



MAPLE WEST MESSENGER

Official PTA Newsletter of Maple West Elementary School
Heather Mundy, Editor

February 2020

Maple West Elementary School

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Mr. Jason Smith
Principal

Mrs. Lindsey Kubera
Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendar!



February

- 8 UB Women's Game
- 10-14 PARP Week
- 14 Paleontologist Visits MW
- 17-21 Winter Break
No School



Presidents' Message

Dear Maple West Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful winter break with your families. We have had so many great events going on this winter. We would like to thank all our chairs and volunteers.

In December, the staff at Maple West enjoyed a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on December 6th during parent teacher conferences. Thank you to Jennifer Calero for chairing this event and to all the parents who made delicious salads, soups, and desserts for the staff to enjoy. We hope that everyone had a good conference with their children's teachers.

I want to thank the many volunteers who showed up to help me with our first ever Winter Craft Days. We hope that your children were excited to gift you with the personalized crafts that they made for you. We were happy to donate two crafts for every child in the school to make for their family members.

A special thank you to Mrs. Kessler for leading the way to bring Greg Tang Jr. to our school for a fantastic math day and evening. We had so many families show up for the family math game night on December 17th. Greg Tang Jr. said it was the largest attendance he has had at one of his math nights. That's because Maple West is the best. The students learned math skills, teachers had Professional Development, and parents enjoyed an evening of math games with their children. We loved helping to bring this special event to school. Thank you to our families for attending and thank you to all the teachers who attended math night to run a game for the students.

We started off January with a "Let's Read in the Wild" Prime Time Reading event for our fourth graders. Tiffany Prinzi did a fabulous job chairing this fun evening. She made the fourth-grade hall turn into a jungle for our students. Crocodile Crystal did a presentation of animals for the fourth graders. There was also a safari presentation by our own Mr. Worthington. It's not a Prime-Time event without Mr. Worthington! The students together read 5,951 pages total. Thank you to Tiffany, Jamie Grupp, and all the volunteers that made this event happen!

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**Maple West PTA
Executive Committee
2019-2020**

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We ended January with another successful year of our Bowl-A-Thon. Sending a big thank you to Melissa Zeitz and Kristin Appleby for chairing this event for our school. Thank you to the teachers who volunteered and to all the families that attended. We also want to thank all our room parents for putting together such beautiful baskets for our auction.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting on January 15th. Our next PTA meeting is on March 18th at 7 pm in our school library. We hope to see you there.

Coming up in February:

**PARP Week: February 10th-14th "Reading is Dino-Mite"

**Winter Break: February 15th-23rd

Stay warm!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,

Rebecca Greene and Kristin Appleby

SAVE THE DATE

For the

SPRING DANCE PARTY



March 27th from 6:00-7:30

AT Maple West

Be on the lookout for details in the upcoming weeks!



2019-2020 PTA Meeting Schedule

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

**Please join us at
7pm**

-Maple West Library-

Wednesday, March 18th

Wednesday, April 22nd

Thursday, May 21st

**Free childcare
is available for
all PTA meetings!
Please join us!**





MAPLE WEST
ELEMENTARY

Encouraging - Nurturing - Challenging

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:

A View the monthly WITS *Messenger* e-mail from Mrs. Kubera

B Visit the school Web site:

<https://www.williamsvillek12.org/maplewestelementary/>

- Mouse-over “About Maple West” from the top menu.
- Choose “Maple West Messenger”
- Select an issue linked on this Web site.

C 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 below and return it to school.

Please put it in the PTA mailbox, addressed to Jamie Grupp.



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Maple West Messenger Hardcopy Request Form

Oldest Child attending Maple West:

Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher’s Name _____

Return to Maple West Elementary, Attn: Jamie Grupp (Contact jamie.grupp@gmail.com with questions.)

Dear Maple West Families,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year! As we enter into the New Year, we would like to thank you for your continued support for not only your child, but also our entire Maple West Community.

Our 4th Grade Concert on January 30th was a huge success! Bravo to all our 4th Grade Students who have been working hard to learn and practice their instruments. It's hard to believe that a majority of these students had never picked up an instrument before this year and now they are reading and playing with a full band and orchestra. A BIG thank you to our music teachers, Mr. Vogan, Mrs. Kiefer and Mrs. Hogan for supporting and developing our student's love of music. Another BIG thank you to all the parents for their support as they listen to all the squeaks and whistles.

We are looking forward to.....

Some important February dates:

2/10 - 2/14: Pick a Reading Partner Week (PARP) - "Reading is Dino-mite!"

- 2/14 - Visit from Paleontologist, Glen LaPlaca

2/17: President's Day (No School)

2/18 - 2/21: Mid-Winter Recess (No School)

Reminders:

- Kindergarten Registration will begin very soon. Please let any neighbor with school aged children know to keep an eye out for information coming from the district.
- You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook using the following address/name to find out what's happening at Maple West!



@MapleWest_wcsd



Maple West Elementary

Sincerely,

Jason and Lindsey



Building Security-Building Hours- All doors to the building are locked at all times.

Morning Student Arrival

JFK Parent-Student Morning Drop Off

From 7:00 am to 7:30 am

- *Please use the student drop of entrance located on the west side parking lot (the lot to the right as you face the building). A JFK staff member will be at door #14 from 7:00 am till 7:30 am to let you and your child in the building.*

From 7:30 am to 8:30 am

- *Please ring the bell to the left of door #14 labeled JFK bell and a JFK staff member will come and let you in.*

Non-JFK Parent-Student Morning Drop Off

8:45am-9:00am

- **Please do not drop off your child or try to enter the building before 8:45 am in the morning. Student supervision is not provided until 8:45 am.**
- **Please do not use the bus loop from 8:30 am-9:15 am**
- The student drop off entrance is accessed through door #14 from the west side parking lot (the lot to the right as you face the building).
- You may choose to park in the lot and walk your child to the door or you may drive through the drop off loop and allow your child to get out on their own curbside (there will be staff outside in the loop to assist your child if needed). Please do not park or get out of your car when using the drop off loop.

Parent Pickup at Afternoon Dismissal

To secure the safety of our children, and ensure they are released only to parents, guardians, or those designated by parents, the following procedures are in effect:

- Parents picking up their child from school must send a note in the morning to the teacher. In that note please identify the individual who will be picking your child up.
- When coming to school to pick your child, please park in the west side parking lot and enter through door #14.
- Children being picked up will be dismissed at 2:50 pm to the cafeteria where you will need to sign him/her out. Students being picked up must exit through door #14.

Maple West Attendance Procedures 2019-2020

- Please know that transportation arrangements from the 2018-2019 school year DO NOT carry over to the 2019-2020 school year
- School begins promptly at 9:00 am. Please call 626-8836 (follow Voicemail Instructions) when your child will be absent or late
- If you are bringing your child in late, you must accompany them to the Attendance Office
- 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 Attendance Office
- 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 paper larger than 3x5
- If you have recurring pick up days such as, every Monday and Wednesday for the entire 2019-2020 school year, you will only need to send in one note for the year.
- If you have any questions, please call Garadith Khayat in the Attendance Office at 626-8836

WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To Sign Up For E-Alerts:

Simply go to the District's website at www.williamsvillek12.org 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 "eAlerts" text.
- Fill in the online form.
- Select schools from which you'd like to receive news.
- Click on SIGN UP!

Emergency notifications will also be posted to the district Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow the district on Twitter @WCSD_K12 and "Like" Williamsville Central School District on Facebook.

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.

Due to email provider spam filters, we have found that text messaging is the most effective way to communicate using this system. Service provider rates for text messaging may apply. If you have any questions or wish to change your subscription options, please contact the Communications Office at (716) 626-8008.

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.



WWW.WILLIAMSVILLEK12.ORG

You're welcome to make copies of this
"Home-to-School Note" template to use as needed!

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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Maple West PTA Membership Form 2019-2020



Welcome Back Students and Parents!

Maple West PTA needs your help! Please support fun and educationally enriching activities for our Maple West students by purchasing a PTA Membership!

Membership options that are available:

Family Silver Membership (2 adults): \$25 includes a free Maple West Magnet

Family Gold Membership (2 adults): \$35 includes a free Maple West Magnet and free admission to the Fall and Spring Ice Cream Socials!

Also available are:

Single Membership (1 adult): \$10

Family Membership (2 adults): \$15

ALL Memberships can be purchased the following two ways:

1 Go to <https://maplewest.memberhub.store/>

Pay online and your PTA membership eCard will be emailed to you

-OR-

Just fill out and detach bottom with payment and return to classroom teacher in envelope marked "PTA Membership" and checks can be made payable to 'Maple West PTA'

(If you have any questions please contact Nichole Klatman at nheidenreich82@yahoo.com)

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

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Circle:

GOLD MEMBER \$35.00

SILVER MEMBER \$25.00

SINGLE MEMBER \$10.00

FAMILY MEMBER \$15.00

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Email(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$10.00 for 1st 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.
- What would you like to hear about at our PTA meetings? _____

UB BASKETBALL SPIRIT DAYS

Women's Game: February 8 @ 2pm
Maple West students and faculty are free
and family/friends are \$7 each.
Tickets must be purchased by 2/29.

Men's Game: TBD
Watch take-home folders for
flyer. It will be a quick
turnaround.

Contact Jaime King-Girardi at
kinggirardi@gmail.com



REFLECTIONS
LOOK WITHIN



Congratulations to Jaivi C.!

Jaivi won an Award of Merit at the
regional level for her Reflections entry
in the Literature category.

Her entry is on the way to
the state level.

GOOD LUCK, JAIVI!



We're looking for Cafeteria Volunteers!

Every day we need volunteers to help things run smoothly in our cafeteria.

There are two shifts to pick from:

11 am – 12:15 pm or 12:15 – 1:30 pm

Duties include helping children open lunch items and ensuring they have what they need for an enjoyable lunch period.



Grandparents welcome!



This is a great way to help our school and see your children during their regular school day.

Sign up at

<http://bit.ly/MWCafeteriaVolunteers>

New volunteers, and anyone with questions,

please contact Sarah Piccirillo at

sarahpicc@gmail.com or 308-6703

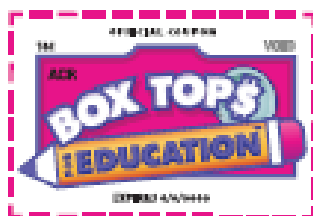
If you might be able to occasionally fill-in on short notice, please email Sarah at sarahpicc@gmail.com to add your name to our email list



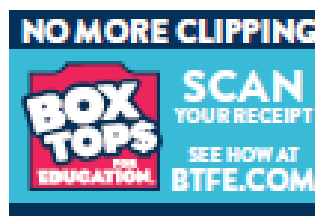
Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT

BTFE.COM



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!



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.

Our [events](#) are free, and all are welcome to attend. Join us at our:

- **Next Program**

Thursday, February 27, 2020 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

WCSD Office Conference Rooms, 105 Casey Rd., East Amherst, NY

Topic: Improving Student Social Interactions

Special Guest: Grace Sokolowski, Speech Pathologist

Free and open to the public.

You do not need to be a member to attend.

- **Upcoming Support and Networking Event**

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 12:00-1:30 PM

Sorrentino's Spaghetti House, 5640 Main St., Williamsville, NY

* Meet others supporting exceptional education

* Bring questions, ideas, or concerns

* Enjoy food, compliments of WSEPTSA

- **Next Membership Meeting**

Thursday, March 26, 2020 - 6:30 - 7:00 PM

WCSD Office Conference Rooms, 105 Casey Rd., East Amherst, NY

**Williamsville
Special Education
PTSA®**



Support & Networking for Special Ed & Gifted Services

Sorrentino's Spaghetti House, 5640 Main St, Williamsville, NY

Friday March 6, 2020

@ Noon

Sunday May 3, 2020

@ 6:30 pm

- meet others supporting exceptional education
- bring questions, ideas, or concerns
- enjoy complimentary casual cuisine

**Connect with Williamsville
Special Education PTSA:**

E-mail:

williamsvilleseptsa@gmail.com

Web:

www.williamsvilleseptsa.org

Facebook:

fb.me/WSEPTSA

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/Wseptsa>

**Williamsville
Special Education
PTSA®**
everychild.one voice.®



**for exceptional students
with disabilities or
gifted programming needs**

Why WSEPTSA?

Help every child realize their potential.

Support exceptional students
with special education or
gifted programming needs.

Find out about:

- services for exceptional children
- successfully advocating for needs
- rights under NYS Education Law
- preparing and participating in Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings
- support & services outside of school
- topics of interest from experts

Membership Meetings

Prior to our programs on:
Oct 24, Jan 23, Mar 26, May 28
6:30 - 7:00 pm in
WCSD Office Conference Rooms,
105 Casey Rd, East Amherst, NY

Become a member today at:
wseptsamemberhub.store

WSEPTSA Programs

Free and open to the public.

7:00 - 8:45 pm in

WCSD Office Conference Rooms,
105 Casey Rd, East Amherst, NY

Thursday, October 24, 2019 (2 Events)

1) **Gifted Programming Services (GPS) Panel** (Rooms A & B)
WCSD GPS Specialists & Guests.

2) **Inclusion, IEP, & Special Needs Advocacy Panel** (Rooms C & D)
WSEPTSA Executive Board & Guests.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Mental Health Panel
Mental Health Specialists.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Improving Student Social Interactions
Grace Sokolowski, Speech Pathologist.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Introduction to Restorative Practices
Linda Ruest, Instructional Specialist.

Thursday April 23, 2020

**Redefining Consequence:
Reducing Challenging Behaviors**
David L. Meichenbaum, Ph.D..

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Igniting Creativity in our Students
Cyndi Burnett, Ed.D..



Support & Networking

For special education & gifted services.

Sorrentino's Spaghetti House,
5640 Main St, Williamsville, NY

- meet others supporting exceptional ed
- bring questions, ideas, or concerns
- enjoy food, compliments of WSEPTSA

Sunday, September 22 @ 6:30pm

Friday, October 18 @ Noon

Sunday, November 17 @ 6:30pm

Sunday, January 12 @ 6:30pm

Friday, March 6 @ Noon

Sunday, May 3 @ 6:30pm



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williamsvillesepts@gmail.com

www.williamsvillesepts.org

WSEPTSA Membership

Support exceptional students in WCSD.

Membership is open to everyone.

Membership	Cash Check	Credit
One adult	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.75
Two people, same household	\$11.00	\$11.89
Each addt. person same household	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.14
One student	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.14

Please enroll with cred it card at:
wseptsamemberhub.store

or complete this form & make your
tax-deductible check payable to:
Williamsville SEPTSA

Name(s)

Mailing Address

School(s)

Email – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Please check your affiliation(s):

- Parent Student
 Teacher Administrator
 Service Provider Other

Ideas for future programs:

Please mail completed form
with cash or check to:

WSEPTSA Membership
% Dorene Major,
96 Oakgrove Dr, Williamsville, NY, 14221
or bring to any WSEPTSA event!

*Girl Scouts: Building girls of courage,
confidence, and character, who make the
world a better place!*

Troops are now forming at Maple West, Maple East, and
Forest Elementary!

For more information, please contact:

Kim Giannelli-Calos – School Recruiter

King150@hotmail.com



Meet PACK 248

Cubmaster Ryan Anderson:
ANDERSONSCOUTS@GMAIL



Dens: A small group of the same gender and in the same grade.

Pack: The pack is made up of all of our dens.

We meet on one Wednesday a month in the Maple West Cafeteria 7 - 8pm.

Lion Adventures for Kindergarteners



LIONS HONOR

ANIMAL KINGDOM

FUN ON THE RUN!

KING OF THE JUNGLE

MOUNTAIN LION

K Boys: Tim Russell timothyjamesrussell@gmail.com
K Girls: LJ Anderson andersonscouts@gmail.com

Tiger Adventures for First Graders



MY TIGER JUNGLE

GAMES TIGERS PLAY

TIGER DUTY TO GOD

TEAM TIGER

TIGER BITES

TIGERS IN THE WILD

1st Grade Boys: Thomas Ryan twryan@buffalo.edu
1st Grade Girls: LJ Anderson andersonscouts@gmail.com

If you have boys and girls this is a great opportunity to keep your family in a joint activity while offering separate activities. Families who camp together play together!

For more information on Scouting and CubScouts please visit:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>