



PTA eBlast



*Week of March 27, 2016 - Happy Easter!*

## Happening This Week

March 29 - Back to School  
March 30 - Garden Meeting

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## Upcoming Events

April 6 - PTA Meeting  
April 7 - Grizzly Gathering at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers  
April 20 - Early Release Day  
April 21 - Science Fair

## News

### School Garden

Great news... we got a grant from Whole Foods worth \$2,000! Thank you Jill Giovannetti for completing the application and getting this for us!  
Planting season is quickly approaching. Are you wanting to get involved with the garden? **There will be a Garden Committee meeting this Wednesday on March 30 at 6:30 in the school library.** We'll be discussing some projects such as seedlings in the classroom, a farmers market, and more classroom connections. We would love to see you and hear your ideas!  
Please email Emily Melancon at [emily.melancon@gmail.com](mailto:emily.melancon@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Experience Parties

Although the Gala is over, there is still time to get in on an experience party or 2! These are always lots of fun and there is something for everyone - you can

purchase tickets to an experience party [here](#).

### **Day Without Hate**

Day Without Hate is a student led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, unity, and respect in our schools. Students across Colorado and the nation have taken this incredibly positive day to their communities to say that we will not tolerate violence or hate, and we will reach out to friends and acquaintances and say, "We're all in this together."

**This year, Day Without Hate is April 29th.** Students will be doing activities all week, with a final project on the 29th. Please join Maple Grove in this important event by purchasing a T Shirt for your student to wear on April 29th.

### **Colorado Writing Project Kids Camp at Maple Grove**

Calling all young writers in grades 2-6! What makes writing sing? Why do they call it a poetry jam? Join us for a joyful exploration of the powerful (yet oh so concise) genre of free verse poetry. (Absolutely no rhyming required.)

\$225 per camper includes all writing supplies, a mentor text to keep, a t-shirt, and an anthology of the camp's published work. On our last day (June 17th), we will host a sharing celebration with families. Teacher (and fellow poet): Amy Ellerman (Instructional Coach at MG).

**June 6-17: 9:00-11:30 Monday-Friday**

Register at [www.coloradowritingproject.org](http://www.coloradowritingproject.org).

For questions, please contact Karen Hartman at [kj\\_hartman@comcast.net](mailto:kj_hartman@comcast.net) or Amy Ellerman at [aellerma@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:aellerma@jeffco.k12.co.us). Thank you!

### **Drug Prevention Night**

Everitt is sponsoring a Drug Prevention Night on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 for all of our families in Wheat Ridge schools. The information night will take place from 6:00-7:30 with a free dinner from 5:15-6:00.

Wheat Ridge High School and Everitt share a drug prevention counselor that works with our students and families with this topic. Erin Hospodar is the drug prevention counselor and has arranged this presentation. She has invited a speaker that has worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency and is currently the President of Act on Drugs.

For more information please contact Erin Hospodar at [ehospoda@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:ehospoda@jeffco.k12.co.us) or 303-906-8034.

Parents should RSVP with directly with Everitt Middle School at 303-982-1580 if they would like to join for dinner prior to the presentation.

## **Activities and Events**

### **Science Fair**

Now is the time to register for the 2016 Science Fair!

**The fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 21.** There are several different parts to the day of the fair. In the morning, participants will have time to explain their experiment to a community scientist. In the afternoon, classes will have the opportunity to view all of the experiments. To cap it all off, in the evening there will be an opportunity for family and friends to view the experiments and honor our participants with a brief awards ceremony.

To participate fill out the [Registration Form](#) and return it to your teacher or email it to Heather Gutherless at [heather.gutherless@gmail.com](mailto:heather.gutherless@gmail.com). This form and more information about the fair is available on the [PTA website](#).

### **Wheat Ridge Girls' Softball**

Wheat Ridge Girls' Softball is looking for girls to play summer softball -- ages kdg. through 6th grade. Practices start in April and games are played mid-May through mid-July.

For information, contact Eve at 303-424-0134.

## **After School Activities**

## **TALK TO THE CAMERA – MINI-MOVIE**

3-2-1 ACTION!! Want to make a movie? Are you ready to be the writer, director AND movie star! It begins with a great idea, a written script, a cast of characters, a filming session, then “That’s a wrap!”

All news broadcasts, talk shows and movies will be edited and sent to families at the end of the session.

WHEN: Thursdays 2:30-3:45 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19

WHERE: MAPLE GROVE

WHO: Grades 3-6

COST: \$100 *siblings get \$20 off their total amount.* Sign up with a friend & you each receive \$10 off.

HOW: Register at [www.talktothecamera.com](http://www.talktothecamera.com)

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Paypal, and checks. Please make checks payable to Talk to the Camera.

For further information please contact Audrey Walters or Jenny Gilbert at [info@talktothecamera.com](mailto:info@talktothecamera.com) or 720-217-9551.

## **PREP at Maple Grove**

Kinder/1st Grade Spanish

Mondays April 4th–May 2nd 2:30pm–3:30pm

\$45 / student

Register [HERE](#)

Questions: contact Lisa Denton at [premieredprograms@yahoo.com](mailto:premieredprograms@yahoo.com) or 720-273-7547

## **Spring Creative Workshops**

*Pottery & Ceramic WorkShops*

Join us in this fun adventure of exploring the fascinating & exciting world of creative ceramic arts. We have a great time creating sculptures, pots, & creatures out of clay.

**Wednesdays:** 2:30 – 3:30 (In the Art Room) - All Grades

Mini Session #III - 4/20, 27, 5/4, 11 - \$80

Register for Sessions #II & #III for a Discount - \$192 - (Save \$8)

You can print off a registration form [HERE](#).

# Ways to Help

### **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 are selling \$10 gift cards which 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](mailto:jessicatsuo@gmail.com) if you would like one.

### **Longmont Dairy Fundraiser**

Start saving you Longmont Dairy bottle caps!! Longmont Dairy will pay our school 5 cents for every cap. The collection box for Longmont Dairy bottle caps is located in the PTA area in the office.

See Marcie Coolidge at [coolmarcie@me.com](mailto:coolmarcie@me.com) with questions.

### **Library MakerSpace**

The library is collecting supplies for our makerspace. No need to purchase, just send in any extras or unused items you already have. Items will be collected in the library. There is a Library MakerSpace link on the MG [homepage](#) if you would like to contribute. Thank you!!!

Please contact Amy Stahura with any questions [astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us)

### **Grizzly Gatherings**

The upcoming grizzly gatherings are:

Thursday, April 7 - Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

### **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](#).

For more details on the WatchDOGS, go [here](#) or send an email to [watchdogs.maplegrove@gmail.com](mailto:watchdogs.maplegrove@gmail.com). Woof!

Additional information can be found at our website: [www.maplegrovepta.org](http://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](mailto: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 share in the newsletter, please send it to Betsy Angelino at [betsyant@comcast.net](mailto:betsyant@comcast.net).



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