

December 13, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

We are entering the final week before winter break. Students will be off from school from December 21 – January 5. We will resume classes on Monday January 6th. There are a number of things going on this next week so let's get started.

Five more students were drawn as BEARS Buck winners this week:

Aiden Baker

Sophia Levine

Caleb Peterson

Kamryn Raybell

Ashlyn Roed

We appreciate all of our students demonstrating BEARS Behaviors throughout the school - thanks, and keep it up!

Maple View's Robotics team will be competing tomorrow, Saturday December 14 at 1:00 PM at Auburn Mountain View High School. Our students have been working hard all through the fall for this competition and we wish them the best of luck tomorrow.

We will be having a Spirit Week beginning Monday and running throughout next week. Students will dress up each day to a different theme. Have your students listen to the bulletin for what the theme for each day will be. We will culminate the week with a Spirit Assembly on Thursday at the end of the day.

The high school band and choirs will come to Maple View on Wednesday to put on a holiday concert for our student body. They will perform after lunch. This is a great chance for our students to see this high school program. Ken Riggs and Matt Cole the directors from the high school have outstanding programs and do a nice job performing for us.

Sixth grade volleyball winds up its season with the culminating jamboree on Tuesday, December 18th, at 3:30 in the gym at Summit Trail Middle School. As always, parents and families are encouraged to come out and see their students play.

MESSAGE FROM PTA:

Thursday morning, December 19 the PTA is providing Maple View staff with treats. Please use the link to show some love.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0c4fadac29aaf49-christmas>

SAVE THE DATES:

We have a PTA general meeting January 8, 6:30pm at Summit Trail. We have important information we need you to vote on. Following that will be a guest speaker about gun safety and your student.

Want to find out what is happening at Maple View? We invite you to our first "Muffins with McGrath", Monday, January 13 at 9am. Come enjoy muffins and coffee while getting an update on school events.

Message from our School Nurse: Now that winter is upon us, I have seen an increased number of students at school with symptoms of the common cold, flu and pneumonia. The best prevention is frequent and thorough hand-washing with warm soapy water, and covering your cough. Remember to please keep all students home until they are fever-free for at least 24hrs WITHOUT medication. In case you're not sure how to tell the difference, here is a list of symptoms for a few common illnesses:

COLDS: Stuffy, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, coughing and/or chest discomfort. (Rare to have a fever).

FLU: Feverish/chills, severe headache, fatigue/tiredness, muscle or body aches. Can sometimes have a stuffy or runny nose, sore throat. Children may also have nausea and vomiting. If diagnosed promptly (within first day or two of illness) antiviral medications can be prescribed to help relieve symptoms and get you back to feeling better.

PNEUMONIA: Fever, cough with mucus, chills, shortness of breath, chest pain with coughing, loss of appetite, fatigue. Advise seeing medical provider for treatment options.

STREP THROAT: Bacterial infection that can easily spread to other people thru coughing, sneezing, sharing eating utensils and glassware. Symptoms include sore throat that can start very quickly, pain with swallowing, fever, red/swollen tonsils, swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck, fatigue. Prevention: washing hands frequently especially after coughing or sneezing, before preparing food, covering your cough/sneezes. Treatment: Advise to see your medical provider for treatment options.

HAND-FOOT-MOUTH: Not usually seen in middle school or high school ages but because students may have younger siblings in daycare or elementary levels they may have contact with this viral illness. Symptoms include: red rash on palms of hands and/or soles of feet, fever, mouth sores/blisters, pain with swallowing. Again, best prevention is good handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm, soapy water after using the bathroom and prior to eating. Most contagious 2 days before rash appears and first week of illness but student may be rid of virus after

symptoms are gone. Students should not return to school until after fever is gone (>24hrs) and child feels well enough to participate in normal activities. Virus is not transmitted to/from pets or other animals.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy winter break!

Nurse Angie

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.

Looking forward to spring, in April our fourth athletic season will begin and we have an **open position for a 7th grade girls' soccer coach**. This person will be working closely with the 8th grade coach, who is very knowledgeable in running a soccer program. The first day of practice

will be on April 13th and the last match is scheduled for June 5th. Practices are from 2:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, except for days with scheduled competitions. If you are interested in this position, please visit the Tahoma Employment page for more information and the application process.

This will be a fun week of academics and activities for our students. We are excited get started. Have a great weekend. Go Bears!

Andy

Kenneth A. McGrath

Principal

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