



Maple Monthly

October 2018

Maple is Proud to be Drug Free!

During the month of October many exciting things happened at MES. One of our proudest weeks was Red Ribbon Week. Students participated in a spirit week presenting community unity in purple to antibullying in our “too bright to fight yellow!” Student worked hard on essays and coloring sheets for our weekly contest as well. Below are the winners: Ethan Hill, London Molock, Allanie Rafael, Savannah Weber, Jackson Jean, TakaJah Williams, Tessa Padgett, Osvaldo Hernandez, Sophia Blake, Jayden Anders, Brayden Carter, Barley Webster, Alana Mac, Morie Pinder, Liliana Durham! Students in 4th and 5th grade signed a pledge ribbon to stay drug free! We are proud of our Maple Lions! (not pictured Zachary Adgeron, Mariah Johnson, Malachi Young)



Uniform Reminders

There is a chill in the air and the temperatures are starting to drop. **School uniforms must be worn every day.** Sweatshirts and jackets need to follow uniform colors in addition. Please be sure to follow the policy!

ARC 100 Book Challenge

Every student in grades K-5 should be reading and logging 2 steps (30 minutes) in class and 2 steps (30 minutes) at home every day. Please sign the coach's line for at home reading each day. Every class is aiming to have 100% of the students at the step goal or above, please help us meet this goal. The step goal for the end of November is **176** steps.

PBIS Update

Maple Elementary continues to be a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) school. Our school rules are for students to be:

- Respectful
- Organized
- Attentive
- Responsible



Students have been earning Lion Loot around the school for displaying great behavior. In October, many students earned the Fall Festival where they played games, made a pumpkin craft, and had a spooky snack. We thank all of our families for the donations! We were fully supplied because of caring and supportive adults! In December, students earning 30 Lion Loot and no major discipline referrals will be attending a movie at Premiere Cinemas in Cambridge.

Maple Mathematicians

First in Math is an interactive online math program designed for all 1st – 8th grade students. It has more than 200 self-paced activities and games that provide students with immediate feedback in numerous skills and concepts aligned with our curriculum. Every student in grades 1-5 have a login and password that allows them to use First in Math at school and at home. There are stickers in the front of student's agendas that show their individual login information. Please encourage your child to practice their math skills at home by using this valuable program!

MES offers weekly incentives to the “Team of the Week” and “Player of the Week,” based on which student and class have earned the most FIM points for the week. Maple Elementary is currently in 2nd place out of all elementary schools in Dorchester County! Let's continue practicing those math skills and see if we can take over the first place spot!

What's Happening at MES?

Pre-K

Our youngest Maple Lions are learning to love books by listening to lots of stories being read to them by their teacher and their families. Please make sure you are logging the books you read together in your student's 100 Book Challenge log. We are building our math foundation by learning how to count objects and identifying shapes. We had an awesome trip to DCTC and made our own pumpkins!

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students will continue to study zoology by researching about mammals and birds. In math, we are learning basic addition and identifying and describing shapes. We had a great time on our field trip to the pumpkin patch – thanks to Emily's Produce for hosting us! Please keep reading with your student every night, every student should be logging 2 steps (30 minutes) every night.

1st Grade

First graders will become experts on wild and endangered animals by reading lots of books about an animal species of his or her choice. They will share what they learned through various speaking and writing activities. In math, we will learn to tell time to the hour, add and subtract to 20, and count on from any number.

2nd Grade

We have finished up our Science unit on properties of matter. Our students enjoyed exploring how certain items melt and insulate. In addition, we had a great time on our field trip to Breckenridge Farms. Every second-grade student needs to practice basic math facts and read for at least 30 minutes (2 steps) each night. Upcoming topics in Math include number lines, money, and telling time. We will also begin informational reading about the Giant Pacific Octopus and Super Storms.

3rd Grade

Third grade students will be practicing multiplication and division facts through the end of the trimester. Please continue having students practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home as well. In reading, the focus of instruction will be moving from literary to informational texts. Students will be learning about animal families, habitats, and life cycles in science.

4th Grade

Fourth grade students have shifted their reading focus from literary texts and standards to informational. We will be reading about famous civil rights activists, be sure to ask your child what they have learned. As we write, we are trying to make it more interesting by adding dialogue and improving our word choice. Our mathematicians are learning to multiply multi-digit numbers using the area model and divide multi-digit numbers using the "Big 7". We have completed our social studies unit on the beginning of the Maryland Colony and will now start our first science unit on Energy. Please remind your student to follow the school rules every day so we can all be productive learners.

5th Grade

In 5th grade, students are working on coordinate grids and function tables in math. In Reading/Language Arts, students are moving from literary to informational text. Every day, we continue to read for 30 minutes in class and please make sure that students are reading at home for 30 minutes and getting their ARC logs filled out and signed. Along with the reading of text, we work on cursive, vocabulary, editing skills, and different writing topics daily. In Social Studies, the focus is on exploration and settlement in the 1500's.

Please remember that the Northbay trip is coming up in November and students will need to turn in their paperwork as soon as possible.

A Lion's Future

November 2 – Extra Recess for PBIS buyers, MD Science center visit
November 6- PD for staff, **no school for students**
November 9 – Eat lunch in the classroom for PBIS buyers
November 14- **½ day Parent Conference**
November 15- Board Meeting
November 16 – Casual Day for PBIS buyers
November 20- Turkey Trot
November 21-25- Thanksgiving Break
November 26-30- North Bay trip for 5th grade
November 27- Coffee and Doughnuts with Principal Stover
November 30 – Card games (solitaire, go fish, war) for PBIS buyers

T-Shirt update:

Thank you to everyone who purchased t-shirts. The order has been placed for all shirts and they will be arriving in November. Thanks to those who donated for students so that all Maple Lions could be united!

