



**PTA eBlast**



*Week of September 06, 2015 - Happy Labor Day!!!*

## **Happening This Week**

September 7 - Labor Day(no school)

September 10 – 1st PTA Meeting

September 11 - Grizzly Reading Challenge Informational Packets go home

Lunch menu for [September](#)

Maple Grove school [calendar](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

September 10 – 1st PTA Meeting

September 11-21 - Grizzly Reading Challenge

September 21-23 - Book Fair

September 21-24 – Parent Teacher Conferences

September 23 - Grizzly Gathering at Smashburger

October 4 – Grizzly Growl 5K

## **News**

### **PTA General Meeting - 9/10**

Come one, come all to the PTA's first general meeting of the year! For our big kickoff we will be meeting at the Arbor House(14600 W 32nd Ave Golden, CO 80401) at 6:30 on September 10, 2015.

Light refreshments will be served.

This is a fantastic opportunity to come out and meet other Maple Grove families and see all the amazing activities and events there are at Maple Grove! We are always happy when people can help out with something and this is the perfect opportunity to see what is available. Please join us, we look forward to seeing

everyone!

Babysitters will be provided so bring your kids(**ages 3+ and potty trained**) to play at the park and come inside to learn about how you can help to make Maple Grove even more amazing!

Please RSVP to [jessicatsuo@gmail.com](mailto:jessicatsuo@gmail.com) if you plan to bring your kiddos.

An evite has been sent out for this meeting. If you plan to attend please RSVP, especially if you are bringing your kids! If you have not received the evite, please email Jessica Tsuo at [jessicatsuo@gmail.com](mailto:jessicatsuo@gmail.com)

There will also be King Soopers cards for sale. 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! These are also great for grandparents, aunts and uncles - why just get one, pick up a few for the whole family!

### **Grizzly Reading Challenge**

SAVE THE DATE! The Grizzly Reading Challenge (formerly REACH Week) is coming! \$10 in Book Fair Bucks just for participating. The class with the highest participation will get a Jamba Juice Party!

Mark your calendars!

9/11 - Informational Packets go home

9/11 - 9/17 - Read, Read, Read!

9/18 - Packets due back to school

9/21 - Students will receive their Book Fair Bucks

### **Save the Date for the Grizzly Growl 5K - 10/04**

Join us to run, walk, or cheer on **Sunday, October 4 at 9:00am!** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join the fun at our 8th Annual Grizzly Growl 5K run.

This year the Maple Grove Gallop 5K has changed its name to the Grizzly Growl 5K. This family-friendly race will raise money for the [Maple Grove PTA](#); ensuring our students, faculty and school have the tools they need to help our kids succeed. Our mission is to encourage physical fitness, sportsmanship and foster a personal commitment to community...with lots of fun mixed in!

Visit the race [webpage](#) to register, sponsor or volunteer to help!

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### **Teacher Conferences**

Teacher conferences will be on 9/21-9/24. As in years past, we love to provide our wonderful teachers with a hot meal on both of these nights. We will be providing food from a local restaurant on 9/21 but will ask for parents to contribute on 9/23. Please sign up [here](#) to help give our teaching staff a fabulous dinner!

### **Teacher Breakfasts**

We will continue our tradition of giving back to our fantastic teaching staff by providing a teacher breakfast on the 3rd Friday of every month. Let our teachers know how much we value and appreciate them by giving them a hearty breakfast! The first breakfast of the year is Friday, September 18 - let's show our teaching staff how much we appreciate them by signing up [here](#)!

### **WatchDOGS**

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### **Spirit Wear**

Spirit wear will be available through an online system this year. We will be announcing the details soon!

## **Activities and Events**

### **Student Leadership Council!!!**

The Maple Grove Community is proud to announce a great way for student voices to be heard at our school - a Student Leadership Council!

This is an exciting opportunity for leadership to be embraced by kids, community services to be fulfilled, and student ideas to be put into action! Student Representatives from grades 3-6 will be present at meetings and will partner with a

primary grade (K-2) so that every classroom in the school will be involved in the decision making process for spirit days, fundraisers, Maple Grove community service projects, and more!

If your student is in grades 3-6 and is interested in being a classroom representative they should carefully consider the following:

-Representatives must exemplify responsibility, leadership, and creativity

-Representatives are obligated to attend every meeting or find a substitute

Meetings will be held on one Monday of every month from 2:30-3:15 in Mrs.

Binzel's room 17, with a kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 14.

Talk to your homeroom teacher about the process for election - however, posters, campaign buttons, etc are not allowed. Notification of elected representatives should be reported to Mrs. Binzel by September 10 via classroom teachers.

### **Book Fair**

The book fair will be open on these days!

Monday, Sept 21 2:30 - 7:00pm

Tuesday, Sept 22 10:00am - 7:00pm

Wednesday, Sept 23 10:00am - 4:00pm

### **Movie Night - 9/18**

On September 18 there will be a movie night at 7pm at the Arbor House(14600 W 32nd Ave Golden, CO 80401). The Applewood Property Owners Association(APOA) is hosting a neighborhood movie in Maple Grove Park! The movie is TBD but will be family friendly. Bring a blanket, picnic basket and stop by to buy some goodies from the PTA tent. Movie night is open to everyone in the Applewood neighborhood.

This is going to be a really fun night, we hope to see you all there! Don't forget to bring your wallet, there will be students fundraising for their various activities this year!

### **Morning Miler's**

Morning Miler's meet at the Maple Grove Track, from 7:15am until the first bell rings, on Tuesdays and Thursdays through 10/1/15. There will be charms given out for each mile completed and an end of the season pizza party for the class with the most miles.

Parents can help by signing up [here](#)

This will be great preparation for the Grizzly Growl Run on 10/4/15!

Questions? Contact Mary Steele at [marybsellers@hotmail.com](mailto:marybsellers@hotmail.com)

### **Farmer's 5000 5k Race**

The Farmer's 5000 5k Race and ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE is back!

The elementary school with the highest percentage participation will receive \$500 and a spiffy trophy! You can run, you can walk, you can come cheer on your friends – just sign up today!

Contact Lisa Denton at [thedentons@prodigy.net](mailto:thedentons@prodigy.net) if you need a registration form.

Parents – if you want to sign up to run as well, you can go [online](#) to register.

Please complete the registration forms and return to the office by the due date in order for your registration to count toward Maple Grove's numbers. This is a perfect way to train for the Grizzly Growl - let's get out there and show 'em how its done! GRRRR

## After School Activities

### **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.

Register for Session I & II for a DISCOUNT - \$224 - (SAVE \$12)

Day: Wednesdays Time: 2:30 – 3:30 Location: Art Room All Grades

Click [here](#) for more info or to register on-line email

[creativeworkshops@comcast.net](mailto:creativeworkshops@comcast.net) or call 720-329-7572.

#### *Jewelry Making WorkShops*

Kids love to make a fun and creative selections of very attractive jewelry projects. This introductory workshop gives them the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of jewelry making. In six one hour fun & creative classes participants learn to create wonderful jewelry with simple pliers and hand tools. Assembly, wire shaping, wrapping and hammering are among the variety of techniques covered to create cool, wearable take home art. No prior experience necessary.

Register for Session I & II for a DISCOUNT - \$164 - (SAVE- \$12)

Day: Mondays Time: 2:30 – 3:30 Location: Art Room Grades 3-6

Click [here](#) for more info or to register on-line email

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#### *Hip Hop*

Hip Hop is 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!

Register for Session I & II for a DISCOUNT - \$131 - (SAVE \$12)

Day: Thursdays Times: 2:30 – 3:30 Location: Gym Grades K – 3rd grade

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#### *Pedaling Minds*

A diverse, multiphase after school program for students to engage in a safe, healthy, collaborative environment using the bicycle as a learning platform. Each class works on a new skill/concept and it is designed to be fun while attracting the creative young mind. This six week course is taught by 2008 Olympic cyclist Mike Friedman. Contact Mike at [mike@pedalingminds.org](mailto:mike@pedalingminds.org) or register [here](#) for K-3 and [here](#) for grades 3-6.

You can see the flyer [here](#)

### *Girls on the Run*

Girls on the run will start the week of September 14. Girls on the run inspires girls to a lifetime of self respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 2:30 - 3:45. Open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls. Watch for registration info coming soon. For more information about the program go to the [link](#)

Questions? Contact Jane Ambro at [janeambro@gmail.com](mailto:janeambro@gmail.com) 303-475-4683 or Cathy Rossano at [cathyrossano@msn.com](mailto:cathyrossano@msn.com) 303-931-1183.

We hope to see you girls this fall!

### *Abrakadoodle - Kids on Canvas*

Practice painting techniques using acrylic paints on canvas board and stretched canvas. Through this popular program, painters explore a dynamic medium while building artistic skills, developing creativity and learning about styles and techniques of outstanding artists. Lessons Never Repeat!

Some paintings that the students will be creating will be a Super Bubble Portrait Doodle, Nolan Peacock Doodle, Russel Sunset Doodle, and Curry Letter Art Doodle. This is a super fun painting class!

Register [here](#)

### *Mad Science*

Zap Attack! Stay current as we investigate watts-up in the world of electricity. We'll take that knowledge and discover interesting lights, sights and sounds. We explore alternate sources of power which will help move our robots. You can wave to your friends with the super robot hand we'll build during this highly charged Mad Science program. Register [here](#)

### *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.

Call 303-484-1706 or email [info@launchpadstudios.org](mailto:info@launchpadstudios.org) to register.

## Ways to Help

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### **Box Tops**

Cut out the Box Tops for Education logo from participating products and send them to school with your children. Each class collects the box tops and the class with the most box tops during the Fall and Spring collections gets a prize. This program collects about \$100/month to support PTA activities. Please go [here](#) for more information.

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

### **Target**

Designate Maple Grove PTA as your charity when you use your Target credit card to buy what you need and don't need from the store where it seems everyone shops. Use the Credit or Debit REDcard and Target will donate 1% of your purchases made at Target to Maple Grove! We have received over \$10,000 since this program began! Go to this [link](#) and enter your account number, name and school of choice!

### **Office Depot/Office Max**

Want to earn free supplies for Maple Grove all year round? Present our "5% Back to Schools" ID number, 7001 7898, in the store, by phone, or online. If shopping online, you will have an opportunity to "designate a school" AFTER you make your purchase. Just enter our ID number, school name, and address. If your business uses Office Depot/Office Max and would be willing to use our number, our free supplies could add up fast!!! Please share our number with anyone who might help out. Past purchases made within the last calendar year can still be entered for credit. See [website](#) or call Deb Luther for help (303) 333-0203. THANKS!

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

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Drama club needs your help!! This is a

wonderful club that our kids(grades 4-6) really enjoy but we 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)

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### **Volunteer on a Committee Team for 2015/2016**

We've got lots of volunteer opportunities open for the next school year. If you're interested in assisting please reach out to Emily Melancon at [emily.melancon@gmail.com](mailto:emily.melancon@gmail.com).

Here are just some of the volunteer opportunities available:

Drama Team

Gala Team

Facebook Team

Stay tuned for a complete list to be posted on our website.

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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