



**Maire Elementary School**  
**72 Years of Excellence**  
**1936-2008**

# Maire News

Kathleen Satut, Principal

December 3, 2008

## Dear Parents:



### Special points of interest:

- Dec. 6—Holiday Craft Workshop and Gift Shop 9:00-Noon
- Dec. 10—PTO Meeting 7:00
- Dec. 12—Pierce Choir visits at 8:45. Report cards sent home
- Dec. 15—Safety/Service/FUNS/ Library Party 3:45-4:45
- Dec. 17—Winter Concert at Parcels 7:00. Grades 1, 3, 5 & Choir
- Dec. 19—Pierce Band visits at 8:45. Classroom holiday parties in PM
- Dec. 22—Hanukkah
- Dec. 23—Maire Instrumental Performance 1:15
- Dec. 24—Building Closed
- Dec. 25—Merry Christmas
- Dec. 26—Kwanza. Building Closed
- Dec. 29 & 30—No School
- Dec. 31—Building Closed Through Jan. 4
- Jan. 5—Classes Resume

Report cards will be coming home with your students on December 12. Some students will come home with the kind of report cards you would like to put on the front door. But, some children are like the tiger in the lovely children's book, Leo the Late Bloomer. They need just a little more time and a lot of effort on everyone's part to get in sync.

One of the true pleasures of having been the principal at Maire for going on nine years is hearing about the activities of former students who are now in college or high school. Some of them struggled in elementary school despite everyone's concerted efforts. Many of them are like Leo and have truly bloomed as they have matured and developed their strengths and interests.

So, when your child's report card comes

home, focus on the positive first. Celebrate the big and little victories. Learning is a process and a complicated one. It takes time.

Think about strategies to help your student succeed. Look at the "Attitudes & Behaviors" section first on the K-3 report card and at the "Citizenship and Work Habits" section on the 4-5 report card. These are key to doing well in school and take time and everyone's effort to develop. If all is fine, consider yourself blessed. If not, let's work together to help your little Leo learn the skills to do well in school.

If you would like more information about thinking about how to think and act upon report cards, the following website from the American School Counselor Association is excellent: <http://school.familyeducation.com/report-cards/parents-and-school/38696.html>

*Kathy Satut*

## WINTER CONCERT UPDATE Wednesday, December 17, 2008 Grades 1, 3, 5 and Village Singers

- Location: Parcels Middle School—Vernier and Mack, GPW
- Parking: Back parking lot, off of Sunningdale (Be prepared to park along Sunningdale when parking lot fills.)
- Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 17, during PM classes. We leave Maire at 12:30, rehearsal begins at 1 PM and ends at 3PM at Parcels. **THANK YOU TO ALL DRIVERS!** PLEASE NOTE: 1st graders WILL need Booster Seats to travel to Parcels.
- Evening Performance: 6:30 ARRIVAL FOR CHOIR. 6:45 ALL OTHERS. CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:00.
- Dress: "Winter Dressy." No jeans, sandals, tennis shoes or crocs. Girls please keep heels to a minimum. All hair should be neat and off the face. All shirts tucked in. Please look your best!

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BROCHURE

Copies of the 2008-09 Info Brochure are available in the school office. This document lists school contacts, as well as general information about the district and Pointes of Pride. All district publications may also be downloaded from the district website [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org).

## GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN 2009-2010

It may be only December but we are already planning for registration for the class of 2013.

Extended Day Kindergarten for 2009/2010 Information Night will be Thursday, January 8, 2009 at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Some of the information posted earlier might have the date of January 6 for this information

night. Please note that the information night will be Thursday, January 8, 2009.

Maire's Kindergarten Information Night will be on January 22 at 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten room.

Enrollment forms are available on the district's website: [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org).

Actual registration for kindergarten (or other grades) is done at the Enrollment Office

at 389 St. Clair. You may make an appointment by calling 313-432-3083.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign this year. As a school we raised just under \$500 in change! This money will be used by UNICEF to help families around the world who are in need. Great job everyone!

*Mrs. Rennpage*

## GROSSE POINTE FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

**A SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFT OPPORTUNITY FROM THE GROSSE POINTE FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

This holiday season, honor that

special teacher, staff member, retiree, volunteer, students, family member or friend with a special gift that will have lasting impact—a contribution in his or her honor to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public

Education. The form is posted on the district website at [www.gpschools.org/foundation](http://www.gpschools.org/foundation) or may be obtained by calling 313/432-3058 or emailing [ourfuture@gfpfe.org](mailto:ourfuture@gfpfe.org)



**Baby, it's cold outside!**

We go outside for recess every day unless the wind chill is below 0. Please make sure your child is dressed for cold weather!

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Grosse Pointe Community Education is offering a Cartooning Workshop for grades K-8 on Wednesday, December 10 in the Brownell Library.

The workshop, which costs \$20.00, will run from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. For details, go to page 14 in the autumn Community Education brochure at

[www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org). (Click on the link on the left hand side of the page.)

## PE NEWS

### Maire's Annual Turkey Trot

Thank you to all Maire students who participated in our annual Turkey Trot. Thank you to the Maire PTO for purchasing medals for the students and to Mrs. Bertolini for putting together the Turkey Trot certificates. Third, fourth and fifth graders ran a half mile. First and second graders ran 600 yards. Listed are the top three finishers.

#### 5th Grade Boys

- 1 Ben M
- 1 Seth C
- 2 Kevin D
- 3 Michael C

#### 5th Grade Girls

- 1 Olivia W
- 2 Holly D
- 3 Natalie T

#### 4th Grade Boys

- 1 William M
- 2 Patrick C
- 3 Brennan B

#### 4th Grade Girls

- 1 Anna M
- 2 Catie V
- 3 Kendall G

#### 3rd Grade Boys

- 1 Stevie C
- 1 Alexander M
- 2 Joey N
- 3 Jacob H

#### 3rd Grade Girls

- 1 Sam S
- 2 Cameron Z
- 3 Zoe M

#### 2nd Grade Boys

- 1 Joshua D
- 2 Alex H
- 3 Logan W
- 3 Terrence L
- 3 Brady M
- 3 David P

#### 2nd Grade Girls

- 1 Gabby T
- 2 Olla R
- 3 Helen D

#### 1st Grade Boys

- 1 Charles S
- 2 Andrew F
- 3 Zachary A

#### 1st Grade Girls

- 1 Jordan Z
- 2 Kaleigh M
- 3 Grace M

### Gold Shoe Awards for November

Sportsman Division: Mrs. VandeVusse AM K  
 Pro Division: Mrs. Easlick 3  
 Super Division: Mr. Gross 4  
 Congratulations to all.  
*Mr. Glen Williams*



**REPORT CARDS**

Report cards are coming home on Friday, December 12, 2008 with your son/daughter. Make sure you see it! Sign the envelope and return it to your child's teacher on Monday, December 15, 2008.

## SERVICE SQUAD NEWS

Thank you to all of our service squad members for showing such responsibility for their posts. Your jobs are important and many people here at Maire Elementary count on you every day. To show our appreciation, we will have a Service/Safety/Library Club Holiday party on Monday, December 15th from

3:45—4:45 in the Maire gym. We will enjoy pizza and treats and play a few games. I hope all of you will be able to attend. You deserve to have a little fun after all of your hard work. See you then.

*Mrs. Brauer*



## HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP THIS WEEKEND

The 22nd Annual Holiday Craft Workshop is Saturday, December 6 from 9AM to 12PM in the Maire Gym. Schedules for registered participants are being

sent home with students December 3. It's not too late to register for *some* of the crafts. If you haven't registered or you have questions about the sched-

uled, contact Cindy Miller at 313-407-2981 or [cindymiller20@mac.com](mailto:cindymiller20@mac.com). Can't wait to see you on Saturday!



## Maire Mission Statement

The staff at Maire School, in partnership with students, parents, and community, will provide a high quality instructional program. Our purpose is to prepare students to be life-long learners and productive citizens in a dynamic society.

## District Mission Statement

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, in partnership with students, staff, parents and community, will be at the forefront of education. An evolving curriculum and the highest standards of instruction and learning in every class, every day, will ensure that each student is challenged to fully develop individual abilities, skills and character to succeed in life. We are committed to creating an environment that cultivates knowledgeable, responsible, and caring citizens who embrace life's possibilities with a passion for continuous learning.

On the web at <http://www.gpschools.org/maire/>

# November Students of the Month



**Service**  
**FUNS**

Natalie T., Seth C., Georgia L.  
Emily F., Natalie T., Cassie V.  
Payton M.

**Safety**

Khalee S., Donovan D., Anthony S.  
Elizabeth E.

**Library**

Kate S., Amelia T.