

December 6, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are finishing another productive week here at Maple View. We had our first Future Ready Awards assembly this past Wednesday during Stretch. We honored 302 students for either excellent attendance or with a future ready award. Our student body was an excellent audience and showed respect for their classmates who were honored. I have been very impressed with our student's behavior during our Veteran's Day assembly and again this past week. What a great group of students we have here at Maple View.

'Tis the season of giving, and we love giving out BEARS Bucks here at Maple View! Students don't forget: keep the white copy for use later in the year.

The following were drawn as BEARS Buck winners this week:

Carter Barta

Ezra Brinkley

Alisha Chadha

Sebastian Garay

Brooklyn Hennagan

This is a busy concert week. The beginning bands will hold their first concert of the year on Monday December 9th at 7:00 in the Maple View gym. The other bands will perform on Tuesday December 10th also in the MVMS gym. The bands have so many students participating that we had to expand to two nights in order for all bands to be able to play. What a great problem to have! Mr. Johnson has done a fabulous job building this program into a middle school powerhouse.

Second season sports for both 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade continue with boys' basketball playing their leagues schedule and dance performing at halftime of home games. 6th grade volleyball continues practicing and preparing for their jamboree against Summit Trail.

December 12th, Thursday, WEB is having their first **6th grade social** of the year. Our 8th graders are hosting your 6th graders to the movie ELF in the main gym from 2:30-4. We encourage everyone to wear their best holiday PJ's. **There will be no activity bus this day so please have an arranged pick up by 4pm.** Thank you and hope to see your 6th grader there!

News from PTA: **MOD Pizza Maple Valley Fundraiser**

Wednesday, December 11th, from 10:30am-10pm

20% of proceeds will go to the Middle Schools of Tahoma PTA.

You must mention the fundraiser at the register for them to donate 20% of the purchase.

Voters will decide on 2 levy measures Feb. 11

There are two levy measures on the Feb. 11 election ballot for Tahoma School District. More information will be posted on the Tahoma website later this month but we are getting questions about the levies and want to provide some basic information.

There are two levies, each of which runs four years:

Educational Programs and Operations Levy replacement: This pays for people, programs, and supplies not funded or underfunded by state basic education money. Some examples of where EP&O dollars are spent include teachers, para educators, athletics, activities, field trips, health support (including school nurses), reading and math assistance, counselors and social workers, safety and security, materials and supplies, zero hour classes, transportation and food service.

The current EP&O, approved by voters in 2018, expires at the end of 2020. The proposed EP&O levy would replace the current levy.

Technology Levy: Pays for equipment, software, infrastructure, training and support staff. State basic education funding provides very little support for classroom technology. Tahoma's technology plan, created by a committee of parents, community members, staff & students, guides how learning is supported and improved by using classroom technology.

To read the district's technology plan, please visit the Tahoma website: https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/technology/technology_plans

Failure of the 2018 Technology Levy interrupted funding for purchase of new equipment, system maintenance, and staff support. Reserve funds are being used as a temporary way to maintain existing equipment and infrastructure.

That is the news from Maple view for the week. I hope you are getting into the spirit of the season and I hope to see some of you at the upcoming concerts. Have a great weekend and go Bears!

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