

November 8, 2019

Greetings Maple view Families:

We have had quite a memorable week here at Maple View. Our 8th grade US History students spent a couple of days at Tahoma National Cemetery placing flags on the graves of our fallen heroes. What a great community service project for our students. It is amazing the effect of actually walking around the cemetery has on our students. They were respectful and curious, asked great questions and represented Maple View in a most positive way. We followed that up with an outstanding Veterans Day assembly on Thursday morning. Mrs. Strojan and her leadership students developed and delivered an incredibly powerful program. They had veterans that were relatives of students attend and talked about staff members who have served. One of the veterans who attended was a 97-year-old WWII veteran. His great-granddaughter, a student here at MVMS, shared some amazing stories of his service. What an honor for all of us to meet him! We also did some incredible learning this week around Veterans Day. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the students who planned and put on the assembly but also the whole student body who were such a respectful audience. All of the veteran guests commented on how well behaved the students were during the assembly. Wow! Great job Bears.

This Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. There will be no school. Students will return on Tuesday November 12th and as is normal after a three-day weekend, **Tuesday's schedule will be periods 1 – 6 no Stretch.** Wednesday we will return to the normal schedule.

Tuesday morning November 12th is the first day of 6th grade volleyball. Practice will be before school in the gym. If you have not signed up yet, but are an interested 6th grader, see Mr. Oliver or Ms. Holly for details.

Seventh and eighth boys' basketball and dance continue to practice this week in preparation for league games beginning next week.

During conference week MVMS PTA will be holding "Pass the Hat" fundraiser for our students, teachers, and school. No selling and 100% of your donation goes to PTA. We'll be accepting cash, checks and credit/debit cards during conferences on November 20th & 21st. We'll see you there!

What a great week for our students and our school. I love working at this school with these students, what a privilege it is! Thank you for sharing your awesome students with us. Go Bears!

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