

# Maple Lions Newsletter



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Dorchester Public  
Schools

## A Message from Mr. Pinder

Greeting: This is Mr. Pinder In the guidance department. We are in the forth month of the school year. It is December. Happy Holidays!!Our four school rules. Remember we are emphasizing our four school rules: Respect, organized, attentive, and responsible!!! (R.O.A.R.) Too help out please review these with your child at home. This month student will be taught on the subject of caring for others. Group counseling sessions will focus on anger management skills with a key focus on de-escalation. I am also doing individual counseling for anger management skills with selected students. Please contact me if you feel this service is appropriate for your child. Each year **individual and small group services** are available for all students, as well as **classroom guidance**. These services promote personal and social growth, which, in turn, raise academic standards. Also we have introduced a new Maple Lion "Tim" our school puppet.

Tim taught us what it means to care for others on our new Maple lion T.V. show. Students will see a new production every month during their technology class.

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### Maple Lions Roaring to success



#### Special points of interest:

- A message from Mr. Pinder
- Role of the Counselor
- Counseling Services Available
- Important Dates

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## What Do Elementary Counselors Do

*The Elementary School Counselor is a specifically trained and certified professional working within a school setting with students, parents, teachers and administrators, in the social, career and developmental needs of all students. The Counselor coordinates the guidance program to help students acquire skills needed for school success and provides prevention and intervention services to meet the educational and mental health needs of students within the public school system.*



## Important Dates To Remember

December 7th- School Closed  
Parent Conference Day  
November 14th- wear green and yellow

December- 22-30 Winter Break  
School Closed



**College and Career Ready**

## Confidentiality



Information between a student and a counselor is confidential. Confidential means that the information shared between the counselor and the student will not be shared with others except for specific circumstances: if someone is hurting you, if you are planning on hurting someone else, or if you are planning on hurting yourself. Parents will be notified of important information and stu-

dents progress and goals.

### Counseling at Maple

Maple's counseling mission statement is to recognize and respect the unique qualities of each student and guide all students toward academic, personal, social and career success. By collaborating with parents, administration, and community members we can help

our students become effective learners and productive members of our community.

### STUDENT MISSION PLEDGE

**I will finish my program of study and become college and career ready!**

## Bullying Reporting/Basketball Tryouts/Mental Health Counseling

You may call the DCPS Stop Bullying Hotline at 410-901-6900 for bullying reporting. Also bullying reporting sheets are available in the front office and online on the Dorchester County Public Schools website. <http://dcps.k12.md.us/departments/student-services/bullying>. Basketball tryouts will be held on December 6th and December 13th for 4th and 5th graders who would like to be on the Maple

Lions basketball team. Please contact Mr. Pinder school counselor for details. 410-228-8577

Maple has partnered with For All Seasons for student counseling. If you would like to get your child enrolled in one on one mental health counseling this is offered through the school and your school counselor can sign you up. Call 410-228-8577.



# CHARACTER COUNTS!



Character Counts December Pillar is

### Caring

Volunteer Character Counts Coaches come one day a week and teach good character habits.

If you are interested in becoming a Character Counts Coach

contact your school counselor at 410-228-8577.

The Six Pillars of Character **is a framework** for teaching good character and is composed of six ethical values (characteristics) everyone can agree upon: Trustworthiness; Respect; Responsibility; Fairness; Caring; and Citizenship. Each of the six character traits are used within our CHARACTER COUNTS! program to help instill a positive learning environment for students and a “culture of kindness” making

schools a safe environment for students to learn. The Six Pillars of Character values are not political, religious, or culturally biased. In fact, every year since 1995 our program has been officially recognized and endorsed by the **U.S. Senate and The President of the United States.**





## Our Vision

We are committed to empowering all individuals to reach their potential as lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens within our global community.



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