



PTA eBlast



*Week of November 15, 2015*

## Happening This Week

November 17 - Gifted Education Parent Seminar

November 20 - Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Lunch menu for [November](#)

Maple Grove school [calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

November 23-27 - Thanksgiving break

## News

### Drake Durkee Shirts

Bronco colored t-shirts have been made in honor of Drake Durkee and are available online only until November 18th.

The proceeds from the sales will go toward a friendship bench that will be placed on the playground facing the football and soccer fields.

Please click on the [link](#) to browse through the shirt options.

Thank you for your support!

### Holiday Helpers 2015

Make the season bright for a Maple Grove student or family by being a gift sponsor! Many families in our Maple Grove community will not have presents this Holiday Season without your help!

If you would like to help please contact Sandi for gift assignment between Nov. 18th and Dec. 11th. You may contact her at [tomsandis@msn.com](mailto:tomsandis@msn.com) or 720-838-7323.

After that it's easy!

1. Purchase and wrap gift(s).
2. Attach sponsor gift tag.

3. Bring WRAPPED gifts to the school office no later than Monday, December 14th. Thank you for your support!!!

### **Library MakerSpace**

The library makeover has already begun and it's creating excitement for all who use the library! The next part of the makeover is the creation of the library makerspace. A makerspace is a place where participants use problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity to build, experiment and invent.

The library is ready to begin collecting supplies for our makerspace. Student Leadership Council(SLC) members came up with this wish list:

**Clear plastic tubs** (lids optional) no wider than 14 inches and no taller than 6 inches.

**Legos** - no kits, just a variety of bricks & accessories

#### **Snap Circuits**

**Craft supplies & tools** - craft paper, yarn/string, non-hardening modeling clay, popsicle sticks, duct tape, pipe cleaners, scissors, glue, brads, die cutters, stencils, cutting mat, ruler/protractor, crochet hook(s), yarn/embroidery needle(s), embroidery hoops, colored pencils, markers, erasers, drinking straws, paper plates/bowls, plastic cups, etc.

**Tools** - small screwdrivers, pliers, needle nose pliers, flush wire cutter, small level, tape measure, small hammer, safety glasses

**PVC pipe** - a variety of sizes/shapes, no longer than 14 inches.

#### **\*Other items your kids would like to use...**

No need to purchase, just send in any extras or unused items you already have. Items will be collected in the library. There will be a Library MakerSpace link on the MG homepage with a list of what we have received and still need. Thank you!!! Please contact Amy Stahura with any questions [astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:astahura@jeffco.k12.co.us)>

### **Gifted Education - Parent Seminar**

This seminar will be held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401 on November 17, 2015. The presentation will be from 6:30 - 8:00pm with a 8:00 to 8:30 Q & A session.

Dr. Bob Seney will discuss:

- \* what literacy for the gifted means and looks like
- \* review the reading needs of the gifted and advanced learners
- \* provide suggestions and strategies to help strengthen and motivate these learners in their reading

He will also discuss what to do with the unmotivated learner. He will review current literature for gifted readers that is both appropriate and challenging.

No reservations are necessary.

### **Maple Grove Water Bottles**

The PTA is selling very cool Maple Grove water bottles for only \$5! They change color when they turn cold or hot - the kids love them! You can see a picture of them [HERE](#). Please contact Lindsey Fleener at [lindseyfleener@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyfleener@gmail.com) if you are

interested.

### **Lost and Found**

Are you missing a jacket, a lunch box, or any clothing item? It may be in the Lost and Found! You can find this in the front hallway and it's filling up fast. Come take a look because we will have to give it away soon.

### **Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

The next staff appreciation breakfast is on November 20. Thank you to all who have contributed so far, our wonderful staff greatly appreciates it! You can sign up for future breakfasts [HERE](#)

## Activities and Events

### **Author's Festival and World and Wonder Art Contest**

Calling all student writers and artists! Two upcoming opportunities from CCIRA (Colorado Council International Reading Association) for kids who love to write and draw.

The first is the Authors' Festival on February 6, where students in grades 3-8 can take writing workshops from favorite authors, including Gordon Korman, Pascal Lee, Marc Tyler Nobleman, and Jennifer Dizmang. Register or download a flyer with more information [HERE](#).

The second opportunity is the [World of Wonder Art Contest](#), for students in grades K-8. Sign up by January 1st for the Author's Festival and January 8th for the Art Contest.

Any questions, please go to <[www.ccira.org](http://www.ccira.org)> under the CCIRA Conference tab or contact Amy Ellerman at [aellerma@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:aellerma@jeffco.k12.co.us). Thank you!

### **Talent Show**

The Talent Show is always fun for both the participants and the audience members! More information to come but start working on those routines!

## After School Activities

### **PREP Fused Glass Classes**

Just in time for the holidays – Join us for this fun 2 hour class where you can make holiday ornaments and/or gifts out of glass! Each student will make at least 2 – 3 items. Finished items will be delivered to the school 1 week after class.

\* Grades 3rd – 6th

\* \$40 / Student per Class

\* Wednesday Dec 2nd (early release day) 12:00 - 2:00pm (Healthy Snack Provided)

\* 8 Students Max per class – So Sign Up Today!

Register On-Line at: <https://premieredprograms.wufoo.com/forms/maple-grove-glass>

Questions: Contact Lisa Denton at [PremierEdPrograms@yahoo.com](mailto:PremierEdPrograms@yahoo.com)

### **Creative Workshops**

Due to popular demand Creative WorkShops is offering Pottery & Ceramic WorkShops on Mondays & Wednesdays!

#### *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.

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

Session #I - Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 22, 29, March 7 - \$120

Session #II –March 14, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 - \$120

Register for Session #I & #II for a DISCOUNT - \$228 (SAVE- \$12)

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

Session #I - Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 - \$120

Session #II – March 2, 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13- \$120

**Wednesday Mini Session #III** - April 20 , 27, May 4, 11- \$80

Register for Session #I & #II for a DISCOUNT - \$228 (SAVE- \$12)

ADD Session #III for \$74 - \$302 - save \$18

For more info or to register on-line email [creativeworkshops@comcast.net](mailto:creativeworkshops@comcast.net) or call 720-329-7572.

#### *Hip Hop WorkShops*

A fun & exciting street style dance. You get to listen to some cool music and learn some fancy popping, locking & breaking moves so you'll always be able to get your groove. Great for guys & girls, Hip Hop dance is good for your brain and your body.

**Thursdays:** 2:30 – 3:30 Guys & Girls K – 3rd

Session #I - Jan 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3 - \$79 - (7 classes)

Session #II - March 10, 17, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28- \$79 - (7 classes)

Register for Session #I & #II for a DISCOUNT - \$148- (SAVE \$10)

For more info or to register on-line email [creativeworkshops@comcast.net](mailto:creativeworkshops@comcast.net) or call 720-329-7572.

### **LaunchPad Studios**

LaunchPad Studios is a professional recording studio that is offering music lessons for a variety of different instruments. Learning to play an instrument can help an individual grow in confidence, inspire creativity, and be a lot of fun all at the same time! Lessons are \$25 per 30 minute session. Come discover and develop a love of music at LaunchPad Studios. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Call 303-484-1706 or email [info@launchpadstudios.org](mailto:info@launchpadstudios.org) to register.

## 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 will be 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.

### **Volunteers needed for Drama Club**

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Drama club needs your help!! **We are still in need of a a volunteer or 2 to help the Drama Club or we risk not having it at all.** This is a wonderful club that our kids(grades 4-6) really enjoy but we still need a couple of parents to help run this club. There is always a fantastic performance at the end of the year - please help to make this happen! If you would like to help with this fun committee please contact Emily Melancon at [emily.melancon@gmail.com](mailto:emily.melancon@gmail.com)

### **Box Tops**

Box tops can be submitted to your teacher or in the PTA area in the office(you will see a small bright pink container).

**Please be sure to mark your submission with your child's teacher and/or grade. The grade who submits the most box tops will be rewarded(reward TBD).**

The next contest deadline will be in the spring, but please submit your box tops all year. Random updates will be in future eBlasts as to who is in the lead. Good luck to all grades!

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

### **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 Jenney Thompson at [jenneycooke@hotmail.com](mailto:jenneycooke@hotmail.com).



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