



PTA eBlast



Week of September 13, 2015

Happening This Week

September 14 - Student Leadership Council Kick-off Meeting
September 15 - WatchDOG Meeting
September 18 - Teacher Breakfast
September 18 - Movie Night
September 14-18 - Earth Fair
September 11-21 - Grizzly Reading Challenge

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

Upcoming Events

September 20 - Farmers 5000 5k Race
September 21-23 - Book Fair
September 21-24 - Parent Teacher Conferences
September 23 - Grizzly Gathering at Smashburger
September 25 - Early Release Day
October 4 - Grizzly Growl 5K
October 19-23 - Outdoor Lab

News

Grizzly Reading Challenge

The Grizzly Reading Challenge (formerly REACH Week) is here! Students will receive \$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

Grizzly Spirit Wear

The spirit wear online store is open!! Grizzly Spirit Wear has been redesigned and it looks amazing!! It's so easy to order your spirit wear online, go [here](#) to order some now! The new styles are really cool, there is something for everyone! Show some school pride by proudly wearing our Grizzly Spirit Wear! The last day to order is September 30 so hurry and order yours now!

PS - these make fantastic presents for the whole family, grandparents are especially fond of them!

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. There are still some spots available so please sign up for one today! 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

We Need You to Join The WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students) Kickoff Meeting on Tuesday!

Friday's lockout incident was a vivid reminder that the WatchDOGS play a valuable role at Maple Grove. There was a WatchDOG on duty when the lockout occurred, and he and Mr. Stone were outside immediately making sure all doors were locked. Several staff members expressed their appreciation. We need more dads (grandpas, etc.) to volunteer as WatchDOGS. Who better than to be at the ready if an emergency arises?

If you're new to Maple Grove, or have never been a WatchDOG, please join us on **Tuesday, September 15th**, at 7:00 PM for pizza and an information session about how you can be a force for good at the school. WatchDOGS veterans are welcome to join/eat as well. Please sign up [here](#) for the meeting on 15th.

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

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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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.

Applewood Neighborhood Movie Night

Please join us on Friday, September 18 at the Arbor House at Maple Grove Park (14600 W 32nd Ave Golden, CO 80401) for a showing of Incredibles at 7pm hosted by the Applewood Property Owners Association(APOA). 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.

No parking will be allowed on 32nd Ave, so please walk/bike from home or park in the parking lots or 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!

Earth Fair

Sixth grade will be holding their annual Earth Fair September 14-18. They will be selling all sorts of rocks and gems. Bring some small bills or any loose change to help support the 6th grade's fundraising efforts!

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

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

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! Last year the school that won had only 7% participation. If Maple Grove could get 10% participation then we have a great chance of bringing home \$500! You can

run, you can walk, you can come cheer on your friends – just sign up today! Contact Lisa Denton at 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

Golden Youth Basketball Association(GYBA)

Tryouts for those 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls wanting to participate on one of GYBA's competitive basketball teams are Thursday, September 24th and the following Thursday October 1st.

The tryouts are intended for those girls having an interest in playing Gold Crown, Gold, Silver, or Jeffco A levels. We believe we will have the talent and turnout for at least GC Silver teams at multiple grade levels, and our intent will be to establish GC Silver/JeffCo A teams. For those not familiar with Gold Crown, it is a short 6 week league in January and February - and usually games are played on Saturday or Sunday. The games will be scheduled not to conflict with Jeffco A. If your daughter intends to play on a B or C level team they do not need to attend tryouts. GYBA Registration will remain open until October 2nd, but please [register](#) your daughter prior to Wednesday September 16th to let us know your intent.

Tryout Times and Location:

Thursday September 24th, time TBA, Golden High School

Thursday October 1st, time TBA, Golden High School

Please try to attend both tryout days if you can. If you can't attend both, please just let your Grade Level Coordinator (see the "contact us" tab of the website) know.

For more information about Golden Youth Basketball, please visit our [website](#)

Helping Kids Thrive Conference

Sign up now for the 25th Annual FREE Helping Kids Thrive Parents' Night, Thursday, October 8 at Creighton Middle School! You'll receive hands-on, practical tools and information to help kids grow in positive ways. Classes include Parenting with Love & Logic, Empowering Successful Kids, Stress Busters for Parents, Marijuana and the Developing Brain and more. Free food and beverages are provided along with free supervised activities for children ages three and over while parents are attending classes. For a full list of classes, to register, or for more information, please visit the [website](#) or call 303-432-5320.

2nd Annual Pink Showdown Football Game

On September 24 the Wheat Ridge Farmers and Dakota Ridge Falcons football teams will be facing off in support of breast cancer awareness at JeffCo Stadium. There are great t-shirts to buy to show your support and all of the proceeds will go to the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation and is earmarked for breast cancer education, patient support & survivorship programs. Please visit the [website](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Johnson at

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 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 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 303-475-4683 or Cathy Rossano at cathyrossano@msn.com 303-931-1183.

We hope to see you girls this fall!

Abakadoodle - 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. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Call 303-484-1706 or email info@launchpadstudios.org to register.

Ways to Help

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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 if you would like one.

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Room Parents Needed!

Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom but can't do it every week? This is a fun volunteering opportunity! The room parent will be the main point of contact with the teacher for the three parties throughout the school year; Halloween, Winter Party and Valentine's Day! (other parents will help to organize, volunteer for and bring items to the parties.)

Contact Jane Hittle if you are interested! jkhittle@comcast.net 720-261-6690

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

WatchDOGS

In search of new WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students) for Maple Grove! As a dad (grandpa, uncle, guardian, etc.), it isn't easy or obvious how to be more involved in your child's school day. Being a WatchDOG gives you a chance to spend more time with your kids, serve the school and be a part of the Maple Grove community. And you get to wear a cool orange vest and walkie-talkie!

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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 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!

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

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

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 share in the newsletter, please send it to Jenney Thompson at jenneycooke@hotmail.com.



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