy

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