

September 6, 2019

Greeting Maple View Families:

I hope that you were able to join us last night at our open house. We had a great turnout and a very positive night of getting to know each other and establishing positive lines of communication between our school and our families. I loved having the opportunity to meet and talk with so many of you. Open House is fun for me, every year I seem to run into Maple View parents who had me as a teacher when I taught math in the Renton School District. It has happened about 15 times in my 9 years working here in Tahoma and, other than making me feel old, it is always enjoyable. ☺

We have had an excellent first week to begin this school year. Students have been wonderful and have quickly learned the schedules and structures in place here at Maple View. Next week will be a regular five-day week. We will begin to establish a routine and will be on our way to a great school year.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football and volleyball** began last week and will continue practicing next week. Games will begin during the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Spirit Wear** is on sale now at MVMS. Anyone is welcome to purchase. The sale runs through September 10<sup>th</sup> and forms must be filled out and returned with payment to Holly Dick, the MV cashier. All orders are custom and merchandise will be delivered on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. In building orders will be delivered and out-of-building orders will be notified. Questions can be directed to Kathryn Strojan, ASB Advisor at [kstrojan@tahomasd.us](mailto:kstrojan@tahomasd.us). [maple valley ms fall flyer 2019c.pdf](#)

## **Tahoma Jr. Drama Program (FOR STUDENTS AT MVMS AND STMS)**

Have you ever dreamed of the sound of applause while you take a bow to the audience but have been too nervous to give theater a try? This is your chance!! Come check out **Tahoma Jr Drama**, meet the directors, hear about the upcoming performance, get audition tips and experience a few theater games. This is for everyone!! Past actors encouraged to come and bring your nervous friend!

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:40-3:50, Maple View Middle School Auxiliary Gym Stage (AKA: "Stagenasium")**

## **TJ Drama Fall Play info:**

There will be a mandatory parent informational meeting for the Fall Play on **Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 in the Summit Trail Middle School Library**. Information will include auditions, rehearsals, tech week, performances and volunteering.

**FLL Competitive Robotics Tryouts:** Hello and welcome back bears!!! Are you interested in robotics and want to learn a little more about our competitive FLL robotics teams? Tryouts will be next Tuesday 9/10 and Wednesday in the library right after school 2:35-3:45 and there will be an activity bus available. All students (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to tryout. [robotics try outs poster.pdf](#)

**Counselor Corner** Although, we have heard many things in the media about the effects of video games and that they can improve hand-eye coordination, help kids notice things quicker and pay attention to many things at once, there are also harmful risks. In one of the conversations with a student struggling here at school, he said, "I like to get lost in my video games because I can solve problems more easily. Outside the game, it's really hard." I believe that is happening for many of our students. Middle school is tough enough without having barriers to social, academic and personal problem solving skills. Below is a great article talking about the effects of some games that are violent in nature and how they are changing our kids. <http://depression.about.com/b/2011/01/28/video-game-addiction-linked-to-depression-anxiety-in-kids.htm>

**Homework Center** will begin after school this Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:45. This is a quiet space supervised by one of our teachers where students can come to get extra help or just find a quiet spot to complete homework. Homework Center is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday (dependent on school schedule and coverage) and is open to all students. There is an activity bus that will depart at 3:55 from Maple View. Activity busses will drop students off at their emergency bus stop.

I think that is all that is going on for this week at Maple View. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the main office. We will be happy to help you. I hope that you have a great weekend planned and I look forward to seeing you in the near future. Go Bears!

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Kenneth A. McGrath

Principal  
Maple View Middle School

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