

September 27, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are finishing another great week at Maple View working with our amazing students and families. Activities are up and running and classes are getting into a nice academic rhythm. We have a busy week coming up so I want to highlight some things to be aware of as we finish up September and head into October.

Unbelievably, we hit the midpoint of the first quarter this week. Day 23 is on Thursday. It is amazing to me each year how fast time goes when you are busy with school.

We are off to such a great start to the school year. Over 300 BEARS Bucks have already been turned in to the office! Keep it up, Bears! Congrats to this weeks' winners:

Madison Gavino

Eva Grady

Andy Kawahara

Kayla McBride

Macy O'Brien

We have postponed the ASB fun run to this coming Tuesday (10/1) due to rainy weather. We are hoping that the weather forecast will be correct and we will get some sunshine for the event. I would like to encourage every student to participate in this fundraiser. If every student were to bring in just \$20, we would make roughly \$22,000 that goes straight into student activities and clubs. Connecting students to school is a core belief of Maple View Middle School, because we know if students are connected and feel as though they belong to their school, then we will also get their very best academically. Clubs and activities are the way that many students find their place in school. Thanks in advance for making it a priority to help with this cause.

Attention Maple View! It's **Reflection Art Contest** time! Students in pre-K through grade 12 create original works of art in response to the theme "Look Within". Students submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film

Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and/or Visual Arts. While the primary focus of Reflections is a celebration of creativity through positive recognition, finalists from local PTAs will move on to their council PTA, then finalists from councils will move on to the state round. Washington State PTA finalists who receive an “Outstanding Interpretation” award will advance to the National PTA round. Entry forms available on in the main office and Facebook page PTA. Entries should be submitted by October 25th, 2 pm to front office reflection box.

Sixth grade basketball begins on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> before school in the gym. Sixth grade boys and girls interested in participating should see Mr. Oliver to get cleared.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports continue with league games this week. I invite you to stop in and see our students doing phenomenal things after school.

The middle school PTA will have a meeting on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Maple View in the Library at 6:30 PM. I would encourage you to attend to learn of the many things that PTA is doing to support our middle schools.

I think that is about all for the week. I hope you have a great weekend although it sounds like it might be a cold and wet one. See you next week. Go Bears!

Andy

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