President’s Message

Hello Maple West Families!

Are you ready for a new year?
The Maple West PTA is certainly looking forward to a new year with new hopes and possibilities. The PTA has been busy this past month- wrapping up the year for the staff and students at Maple West.

A special thank you to Nicole O’Kane for overseeing and organizing school picture day & retake day. Thank you Tara Persons, Molly Armbruster, & Ashley LoVullo for volunteering as well to make sure the students were spiffy and picture ready.

A huge thank you to Dana Aubertin-Baumeister and Tina Meyers for Chairing the Maple West Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Every staff member in the building was offered a takeout lunch with drinks and desserts. They adorned the gym and set up tables for staff to sit and enjoy.

Also, the PTA purchased Holiday Crafts. This event was hosted by Ashley LoVullo and Katie Wheeler. Many of you haven’t seen what your student made, so I won’t ruin the surprise, but they did a wonderful job making something special for their grown-ups!

A special thanks to Heather Mundy, Alex Baldi, and Sherri Perdzia for putting together this year’s school directory. This job is NEVER an easy feat and we appreciate the hours it took to assemble and edit it. Each Maple West family will receive one copy per household, expect to see it by the end of the year.

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Our fourth graders received their fourth grade t-shirts this week. The brightly colored tye-dyed shirts have all of the fourth grade student’s names listed on the back. Thank you Melinda Haggerty and Tina Meyers for organizing and ordering the shirts. The fourth graders will have an opportunity to wear these t-shirts all year and for their end of the year party.

The PTA is in the beginning stages of planning our next activity. Since in-person events are few and far between, the PTA is looking for other ways to connect with our families. Save the date for January 29, 2022 and look for upcoming info for a virtual paint night with students.

If you haven’t done so yet, please join the Maple West PTA and purchase a membership - the theme for this year is ‘Pop Into the PTA’. For each family who signs up, they will receive a piece of popcorn hung in the main school hallway with your family name on it.

We hope you have a safe and happy new year. Enjoy your winter break and spending time with your children making memories. Thank you for all the commitment and support you have shown Maple West and your PTA.

Please join us at our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 7:00pm via zoom.

With Friendship,
Melissa Zeitz and Heather Mundy
2021-2022 PTA Co- Presidents
2021-2022 PTA Meeting Schedule

*Executive Board Meetings will start at 6pm each of these nights*

Please join us at 7pm, meeting format TBD

*Consult WITS Blast for ID & Password*

Wednesday, January 19th

Wednesday, March 16th

Wednesday, April 20th

Wednesday, May 18th

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 PTA Volunteer & Installment Dinner

Please join us!

How to stay up-to-date with everything happening at Maple West:

1. Check out the weekly WITS e-mail blast with PTA Reminders!

2. Read the *Maple West Messenger* via one of the following options:

   - **View the monthly WITS Messenger e-mail** sent by Mrs. Kubera
   - Visit the school Web site:
     [https://www.williamsvilleek12.org/maplewestelementary/](https://www.williamsvilleek12.org/maplewestelementary/)
     - Mouse-over “About Maple West” from the top menu.
     - Choose “Maple West Messenger”
     - Select an issue linked on this Web site.

3. **Request that a hardcopy be sent home with your oldest child.**

   If you’d like a hardcopy of the *Maple West Messenger* sent home monthly, please fill out the form at [bit.ly/newsonpaper](http://bit.ly/newsonpaper)
Dear Maple West Families,

December is a month where we are preparing to say goodbye to the past year and welcome in the New Year. We think many of us can say that we are looking forward to what 2022 will bring and all the exciting possibilities!

If you have already had your Parent-Teacher conference, we hope that it was an informative and productive meeting with your child’s teacher. Although brief, the purpose of Parent-Teacher Conferences is to give each parent a scheduled time to confer with their child’s teacher and check on their academic and social-emotional performance.

If you need to confer with your child’s teacher after December conferences, please reach out to them to schedule a time to meet virtually.

During Winter Break we want our students to enjoy spending time with their families. Just as important is to remember to have your child read each day. Reading is a powerful tool that helps to promote high expectations for our students.

Some important December dates:
12/24/21 - 12/31/21: Winter Break
1/3/22 - School resumes

Have a wonderful Winter Break and a Happy New Year,

Jason and Lindsey

Reminders:

School information can be found by going to the Williamsville District website, www.williamsvillek12.org and finding Maple West under the “Our Schools” tab. If you have difficulty finding any information, please let us know. We are continually looking to find ways to make the website more parent friendly.

W.I.T.S. is also a secure site for parents, that offers a great resource in finding information and links back to the district and Maple West websites, containing information we would not share with the general public. If you are new to the district or do not have a W.I.T.S. account please call the technology department at 626-8058 to receive information to activate your account.

GO TIGERS!

#TIGERSTRONG
YES! I want to support ALL Maple West children this year and join the PTA!

**ALL Memberships can be purchased using one of the following options:**

1. Go to [https://maplewest.memberhub.store/](https://maplewest.memberhub.store/)
2. Just fill out this form and return to classroom teacher in envelope marked “PTA Membership”. and checks can be made payable to ‘Maple West PTA’

Parent/Guardian Name(s)________________________________________________________

**GOLD MEMBER $35.00**        **SILVER MEMBER $25.00**          **SINGLE MEMBER $10.00**         **FAMILY MEMBER $15.00**

Student’s Name ___________________________ Grade _____ Teacher __________________________

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Student’s Name ___________________________ Grade _____ Teacher __________________________

Email(s): __________________________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: _______________ ($10.00 for 1-st membership and $5.00 for each additional)

● Once payment is processed, you will be entered into Unit Portal and an eCard will be generated and available for printing.

**Family Silver Membership (2 adults):** $25 includes Maple West water bottle sticker for Maple West students.

**Family Gold Membership (2 adults):** $35 includes Maple West water bottle stickers and ice cream from ice cream social for students.

Or, join online:

![QR Code](bit.ly/addmepta)
Let’s Hear You ROAR

 Pawprint: To Mr. Worthington for being outside with a smile to greet everyone every day.
 Pawprint: To Mrs. McCarthy for making learning and school so much fun.
 Pawprint: To Mrs. Kessler for her awesome math help.
 Pawprint: Thanks to Mrs. Manna - SPARK is a favorite for our kindergartener!!
 Pawprint: As always, Mrs. Z and the entire room 114 team going above and beyond!
 Pawprint: Thanks to Dana Baumeister for chairing Staff Appreciation!
 Pawprint: Thank you to Mrs. Grieco for helping our kids feel more comfortable and confident. Your activities are so appreciated!
 Pawprint: Thank you to Mr. Gennaro and Mr. Ruhl for helping with intramurals.

Share your messages of gratitude, celebrations, accomplishments, or any other positive messages to bring our community together. Send your stories and praise for stakeholders and students who are going above and beyond to contribute to our school community to maplewestnews@gmail.com to be added to next month’s newsletter.
SIGN UP TODAY!

Virtual Family Event

Student Registration: bit.ly/mwpaint

MW Staff Registration: bit.ly/mwstaffpaint

Paint with a Partner

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
WHERE: VIA ZOOM. LOGIN INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS BEFORE THE EVENT.

WHAT IS PAINT WITH A PARTNER NIGHT?: PAINT WITH A PARTNER NIGHT IS A VIRTUAL FAMILY PAINT NIGHT HOSTED BY THE MAPLE WEST PTA. THE EVENT WILL BE LEAD BY A PROFESSIONAL PAINT NIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND THE SUPPLIES NEEDED WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AHEAD OF TIME. EACH MAPLE WEST STUDENT WHO REGISTERS WILL GET A PAINT WITH A PARTNER KIT (2-8X10 CANVASES, 2-BRUSH SETS, PAINTS) WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF THE SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 1 STUDENT AND 1 ADULT PARTNER TO PAINT TOGETHER DURING OUR LIVE INSTRUCTIONAL EVENT! ON THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT SIMPLY LOG IN TO THE ZOOM LINK AND HAVE YOUR SUPPLIES READY TO PAINT WITH!

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR PAINT TO SPILL, KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT MAPLE WEST PRIOR TO THE EVENT. SPECIFIC PICK UP DATES AND TIMES TBD. WE WILL NOT BE SENDING KITS HOME WITH STUDENTS.

REGISTRATION: REGISTER ONLINE AT BIT.LY/MWPAIN.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY DECEMBER 20 AT MIDNIGHT.

Contact Alex Baldi (ambaldi9@gmail.com) with questions.
Maple West Water Bottles

Available for purchase at bit.ly/addmepta

The Stainless steel water bottles hold 17 oz and have leak-proof, screw top lids that come with a carabiner clip.

$5 each
PLUS PROCESSING FEE

Questions?
Contact Heather Mundy
mundyh@gmail.com
Stay In The Loop!

New this year, the PTA has created both Google and iCal calendars with school events (i.e. PTA events, half days, school spirit days, etc.)! Save yourself the time of adding each event and simply subscribe to our calendar. We will update the calendar as new events and spirit days are added throughout the year.

This is new, so if you notice an error, please bring it to our attention by emailing Heather Mundy at mundyh@gmail.com! We are doing our best to make this run smoothly, but we may have to iron out some wrinkles as we get started.

To add to your calendar: click on the link for the format you would like to add.

- **Google Maple West Events** - A calendar will open. In the bottom right corner, there will be a plus sign. Click on the plus sign to add the calendar to your Google Calendars.

- **iCal Maple West Events** – Choose which calendar you would like to add these school events to.

Please note: you will need to add your own alerts if you want to be alerted in advance about an event.

If you do not want to sync these with your calendar, please consider bookmarking the Google Calendar so that you can refer back to it with ease.
Maple West Attendance Procedures

- Please know that transportation and any dismissal arrangements from the 2020-2021 school year DO NOT carry over to the 2021-2022 school year.

- School begins promptly at 9:00 am. Every day, before the start of school, please take your child’s attendance, complete the COVID questionnaire, and if applicable, transportation questions on WITS. If your child is NOT attending the school day (whether in building or from home), please type a reason for the absence. This will serve as the day’s excusal note.

- Send in an excusal note after your child’s absence stating the reason for the absence.

- If there is any early dismissal or change of dismissal, please send in a note with your child, including the reason for the early dismissal and the name of the person picking them up.

- When coming into the school to pick your child up for an early dismissal, please report to the Main Entrance, where someone will greet you at the door.

- Please write separate notes for each child as the notes are given to their teacher.

- Please include the name of your child’s teacher on the note.

- Please be sure to include your child’s first AND last name on any notes.

- Please do not use Post-its or any other sticky notes.

- Please use our Maple West Home to School Note (provided on the next page).

- If you have reoccurring pick up days such as, every Monday and Wednesday for the entire 2021-2022 school year, you will only need to send in one note for the year.

- If you have any questions, please call Garidith Khayat in the Attendance Office at 626-8836.

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**To Sign Up For E-Alerts:**

Simply go to the District’s website at [www.williamsville.k12.ny.us](http://www.williamsville.k12.ny.us) and

- in the left hand column on the homepage, click “Register For”
- and select “Emergency Alerts” OR scroll down the page and click on the photo with the “eAlert” text.
- Fill in the online form.
- Select schools from which you’d like to receive news.
- Click on SIGN UP!

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

The Williamsville Central School District uses an automated mass notification system to inform parents, staff, and students of a school emergency, school closure, or other important announcement affecting our schools. This service has two components: email/text messages and telephone calls.

**Email and Text Messages**

This feature, called eAlert, allows us to communicate rapidly with subscribers using text-to-cell messages and email. Parents are encouraged to register for this service because notifications about weather-related school closings (‘snow days’) are sent via eAlert. This opt-in service does not include automated phone calls.

**Telephone**

This feature allows us to send a pre-recorded phone message exclusively to parents, guardians, and staff members in the event of an emergency. We will use this auto-dial feature only for EMERGENCY SITUATIONS that affect WCSD schools or the health and safety of our students. The home telephone number (landline or cell) that you provide the district will be used for this purpose; no sign-up is required.

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**WWW.WILLIAMSVILLEK12.ORG**
Maple West Elementary
Home-to-School Note

Student: __________________________ Grade: ______

TODAY’S DATE ______________________

☐ Was Absent on:
  Date: __________
  Reason: __________________________

☐ Was late on:
  Date: __________
  Reason: __________________________

☐ Will be picked up early:
  Time: __________ by: __________
  For: __________________________

☐ Picked up in the cafeteria @ dismissal by: __________

☐ Walking to: __________________________

☐ Staying after school for: __________________________

☐ Riding Bus # (if known) __________________________
  With/Address: __________________________

Teacher: __________________________

Parent Signature: __________________________

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LUNCH HELP NEEDED!

Two shifts available
10:55 - 12:15
12:15 - 1:45

Duties include helping students get settled with their lunch, opening items, and escorting them to the bathroom.

**All volunteers must provide proof of vaccination and complete volunteer paperwork before their first shift. Approved face masks are required at all times while in the school building.**


Sign up here—>
EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL
LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE LABEL:

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?
You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts

BOX TOPS CLIPS
You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. You can still clip them and send them to school, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:
Maple West will collect Dash’s Market receipts again this year.

No amount is too small. Please send them to school in your child’s folder or drop them in the bin above the PTA box across from the main office. We collect through the entire school year.

Please help to support our school and raise $2.50 for every $100 worth of register receipts we collect!

In a typical year, receipts are sent in through the homeroom teacher or exchanged at supply pickups, but we’re in unprecedented times. The good news is, receipts can be submitted up to two years after the date of purchase, so please find a safe place for them and stash them away until we can get back into the buildings!
for exceptional students with special education or gifted programming needs

RSVP for our 2021-22 SEPTSA events here: bit.ly/SEPTSA21-22

**Williamsville Special Education PTSA Programs**
are open to the public & all are welcome! In WCSD Office Conference Rooms, 105 Casey Rd, East Amherst, NY 14051
unless otherwise noted.

**Register HERE** for any and all programs

**Regional SEPTSA Gathering,**
Thursday, December 9th, from 7:30-9 p.m.
at the Lancaster Public Library conference room
5466 Broadway in Lancaster.
Zoom also available
Meeting ID: 502 870 3286
Passcode: 673624

**Special Education: What's it all about?**
Thu Jan 27, 7 pm - 8:45pm

**Is my Child Gifted?**
Thu Feb 17, 7 pm - 8:45pm

**What are the acronyms OT & PT?**
Thu Mar 24, 7 pm - 8:45pm
Learn more about occupational & physical therapy.

**Inclusive Programming for Children w/ Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD),**
Thu Apr 28, 7 pm - 8:45pm
This seminar provides school personnel with practical & evidence-based intervention techniques to maximize the success of students with ASD within public education settings.
Presenter: The Summit Center

TBD, Thu May 26, 7 pm - 8:45pm

**Support & Networking for WCSD Special Education & Gifted Services**
Meet others supporting exceptional education & bring your questions, ideas, or concerns.
Please **RSVP** to receive confirmed location
and/or virtual link the day before.
With so much changing we are trying to be flexible.

We are meeting at
Dash's market on Klein Road in Amherst
Sun Jan 9, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Feb 13, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Mar 13, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Apr 10, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun May 15, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Jun 12, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

**Membership Meetings**
Become a member:
wsseptsa.memberhub.com/store

Support exceptional education
(prior to our programs) **at 6:15pm on**
Jan 27, Mar 24 & May 26 via zoom or in person depending on our program location.

**Connect With Us:**
www.williamsvilleseptsa.org
facebook.com/WSEPTSA

williamsvilleseptsa@gmail.com
twitter.com/WSeptsa
Williamsville Special Education PTSA (WSEPTSA) is for parents, students, and staff interested in special education and gifted services. WSEPTSA provides guidance, information, advocacy, and support for families of students with disabilities or gifted programming needs.

Get your membership here: https://wseptsa.memberhub.store

Connect with Williamsville Special Education PTSA:
E-mail: williamsvilleseptsa@gmail.com

Web: www.williamsvilleseptsa.org

Facebook: fb.me/WSEPTSA

Twitter: http://twitter.com/Wseptsa

Do you shop on Amazon? At no cost to you, Amazon will automatically donate a portion of their proceeds to our PTA, if you connect your account to our group.

In order to make sure our PTA receives this donation, go to smile.amazon.com or on your mobile device. Then choose "PTA New York Congress 19-248 Maple West Elem School PTA." When you shop use the app that is connected to smile.amazon.com, not plain Amazon, and Amazon will give a small portion to the PTA. Every little bit helps!

Please keep this in mind when you do your holiday shopping!
Girl Scouts: Building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place!

Calling all future Girl Scouts! If you are looking for a place for your girl to make new friends, try new things and explore the world, join our Maple West Kindergarten Daisy Troop!

**New Troop Forming now!**

Contact:
Jennifer Weinstein at jweinstein0523@yahoo.com
Kathy Brown at krobiltto@yahoo.com
You’re Invited!
It’s time to press play.


See for yourself what Girl Scouts has to offer. Come check out Girl Scouts of Western New York.

TROOPS IN WILLIAMSVILLE ARE FORMING NOW at Maple East, Maple West and Forest Elementary
WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT
Kim Giannelli-Calos - kimg150@hotmail.com

1-888-837-6410 www.gswny.org/join

At GSWNY we are still following COVID guidelines for in-person events. Outdoor events do not require masks. Indoor events require masks and social distancing, even for vaccinated individuals. Please refer to gswny.org to see the latest guidelines in full.
Join Cub Scouts at Maple West!

Some avoid obstacles. Scouts overcome them.

The life lessons learned in Scouting form a foundation to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.

- A fun and safe environment to learn and grow while developing interests and skills
- Character building and development centered around good morals and values
- The chance to learn life skills that help Scouts be successful adults and contributing members of society
- Exciting outdoor experiences scouts love hiking, camping, exploring, exercising...

Scouting isn’t Cancelled

Keep your kids engaged and socialized (safely) while learning life skills!

Scouts meet with their Grade-based dens (K-5) once a month to work on age-appropriate challenges. They form friendships and build character. Topics covered each year include:

- Handwashing, Hygiene and Spread of Germs
- Teamwork, helping the Community and at Home
- Healthy movement and food choices
- Emergency Plan and Preparedness, including weather and first aid
- Wildlife and Plant identification, Nature Management
- Gardening
- Sports
- Duty to God (or personal religious beliefs)

“A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent”

Pack 248 has a girls only 1st Grade Den. We also have room in most Dens 1-4th grade. If you are interested in forming the Kindergarten Den or have other questions Contact CubMaster Ryan Anderson: andersonscouts@gmail.com
Williamsville Music Boosters, Inc.
Membership & Volunteer Form

Williamsville Music Boosters invites you to help support music in our schools and support the important life skills that music education develops in our students.

Some of the things that Music Boosters sponsor include:
- Music field trips
- District festivals
- Summer music program
- Guest artists
- Grants
- Scholarships
- Music activities
- Refreshments

Your donation will provide enrichment opportunities and music resources for students in grades K-12, which extend the Music Department budget. By joining Music Boosters you join a district-wide group of interested and enthusiastic parents and teachers dedicated to supporting music and music education in the district. Your donation is tax-deductible.

To join, fill out and return this form, or join online at www.williamsvillemusicboosters.com

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I want to support Williamsville Music Boosters by becoming a member (Family membership): $10

Joining the CRESCENDO CLUB (includes a Family Membership)
Your name & level will be listed in District Festival programs.
District Festival programs go to print several weeks prior to each festival. To be listed in ALL District Festival programs please donate by October 1st. After that date, new donors will be listed in remaining festival programs (not yet gone to print).

Please print below how you would like your name listed in District Festival programs. If you would like to remain anonymous, please indicate as such.

**Name to list in program:**

| I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – ANDANTE LEVEL | $30 - $59 |
| I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – ALLEGRO LEVEL | $60 - $99 |
| I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – CONDUCTOR’S CIRCLE LEVEL | $100 - $199 |
| I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – FORTISSIMO LEVEL | $200 - $299 |
| I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – VIRTUOSO LEVEL | $300 + |
| Corporate Sponsor – I own a business and would like my company logo on the Booster site | $25.00 |

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Please check any other ways you can help Boosters:

- Help at the Booster table at school concerts
- Act as the representative of my school at Booster meetings - convey info back to my school
- Coordinate a fund raising event
- Post fund raising event flyers around town
- Other - I have interest/skills in

BY MAIL: Please send completed form & check to:
Williamsville Music Boosters, Attn: Michael Russo, 105 Casey Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SCHOLARSHIPS, MEMBERSHIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1st
About the Williamsville Music Boosters

We are fortunate to have an outstanding music program in the Williamsville School District. The District has been recognized twelve times as being one of the top music education programs in the country. The quality of the music program is the result of the dedication and hard work of our music educators, our parents, our students and the long standing recognition by the District that education in music is vital to the overall development of our students.

Williamsville Music Boosters is proud to support this excellent program by providing support for special music enrichment projects for students in the district, such as:

- Hosting renowned guest conductors and clinicians who work directly with music students
- Commissioning of new music works by distinguished composers
- Supporting elementary field trips to see the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
- Sponsoring of other music events that go beyond students’ classroom experience

Additionally, Music Boosters provides:

- Financial support for students who attend regional and national events*
- College scholarships for district students pursuing college music programs after high school graduation*
- Sponsorship of the Williamsville Summer Music Program

*Note that some programs provided by the Boosters require family membership in order to be eligible.

Through your membership, Williamsville Music Boosters invites you to support music in our schools, and the important life skills that music education develops in our students. You can find an application on the reverse side of this page, at most concerts, or online at the Williamsville Music Boosters website, www.williamsvillemusicboosters.com.