

October 25, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are quickly closing in on the end of the first quarter of school. The quarter actually ends on Monday, November 4th, which is one week from this coming Monday. The only schedule changes from first to second quarter are sixth grade students who are taking the elective rotation. They will begin their second quarter course on Tuesday, November 5th. It is a great time to check in with teachers and your student to make sure missing assignments are turned in and missing assessments are completed.

The following students were drawn as BEARS Buck winners this week:

Jack Aris

Nya Duckworth

Jacob Nold

Jayden Stephens

Riya Verma

To all of the students that we have caught showing BEARS Behaviors – keep it up! To those who we have not yet caught – keep making great choices, and we’re bound to catch you soon!

The **final football game** of the season will take place on Tuesday, October 29th. We will be playing Summit Trail at Maple View. The 7th grade game will kick off at 3:45 and the 8th grade game will follow under the lights in the stadium. This will be a great finale to our first sports season. The game is free but we encourage a donation of non-perishable food for our Maple Valley Food bank. We do not have supervision before the game so students will need to go home after school and return for the game. I hope you can join us for a night of fun.

The **Maple View choirs** will hold their first concert of the year on Wednesday, October 30th in the Maple View gym at 7:00 PM. As always, everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy and outstanding night of music.

Also on Wednesday, the **6th grade basketball** season will culminate with the jamboree against Summit Trail. This will take place at Summit Trail after school. Parents and families are encouraged to come out and support our student athletes competing in basketball.

This is the final week to pre-purchase your student’s **yearbook**. Yearbooks are \$30, send your student to the cashier to purchase or purchase online before the end of October.

The lost and found items in the Commons will be donated at the end of the month, October 31. *Please stop by and check for missing items.*

As we turn the corner into November, one of the many events that makes me proud of our school and our students is the work that our 8th grade students do at Tahoma National Cemetery. Our 8th grade US History classes will be walking to the cemetery during class and placing flags on the graves of the fallen heroes who are laid to rest there. This has a particular place in my heart because my hero, my father, is one of the veterans at the cemetery. Last year, the classes took pictures of students placing a flag on my father's grave. I was able to give those pictures to my mom and sister. Our family was very touched and very proud of the Maple View students giving back to our community in such a profound way. It is a great way to bring practical meaning to Veteran's Day for our students. If you have 8th grade students, be watching for more information coming home from the social studies teachers.

We had our first ASB event after school last night. Students danced, played in a basketball tournament, participated in cakewalks, performed karaoke, had their faces painted and played carnival games. They had plenty to eat and most importantly had a safe, supervised place to hang out with friends. Thanks to Kathryn Strojan and her ASB leaders as well as our awesome PTA and staff for creating such a positive activity for our students.

I believe you are up to date on the news from "The View". I hope you have a restful weekend. I look forward to another great week coming up. Go Bears!

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