

MAPLE WEST MESSENGER

Official PTA Newsletter of Maple West Elementary School
Carrie Aman, Editor

October 2019

Maple West Elementary School

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Mr. Jason Smith *Principal*

Mrs. Lindsey Kubera Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendar!

October

- 1 Picture Day
- 9 Fall Recess -No School!
- 14 Columbus Day No School!
- 17 PTA Meeting
- 25 Book Fair & Ice Cream Social
- 26 UB Spirit Day

November

- 11 Veterans Day No School!
- 12 Picture Retake
 Day and
 4th Grade Photo
- 20 PTA Meeting
- 28/28 Thanksgiving Recess

Dear Maple West Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already in October! September is such a busy month and we hope you are all settling into your new routines well. It was amazing to see how many new families joined us for the Boo Hoo Breakfast on the first day of school. Thank you to Jennifer Weinstein for organizing and executing such a successful event.

Our first PTA Meeting of the school year also had a fantastic turnout. We look forward to working with new parents as well as returning parents. It takes so many volunteers to run all of the 19 scheduled PTA events smoothly! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you were unable to make it and want to get involved. Thank you to Rebecca Greene for running a terrific first meeting. We would also like to thank our faculty representatives Kristin Schmidt, Kristen Senall and Jenna Lobuzzetta for their participation this year.

Open Houses were also packed and we greatly appreciate parents' participation in our PTA trivia. We are always looking for ways to improve communication with our families – so please feel free to give us your feedback. Thank you to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Kubera for an informative night!

Our Fall School Pictures were on October 1st. We want to thank Rebecca Greene, Sarah Piccirillo and Tara Persons for making sure all of our kiddos look their best for the camera. We know it's a long, busy day!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on October 17th in the Library. As always, there is free childcare available thanks to Amherst Yes. We hope that you will join us. We are also still encouraging families to join the PTA. If you have already supported your child(ren) and the PTA by signing up – Thank you! A single membership is \$10 and every additional adult is \$5. We also have silver and gold memberships. The silver membership includes a Maple West car magnet and the gold membership includes both the car magnet AND tickets for the Fall and Spring Ice Cream Socials for your family. We do promote membership in the classroom by tracking members on the bulletin board in the main hallway as well as giving prizes to classes with the highest membership. Make sure your kiddo looks for their football on the board once you sign up!

A friendly reminder that there will be NO SCHOOL on both October 9th for Fall Recess as well as October 14th for Columbus Day. Also, our Fall Ice Cream Social and Book Fair is Friday, October 25th. The Ice Cream Social is always a fun event with lots of families. Flyers will be coming home soon. Please reach out for any dietary/allergy restrictions before the event. Students will have a chance to shop at the Book Fair during the school day with their classes, as well as with their families at night. Look for flyers and more information coming home shortly. Also, we have our UB Spirit Day at the Football Game on October 26th. This is a great event to support our local University players as well as have fun with Maple West families. We hope to see you there!

Last, but certainly not least, we wanted to send out a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Chamberland and Mrs. McEldowney in our school office. They work very hard during the summer and especially at the beginning of the year fielding parent questions as well as coordinating many aspects of day to day priorities at Maple West. You are so appreciated!

With Friendship, Kristin Appleby and Rebecca Greene 2019-2020 Co-Presidents

Maple West PTA Executive Committee 2019-2020

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2019-2020 PTA Meeting Schedule *Executive Board Meetings will start at 6pm each of these nights*

Please join us at 7pm -Maple West Library-

Thursday, October 17th

Wednesday, November 20th

Wednesday, January 15th

Wednesday, March 18th

Wednesday, April 22nd

Thursday, May 21st

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





Stay up to date with everything happening at Maple West!

Here's how to access the Maple West Messenger:

- 1. Weekly WITS blast with PTA Reminders via e-mail
- 2. Monthly WITS Messenger e-mail from Mrs. Kubera
- 3. http://www.williamsvillek12.org/maplewest.cfm
 - On right hand side click "PTA"
 - Choose "2019-2020 Newsletters"
- 4. Hardcopy sent home with 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 with your oldest child.



Maple West Messenger Hardcopy Request Form

Oldest Child	attending	Maple	West:
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Name	Grade		
Teacher's Name			

Dear Maple West Families:

We have had a great first month of school at Maple West! It's been great seeing all the students' smiling and energetic faces each morning as they enter the school building.

The school year is off and running and we would like to thank everyone who helped make it a successful start to the school year. Maple West has an amazing school community that always comes together to get the job done, no matter what the task. So, a big thank you goes out to our custodial staff, office staff, teachers, aides, and PTA.

As you know, we added both a section of Kindergarten and Second Grade late this summer. We are happy to inform you that we have hired teachers for those positions. Carrie Aman, who started the year with our Second grade class will be permanently filling that role. She has 12 years of teaching experience, including seven years at second grade. Jennifer Beecroft will be our new kindergarten teacher. She will start September 30th. She is in her sixth year teaching and she has five years of experience in Kindergarten. We are very excited to have them join our Maple West family!

This year we have been starting each day with a song over the PA system at 8:55 am followed by our morning announcements. Our primary focus this year is on building school pride and citizenship amongst our school community. Since we are the Maple West Tigers, we use the word ROAR to promote positive behavioral expectations throughout the school.

ROAR stands for:

Respectful Outstanding Always Ready Responsible



We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, new experiences and friendships!

Reminders:

On **Friday, October 4, 2019** we will have our New York State Mandated early release drill where all students will be released 15 minutes early (2:35 pm).

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 a new parent 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.

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

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.

WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.



your subscription options, please contact the

Communications Office at (716) 626-8008.



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

Maple West Elementary Home-to-School Note	Maple West Elementary Home-to-School Note
Student: Grade:	Student: Grade:
Uwas Absent on:	D Was Absent on:
Reason:	Reason:
Date: by:	Date: by:
For:	For:
□ Picked up @ dismissal on:	□ Picked up @ dismissal on:
□ Walking to:	D Walking to:
□ Staying after school for:	Staying after school for:
□ Riding Bus # (if known)	□ Riding Bus # (if known)
With/Address:	With/Address:
Teacher:	Teacher:
Parent Signature:	Parent Signature:

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:

Go to https://maplewest.memberhub.store/

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

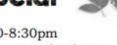
-OR-

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	S! I want to support ALL Maple V	Vest children this year and join th	e PTA!
Parent/Guardian Name(s	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		
Student's Name Email(s):		Teacher	
Amount Enclosed:	(\$10.00 for 1st membership	and \$5.00 for each additional)	
Once payment is process	,	Portal and an eCard will be gene	erated and available for printing.



Join Us for Maple West's

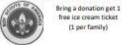
Fall Ice Cream Social

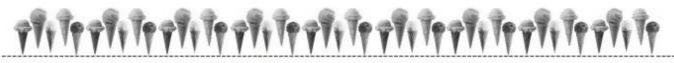


Friday, October 25, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm Ice cream tickets \$2 - available for presale or at the door

We're looking for volunteers: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E44A9AC22A6F85-fall

Ice cream provided by Sweet Jenny's Ice Cream Ingredient questions? Email: <u>Jamie.Grupp@gmail.com</u> Donations of non-perishable canned goods will be collected by Cub Scout Troop #248 for the food pantry





Save time, skip the line (and save)

Turn in this slip to preorder your ice cream tickets. Each family that preorders will receive I FREE TICKET!

Return to school with cash or check made payable to Maple West PTA by Friday, October 18th in an envelope labeled "Ice Cream Social - Attn: Jamie Grupp c/o PTA Mailbox"

Child's Name:	Number of Ice Cream Tickets:	x \$2 = \$
		+ 1 Free Ticket
Child's Teacher	Total 7	Cickets Needed:



Brrrrr...Save the date for the Fall Book Fair!

Friday, October 25th, 2019

Book fair will be held during the day

during the evening Ice Cream Social!



MAPLE WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY







Central Michigan

FREE

GAME TICKETS FOR ALL
STUDENTS & STAFE

OPPORTUNITY INCLUDES:

DISCOUNTED \$10 TICKETS
FOR ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS

FREE PRE-GAME FAMILY FESTIVITIES INSIDE STAMPEDE SQUARE INCLUDING A CONCERT BY "NEVER BEEN"I

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO THE PRE-GAME
"HIGH-FIVE LINE" AS THE BULLS TAKE THE FIELD!

FREE PARKING



ORDER FORM	Questions? Contact Jamie Gira	erdi at 716-868-5233 or via en	nail at kinggirardi⊕gmail.com
I would like	FREE SPIRIT DAY + TICKETS	\$10 FAMILY & FREND TICKETS	Cash Check (Payable to US Athletics)
PARIENT / STAFF MARIE(S)	PHONE	I-MAL.	SIMPLY FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TURN IT INTO THE SCHOOL BY WED. 10/16
PWRENT'S ADDRESS	OFF	Sto CODE	LANT ONE IT COMPLINEMENT Y TOKET FOR STUDENTSTAFF LISTED
STUDENT NAME(8)	ORADB(S)	TEACHER'S NAME(II)	DUE TO NOAN REGULATIONS, THESE PICKETS MAY MOST BE GIVEN TO ANYONE IN GRADES 9 & ABOVE.



Maple West Bowl A Thon

Purchase your lanes before they sell out!

Sunday, January 26, 2020 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Transit Lanes, 7850 Transit Road, Williamsville

\$90 per lane (includes two hours of bowling with shoes for up to 6 people per lane, one large round pizza, one pitcher of soda & one basket of french fries)

There will be a basket raffle with baskets donated from all grade levels, special guests and fun activities!

If you know of a business or restaurant that would like to donate a basket or item for the basket raffle, please e-mail **Kristin Appleby @ kristin.m.appleby@gmail.com**

Questions? Call or text Melissa Zeitz at 316-7625

<u>Dietary restrictions or Gluten allergies?</u> <u>**Prior to event**</u> please contact Donna at Transits Lanes at 632-3838.

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Bowl A Thon Response Form

	I would like to purchase # of lanes x \$90 each = \$		
Your Name: _			
Your Child's Name: _	Teacher/Grade:		
E-mail:	Phone:		
I would like to donate a basket for the basket raffle or silent action item.			
Basket theme:	Silent Auction Item		
Pre Order Additional Food to save time:			
Large Cheese/Pe	p Pizza (\$15.50) Chx Fingers \$16 (8) or\$21 (12) Basket of Fries \$4		

Deadline - November 15, 2019-cash or checks payable to Maple West PTA

Melissa Zeitz, c/o PTA Mailbox



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.







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!

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!



Be sure to check out this month's WSEPTSA Program:

Gifted Programming Services Panel and

Inclusion, IEP and Special Needs Advocacy Panel

Free & Open to the Public
Thursday, October 24th 7:00-8:45pm
WCSD Office Conference Rooms - 105 Casey Road

Williamsville Special Education PTS/F

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: wseptsa.memberhub.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. Meicherbaum, Ph.D..

Thursday, May 28, 2020 Igniting Creativity in our Students Cynd 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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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 credit card at: wseptsa.memberhub.store

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

Email - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! Please check your affiliation(s):			
○ Student			
 Administrator 			
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!



Williamsville Service Unit

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

Kimg150@hotmail.com



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.

- o A fun and safe environment to learn and grow while developing interests and skills
- o 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
- o Exciting outdoor experiences scouts love like hiking, camping, mountain biking...



Pack meetings once a month Wednesdays 7pm at Maple West Cafeteria



- Scouts meet with their Grade-based dens (K-5) once a month to work on age-appropriate challenges. They form friendships and build character.
- Scouts work toward earning their next rank by learning life skills including First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, and Outdoor Skills and Conservation.
- Four Camping Opportunities to put those skills into practice at local BSA Camps.
- We have many other special events we do as a Pack :
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Scout Mobile (kids build and ride their cars down a track)
 - Navy Ship Sleepover/Zoo Snooze/Science Museum Sleepover/Aquarium Sleepover
 - Pack Picnics/ Hikes

"A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN AND REVERENT"

Contact CubMaster Ryan Anderson: andersonscouts@gmail.com or 716-932-7535 with any Questions or for more information.