



PTA eBlast



Week of November 6, 2016

Happening This Week

November 7-11 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 8&9 - Girls on the Run Bake Sale
November 10 - End of 1st Trimester
November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony

Lunch menu for [November](#)
Maple Grove school [calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

November 13-17 - Grizzly Gatherings at Abrusci's
November 17 - "People Like Vince" Assembly(Grades 2-6)
November 18 - Report Cards Issued
November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

News

Grizzly Gatherings

Please plan to come out for our biggest grizzly gathering to date! This time, Maple Grove doesn't just have 1 night - instead we have **5 days!**

Come to [Abrusci's](#) (3244 Youngfield Street) for lunch or dinner between Sunday, November 13 and Thursday, November 17 and Abrusci's will donate 15% of the entire bill to Maple Grove. This is a tremendous opportunity for our school - make your [reservation](#) now.

Please use this [VOUCHER](#) to make sure your purchase is counted.

Our gathering at Racca's in September brought in \$317!!! Way to go Grizzlies! Let's aim for a huge turnout at Abrusci's - with 5 whole days available to us, the fundraising potential is enormous!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Maple Grove PTA is sponsoring the holiday food drive to benefit local families. You will find the assigned food for each class [HERE](#). Please bring your food items to school and place them in the box outside your classroom from Monday, November 7th, through Friday, November 11th.

In addition, you can donate cash in any amount to contribute towards a whole turkey. Please submit this money to your teacher. For those families wishing to donate an entire turkey to a family, a suggested donation is \$20.

This is such a great way to help out our community during these challenging times. Thank you so much!!!

If you have any questions or would like to help in any other way, please contact Missy Pugh at Melissa.a.pugh@gmail.com or 720-324-0558.

3A/3B Ballot Measure

This fall, Maple Grove PTA voted in support of two important ballot issues to help our schools, 3A & 3B. I know that you are involved and engaged in what is happening in our schools, but not all Jeffco voters have been paying attention. Please help share this information about these important initiatives with your friends, neighbors and families who may not know as much about why they should vote "YES" on 3A and 3B.

Detailed information about the 3A & 3B ballot initiatives and how they will impact our schools is available on the [Jeffco PTA website](#) and the [District website](#).

Voting Information:

Mail ballots have already been sent to registered voters. You can return your ballot at a 24-hour drop boxes at Golden City Hall (911 10th St.) and at the main Jeffco building (100 Jefferson County Parkway).

The key is that it must be received by Tuesday, November 8, so the sooner you drop it off, the better.

You can also check the status of your ballot at [My Voter Lookup](#).

If you have any questions, contact the Jefferson County elections office (303-271-8111).

Thank you for all that you do for our students and our schools and for voting "YES" on 3A and 3B.

Yearbooks

There are a few important details to note regarding your student's yearbook this year:

Yearbook orders will go directly through Lifetouch, the same way you order school portraits. You will need to need to order your yearbook online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>, **Yearbook ID Code: 10035117**.

You will have the option of choosing upgrades for the yearbook, such as a hardcover, personalization with your student's name/picture on the front, etc, but if you choose the standard yearbook, your price will be \$20.00 for K-5th graders and \$0.00 for 6th graders at a checkout.

This year as always, we will include additional pictures of each 6th grader in our

yearbook. We'd love to see pics of your child as a baby, as they currently are and any stage in between highlighting their lives and the things they love & enjoy. Deadline for 6th grade pictures is December 16th. Please email pics of your student to mg6thgraders@gmail.com. Please put your 6th grader's name in the subject line. Questions? Please contact hensleyfam4@gmail.com OR mg6thgraders@gmail.com

Grove Gallery

Save the Date! The [Grove Gallery & Reception](#) will be held earlier this year on Wednesday, December 7, 2016...the same week as the Maple Grove Book Fair. If you're interested in participating please print the [Participation Form](#) - complete and either email back to nikibee2000@yahoo.com or place in the PTA mail box in the front office.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nicole Aulik at nikibee2000@yahoo.com -or- Stephanie Novello at novello.stephanie@gmail.com. Thank you!

Activities and Events

Veterans Day Ceremony

On Friday November 11 at 8:00 a.m., Maple Grove Elementary School will hold its annual Veterans Day celebration. As has been our custom, the staff and students of Maple Grove would like to invite any veteran in the community to be our honored guest. Attending veterans will receive a pin-on poppy upon arrival and will be escorted to their reserved seats by our 6th grade ambassadors to enjoy the program.

Several of our teachers have expressed an interest in having veterans visit their classrooms for a brief question and answer session with students. This is optional, of course, but if you are a veteran who is interested in visiting a classroom after the library reception please indicate your interest when you RSVP to Meg Arnold, Second Grade Teacher, msarnold@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Please RSVP by Wednesday November 9, if possible, to reserve your seat.

Girls on the Run Bake Sale

The Girls on the Run team will be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday November 8th and Wednesday November 9th from 7:30-7:55 am and 2:30-3:00pm. Students will be able to purchase a variety of baked goods for a low price. We will be holding the sale in front of the school (weather permitting). All the proceeds will benefit a local charity (still TBD) as part of the GOTR community impact project.

"People Like Vince" Assembly

This is a live theatrical performance put on by Kaiser Permanente to help reduce the stigma of mental health issues. This assembly will take place on Thursday, November, 18 and is for grades 2-6.

After School Activities

PREP Holiday Fused Glass Classes

Monday December 5th or Thursday December 8th

2:30 – 4:45pm

\$40/Student per workshop

3rd – 6th Grade

Students will make 2-3 projects in the two hour workshop. Space is limited for these classes – sign up today at <http://www.prepenrichment.com>.

Parent Power

Math Olympiads

We are looking for 1 or more parents to take over the Math Olympiads program. Math Olympiads is a worldwide math competition where groups of students work on solving mathematical problems every month. This is a fantastic organization that stimulates enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics, with immediate feedback from 5 monthly contests. If this is something you think you may be interested in and would like more information, please contact Gretchen Moser at gretchen_moser@msn.com.

WatchDOGS

In search of new WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students) for Maple Grove!

If you've been a WatchDOG before (or just want to jump right in), go [here](#) to sign up for a day. Instructions are in the lower left hand corner of the calendar. If you want a primer/refresher on what to do as WatchDOG, try [this](#).

Questions? Send an email to watchdogs.maplegrove@gmail.com. Woof!

Fundraising Opportunities

Amazon Smile

Do you shop at Amazon? If you do, then you can easily make money for Maple Grove by doing the shopping you were already planning to do! It's simple, just click on this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-6047706> and choose Maple Grove as your charity. It's that easy!

Orange Theory Give Back Program

Attention OT lovers! You can have money donated to Maple Grove and all you need to do is show up and sweat! Orange Theory will donate \$5 a month to Maple Grove for every person who joins as a premier unlimited member. For more information, click [HERE](#). Questions? Call 720-307-5007.

King Soopers Cards

Do you shop at King Soopers? If so, why not have 5% of your purchases come directly back to the school. We will be selling \$5 gift cards throughout the year. These cards can be reloaded over and over again for any amount up to \$500. Once you load money on this card then 5% of every purchase goes directly to Maple Grove! This is such an easy way to raise money for our school! Please contact Jessica Tsuo at jessicatsuo@gmail.com if you would like one.

Box Tops for Education

CONGRATULATIONS 5th GRADE on winning the fall box tops contest! Your teachers will be contacted, and you will be rewarded soon!

It was a very impressive fall contest. Over 6,100 box tops have been submitted which means ***you have donated over \$610 in money you've already spent.*** THANK YOU!

Keep the collecting up, as the spring contest begins NOW!! The spring contest deadline will be late April/early May.

For a list of products that contain box tops, check out this handy link:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>.

See coolmarcie@me.com with questions.

Milkcaps for Moolah

We received \$97.10 from Longmont Dairy for our last collection! Keep turning in your milkcaps; the box is currently about 1/4 full. It'd be wonderful to have the box full by the end of 2016.

Questions? Contact Marcie at coolmarcie@me.com.

Additional information can be found at our website: www.maplegrovepta.org

If you're interested in getting your information into the PTA weekly eblast, please send it to Jessica Tsuo by **Friday at 6pm** at jessicatsuo@gmail.com.

We love hearing about all the wonderful activities and events occurring at Maple Grove and seeing pictures in the monthly newsletter. If you have something to include in the newsletter or have any pictures from school events that you would like to share, please send them to Betsy Angelino at betsyfanton@comcast.net.



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