

January 10, 2020

Greetings Maple View Families:

As we finish our first week back from winter break, we have a number of important things happening in the near future. Our current 6th and 7th grade students will be meeting with the counselors this coming Tuesday and Wednesday to register for their 2020-2021 classes. Counselors will help students to understand their options for classes and send students home with their registration materials home for you to review. Registrations will need to be completed by January 23rd. We are registering earlier so we can get to work on next year's master schedule and be ready to hire teachers during March and April when the best candidates are available. We will be doing the same process with current 5th grade students in a couple of weeks and then with current 8th grade students a couple of weeks after that.

The end of the first semester is two weeks from today, Friday January 24th. It is important that you log into Family Access with your student to make sure everything is turned in, made up and ready to go. This will ensure that your student gets a grade that is an accurate reflection of the work completed in the past 90 days. If you have any questions about a specific class, contact your student's teacher to get clarification.

With the end of semester nearing, we would like to make you aware of the Awards Night we host at the end of the school year. Maple View recognizes outstanding students by awarding a series of academic and department awards as well as excellence in attendance.

GPA Awards are given to students who have academic excellence. There are two types of GPA recognition: 1) a certificate for cumulative GPA of 3.5-3.999, 2) a plaque for cumulative GPA of 4.0. The cumulative GPA for students begins in 6th grade and continues with them through the end of 8th grade.

Department Awards are given by each department that make up the various classes. Teachers nominate students based on the following criteria: work ethic/improved work ethic, attitude in class, positive impact on class, and improvement in class grade. Students must have a minimum of a "C" on the semester report card.

Excellent Attendance Awards are given to those students with who attended school EVERY day and were never tardy to class for the entire 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter.

We're starting off the New Year with five new BEARS Buck winners. Congrats and keep up the great work!

Payton Barta

Ashritha Gottimukala

Elisabeth Horst

Katie Slater

Elliott Thom

This coming Monday morning the Maple View PTA will be hosting a coffee hour with me. We will be talking about Maple View, upcoming events, programs etc. It will start at 8:45 AM in the Maple View office. All Maple View parents welcome.

Maple View will hold Future Ready Day next Friday January 17th. This is a career fair for our students. They will see a keynote speaker in the morning and then have the opportunity to attend four different careers sessions. Please take a moment to ask your student about this event when they come home.

On January 23rd, ASB will hold an after-school student event, the Hawaiian Hula Party from 2:30 to 4:00. Tickets will be sold at all lunches that day and are \$5 with ASB card and \$6 without. There will be a photo booth, face painting, basketball tournament, games, cake walk, DJ and dancing, karaoke and concessions such as pizza and sodas. All activities are included in the price of admission, however, students should bring extra money if they want to purchase concession items. The event is staffed by MVMS teachers and staff members and is a great way for students to socialize in a safe environment. Students will need a ride home.

Another effort that we will be working on with students during the second semester is getting to class on time. In addition to being an important Future Ready Skill, it is also important to be present for the initial instruction of a class. Coming in late to a class puts the student behind and disrupts others in the class. Being here and on time is also part of our **B. E. A. R. S. (Be^{here} Excellent Accepting Respectful and Safe)** expectations that we are consistently working on with students.

A message from PTA:

Hope you can join us Monday morning, January 13 at 9am for Muffins with McGrath, in room 303. Come find out what is happening at Maple View. Coffee and treats will be provided. *If there is a snow day or late start we will move this meeting*

We need your help with the Hawaiian Hula!! On January 23, ASB is having their winter hangout. Come break out of the gray and join us for the day. Here is the link to sign up:<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f4aa2ea7fc1-hawaiian>

January has so many deadlines for our teachers and staff. Please consider helping ease the winter doldrums and helping them start the new semester on the right foot.

Doesn't have to be chicken "soup for the soul" on January 28: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0c4fadac29aaf49-soup1>

That is a quick look at what is coming next week at Maple View. I hope to see you on Monday for coffee. Have a great weekend. Go Bears!

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