

Maple Lions Newsletter



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A Message from Mr. Pinder

Greeting: This is Mr. Pinder In the guidance department. We are already into the third month of a great school year. It is already November. Happy Turkey Time!!Our four school rules. Respect, organized, attentive, and responsible!!! (R.O.A.R.) are still being taught. Too help out please review these with your child at home. Each month, I will teach guidance lessons on character education: trust, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring and citizenship. This month student will be taught about diversity through a book called The Crayon Box that Talked. Group counseling sessions are underway for anger management skills. 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 per-

sonal 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 be good citizen in all areas of the school on our new Maple lion T.V. show. Students will see a new production every month. This month will focus on

Maple Lions Roaring to success



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Special points of interest:

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

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.

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Important Dates To Remember

- November 8th- School Closed
Spirit Week
- November 14th- wear green and yellow
- November 15th- career day
- November 16th- Dress in a different decade
- November 17th- Pajama Day
- November 18th- Dress up as a superhero
- November 22- half day November
23-25- thanksgiving break



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/Tattle Box

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>

These boxes can be used to report positive or negative behavior. Students can write something positive that happen to them or something not so good and place their comments in the tattle box and Mr. Pinder will respond back to them. Boxes are located outside of the guidance office.



Also the guidance department has started a new way of reporting for student to use called tattle boxes.



Character Counts November Pillar is

Citizenship

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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