

## Week of November 16, 2020

### Upcoming Events

#### NOVEMBER:

Today – Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

(updated drop off details below)

Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: **Virtual Book Fair**

Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: **Launch of Parent University: Course 1 – The Energy Bus**

Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm: **PTA Meeting for Budget Amendment**

Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: **Thanksgiving Break**

#### New

#### All Aboard the Remote Boat

Looking to connect? Maybe form a pod or make a playdate? The PTA can help! Here are two great resources:

1) The Maple Grove Elementary Directory - A paper directory that was provided to PTA members who joined in the initial membership drive. It's not too late to join the PTA ([click here](#)) or purchase additional copies of the directory [here](#).

2) MemberHub - You can directly email individual parents or all families within your class hub. If you haven't yet, [Register here](#).

We are better together and here to help connect families during this unprecedented time.

#### Thanksgiving Food Drive

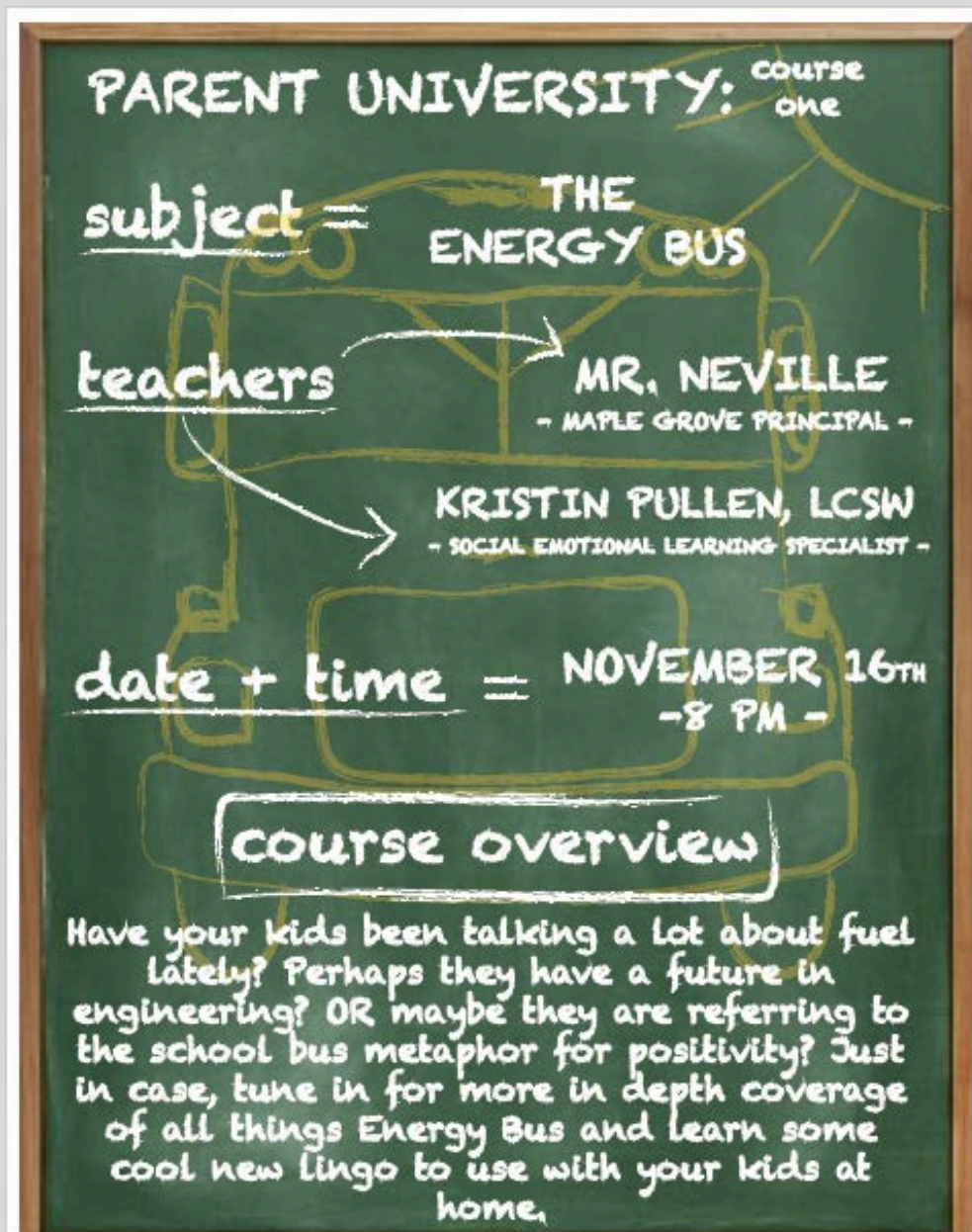
In lieu of classroom drops, please drop off food items now through Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Grove front door or on the front porch at 14700 Garden Road. There will be boxes at both locations. As a reminder, assigned classroom items posted [here](#). Also, please don't forget we love cash donations, Venmo @Jennifer-Sittaro.

We look forward to your support. If you have any questions, feel free to text/call/email Jen Sittaro at 303-910-1912, [jbowram@hotmail.com](mailto:jbowram@hotmail.com). Thank you for your donations!

#### Introducing Parent University

Parent University is a community-based platform holding "classes" chosen by you, to provide a more in depth understanding of Maple Grove and its educational approach as well as the tools and resources the school provides.

Course One – TODAY – Details Below – Click [here](#) for Zoom Link



#### PTA Budget Meeting – Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm

The PTA has called a meeting on Wednesday to present and vote on a budget amendment that will allow for additional staffing support at school.

#### Key Points:

- This will be a vote to reallocate total expenditures by a net amount of \$0. In other words, this is not a proposal for additional spending.
- The largest changes are:
  - plus \$10,000 for staffing
  - minus \$6,800 in the COVID response fund
- There are changes to 21 line items throughout the budget
- The vote will need 2/3 majority to pass

The vote will open and close during the meeting (rather than be open for a window beyond the meeting). For full details including Zoom Link, click [here](#).

#### It's Here! The Virtual Book Fair!

Online Shopping is now Live thru December 4th



We're very excited to announce our online book fair. There are so many great reasons to participate...

- The school will receive **40%** of sales to use towards books for the library.
- Stock up now on books for your kid(s) to read during the Grizzly Reading Challenge over winter break.
- Support your teachers by viewing their "wish list" and buying books that will go directly to their classrooms.

Link: <https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=Z22DE>

Follet Book Fair ID: Z22DE

Items will ship to 1 location and pick-up details will be sent to those who order. If you have questions, please email Ali at [mgptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mgptafundraising@gmail.com).

#### Keep a Keen Eye Out

Coming soon the PTA will introduce 3 ways our parent and grandparent community can help keep the school open in 2021!

### Holiday Shopping Guide

This holiday season make your gifts count! *You* can support the school financially by shopping at organizations that give back to the community. The PTA has tapped into these great organizations to make your holiday shopping easy and beneficial.



#### DANTE PEROZZI JEWELRY

Looking to gift or receive beautiful, locally made, jewelry. Dante Perozzi Jewelry is giving back 10% of every purchase to the MG PTA! Use code "maplegrove" at check out.

In addition, you will get 5% off your order! So get [shopping](#).



#### BOON SUPPLY

Did you know that Boon Supply is a company that sells a *huge* variety of high-quality products including bags, totes, candles, wrapping paper, kitchen wares, etc.

The BEST part...Boon gives 40% of every purchase back to Maple Grove. Start shopping [here!](#)



#### AMAZON SMILES

Make a difference this holiday by shopping holiday gifts that support Maple Grove PTA. Make sure to sign up here [here](#) for Amazon Smiles before you shop!

And don't forget to share the information with family and friends! Anyone can sign up!

Additional information can be found on the [PTA](#) or [Maple Grove](#) websites.