



HELLO MAPLE FAMILIES!

Welcome back! And to our new-to-Maple families, we are thrilled to have you join us!



Are you ready for the best school year of your life? This is the same question I presented to our staff when they returned in August. We've had some great years at Maple School and every year is an opportunity to make our school even better for our students.

In collaboration with the work that our staff does daily inside our building, we look to our community to ensure our students have a successful year. I am already grateful for your response and involvement in the early requests I made regarding our morning drop off and boundary change proposals. It is inspiring to see your efforts and they are a reminder that our community can make a positive impact when we work together.

As we look forward to the school year, I encourage you to stay engaged and find new ways to get involved in what is happening at Maple. Perhaps you will find time to join us at a PTSA meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month) or volunteer in your child's classroom (don't forget the new background check procedures!)? Maybe you will join us at evening events and make new connections with other families? Or, it's possible you will commit to communicate with your child's teacher throughout the year to stay informed about their progress and how to support their learning outside of school? The opportunities are endless!

In closing, I thank you in advance for your partnership! Your contributions will guarantee this is the best school year in the lives of our Maple Monarchs!

Elena Sanchez, *Principal*

WELCOME NEW MONARCHS

We are proud to WELCOME the following new staff to our Maple Community:

- Kat Behrend, *1st Grade Support Teacher*
- Claire DiJulio, *2nd/3rd Grade Support Teacher*
- Ian Domingo, *Special Education Instructional Asst.*
- Maya Festinger, *Marcia Ventura's Intern*
- Daniel Hoisington, *1st Grade Teacher*
- Lian Hollaway, *Special Education Instructional Asst.*
- Alice Lippitt, *3rd Grade Teacher*
- Theresa Matthews, *Special Education Teacher*
- Megan Morey, *Special Education Teacher*
- Emily Nierman, *Speech Language Pathologist*
- Lauren Razrri, *Guest Art Teacher*
- Mason Skeffington, *Assistant Principal*
- Chris Veltri, *4th Grade Teacher*
- Michael Wolfson, *PE Teacher*



Some of the new staff,
From left to right:
Megan Morey, Lauren Razrri,
Ian Domingo, Maya Festinger,
Mike Wolfson, Theresa Matthews,
Mason Skeffington, Lian Hollaway,
Claire DiJulio, Chris Veltri and
Daniel Hoisington

MAPLE KITCHEN NEWS Welcome back to a fun and exciting year!

REMINDERS:

- Breakfast is served daily and starts at 7:30 a.m. 'till the first bell at 7:50 a.m. If buses run late, breakfast is still served to those students.
- We would love to have you join us anytime. Adult lunches are \$4.75(cash) which includes the hot entrée as well as the salad bar.
- Milk is sold at lunch for .50¢ and your student needs to see Ms. Stalker
- Applications for free/reduced lunches are due by **October 1st** or those on the program will be charged full price. Application now available on-line at PayPAMS.com.
- If you have received a letter stating that your child owes money please send it in by cash, checks payable to *Nutrition Services* or on-line at PayPAMS.com, for a slight service fee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every Wednesday: Early Release @ 1:10pm
- September 26-28: Camp Seymour, 4th & 5th graders
- October 9: School Picture Day
- October 9: PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, *Teacher's Lounge*
- October 12: Teacher Professional Development Day, *no school for students*
- October 19-25: Book Fair, *School Library*
- October 25: Multi-Ethnic Potluck Dinner
- November TBA: Trivia Night
- November 12: Veteran's Day, *no school*
- November 13: PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, *Teacher's Lounge*

MAPLE LENDING LIBRARY



Maple has a Little Free Library located in the front entry way. Students and parents are invited to take a book or leave a book. We have a lot to choose from!

VOLUNTEERING

Everything is now on-line – something new this year the district is implementing, no more paper copies. A new application is required every year, go to seattleschools.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/.

You will need to complete the background check application (on-line) and copy of ID (which you can upload onto your on-line application).

Ms. Robin Lee will still be the one to process background checks. You may apply to volunteer at any point during the school year, but processing applications takes at least two weeks.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Robin Lee / Student & Family Advocate, rolee@seattleschools.org or 206-252-8371.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Here is a list of upcoming Maple School events needing volunteers:

Picture Day – October 9

Multi-Ethnic Potluck Dinner – October 25

Book Fair – October 19-25

For more details, visit the Maple PTSA blog at mapleptsa.com/volunteer or at signupgenius.com. If on SignUpGenius Then enter the email address of our Volunteer Coordinator, Summer Gallagher; summergal828@gmail.com. This will allow you to search and browse current opportunities and sign up to help.



Every Box Top will make a huge impact for our school. Our fund raising goal for this year is \$800, that will go directly towards supplies and activities for Maple. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products, clip them and then send them to school. Your Box Tops can be dropped into classroom collection boxes.

Our Fall Collection drive is going on now! Be sure to turn in your Box Tops by **October 26th**. There will be another collection in the Spring, so keep collecting all year long.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (*it's free!*) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers. Also don't forget to download the *Box Tops Bonus App* for more quick and easy ways to earn funds.

If you have any questions, contact me at maplePTSA@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!
 Agnes Gómez / *Box Tops for Education™* Coordinator

FREE FLU SHOTS



We will be offering FREE flu shots to the students during the school day! Authorizations/ consent forms will be going home next week. Visit Healthy

Schools at healthyschoolsllc.com/flu-shots/ or Emily Goff, School Nurse - 206-252-8317 / ejgoff@seattleschools.org for more information.

Flu shots are critical to preventive care:

- Protects against four flu strains
- Reduces flu-related hospitalizations & PICU admissions
- Eases symptoms if a child gets sick
- Reduces flu-related pediatric death

OPEN PTSA BOARD POSITIONS

We are the parents/guardians and teachers that support the students of Maple School. We are about building a strong community that works together for our students and our school.

PTSA Needs You! Would you like to participate more at Maple Elementary? Does something outside the classroom appeal to you? If you would love to help us and get involved, the PTSA has several positions currently open: Vice President, Grant Writing co-chair, Treasurer co-chair.

• **Vice President** / Support the PTSA President and assist with decision-making; Manage the communications strategies of the PTSA; Represent the PTSA at monthly meetings and school events. Commitment: 8-16 hrs/month.

• **Grant-writing co-chair** / Work with the current Grants Chair to find creative sources of funding for Maple Elementary that will enhance our school, improve student learning and support teachers; Research available grants and facilitate the grant application process. Commitment: 2-12 hrs/month.

• **Treasurer co-chair** / Assist the Treasurer with the PTSA financial duties; collect and deposit all funds raised by the PTSA and disperse it according to the approved annual budget. Commitment: 5-10 hrs/month.

There are other positions also available, if you are interested in helping or want to be involved, contact Joy Raymond at mapleptsa@gmail.com.

THE SOURCE

The Front Office would like to remind every family to go on-line to verify your student's demographic information, emergency contact information and other data. You have until September 30 to update your information. NOTE, this is separate from the paper work brought home, that paper work will be kept on file at Maple.

New to The Source? The Source provides access to student record information such as attendance, assessment scores, library information and now the student data verification form.

How do I get started?

- Visit ps.seattleschools.org and log in.
- Select the student whose information you would like to verify along the top
- Select the Data Verification Form
- Agree to the terms and conditions
- Click "Begin Forms"

CAMP SEYMOUR



Fourth and Fifth graders will be getting on the bus to go to Camp Seymour on Wednesday morning September 26. If you have any last minute questions, email Marcia Ventura, mrvventura@seattleschools.org.

DONORS CHOOSE

Donors choose is an organization that is dedicated to funding classroom projects. The following teachers at Maple currently have projects listed. If you'd like to donate to their project, visit donorschoose.org and type the teacher's name in the search bar.

- Stephen Bucheit (Music)
 Operation Ukulele! – **Expires Oct 13**
"My students need access to classroom instruments that are both educational and fun. By starting a ukulele program, students will be able to participate in an enriching experience that also accesses cultural music."
- Alice Lippitt (D2)
 Don't Make Us Sit on the Floor! – **Expires Oct 18**
"My students deserve a new (and bigger!) carpet for their growing bodies."
- Bethany Poon (B1)
 1, 2, 3, 4, Math Materials for Numbers, Counting, and More! – **Expires Oct 26**
"This project will help fund counters, games, and center activities that students will use to practice early math skills in an engaging and hands-on way."
- Andrew Allen (STEM)
 Robotics in the Classroom! – **Expires Dec 6**
"We're trying to add more robots and tablets to our STEM program so that our students can do coding, engineering and robotics."
- Erin Bell (K) Laminator and Learn – **Expires Dec 13**
"My students need a laminator and laminating supplies will enable me to create learning materials that can be used and reused."
- Sara Quan (SpEd)
 Engaged Bodies, Engaged Brains – **Expires Jan 8**
"This project includes flexible seating, a rug for our reading space, and ELA materials for extra reading and writing practice."



There are many Maple projects on DonorsChoose.org. Scan here to learn more and to donate or visit mapleptsa.com/mapledonorschoose.

CROSSING GUARD NEEDED



Seattle Public Schools Transportation Department is looking for an Adult Crossing Guard for the

intersection of 15th Ave S & S Shelton. Starting at \$15/hr, 2 hours/day, 10 hours/wk. Qualifications: High School diploma, GED or equivalent. Criminal Justice Fingerprint and Background Check. At least 18 years of age, mature, caring and safety minded. If interested, contact Cheri Stafford at (206)252-0908 or cstafford@seattleschools.org.

