

Maire Elementary School
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1936-2008

Maire News



October 8, 2008



Dear Parents:

Special points of interest:

- Oct. 8—Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
- Oct. 14—MEAP testing runs through October 30
- Oct. 15—PTO Meeting 7:00 PM
- Oct. 17—Sally Foster Pickup
- Oct. 21—Kindergarten to Blake's Orchard
- Oct. 31—No School for students in AM. Staff Development for Teachers
- Oct. 31—Halloween Parade, Assembly and parties for students in PM
- Nov. 2—Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 4—Election Day. No School for Students
- Nov. 5—Grade 5 to Camp Howell
- Nov. 6—Conferences in PM and Evening K-4
- Nov. 7—Grade 5 Returns from Camp

Our annual *Walk to School Day* was once again a resounding success. More children seem to be biking or walking to school this year which has health benefits for you and your children, helps build independence, and develops a sense of community.

As you know, the focus of Maire Fair fundraising this year is to upgrade our playground and improve pedestrian conditions around the school. We are also planning to apply for state funds to support these efforts. Remember to participate in our Safe Routes to School Survey on the Maire Website. Your input will be included in planning.

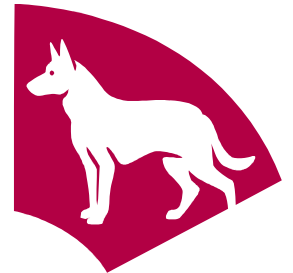
Thanks to our visiting dignitaries

who greeted the children and their families: Dr. Suzanne Klein, Assistant City Manager Al Fincham, Lt. Eddie Tujaka, Sgt. Mike Alarenti, and Raleigh the Police Dog.

Sgt. Almeranti swore in the Safety Patrol at our assembly and reviewed safety rules with the children.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on this event: Jennifer Yeamans (chair), Kim Clextton, Sue Martin, Cesira Giacobassi, and Amy Morrison.

Kathy Satut



Halloween Fun

You are sure to be planning already for the big day. Following are some reminders to assist you in your planning:

- Toy weapons are not allowed
- Violent costumes or make up are not allowed.
- Masks should not be worn on the way to school for safety's sake.
- Google "homemade costume for kids" if you are looking for easy, costume ideas. You have the ingredients at home for making Halloween fun and creative!

Our schedule is as follows:

- No school in the morning.
- AM/PM kindergarten both attend in the PM; AM kindergarten meets in Music Room
- 12:26-3:37 Students attend school
- 12:45 Parade
- 1:00-1:45 Assembly (Gratitude Steel Band)
- 1:45—2:15 Recess
- 2:15—3:20 Classroom Parties

School Procedures



Q: What is the procedure if I need to pick up my child during school?

A: To ensure a safe, authorized pickup of children during the day, please come to the office to sign out your child if you need to take him/her out of school between 8:25 am and 3:38 pm. The office will contact your child's teacher and your child will be sent to the office to meet you. Parents should NOT go directly to the classroom. Children will not be released to an individual unless the person is listed on the emergency forms located in the office. Identification may be required.

Q: Can I walk my child to the classroom door when dropping him off in the morning, or wait at the classroom door when picking him up in the afternoon?

A: Now that we are settling into the routines of the day, we ask parents and older siblings to wait outside when dropping off and picking up students. The halls tend to be very congested as students are packing or unpacking their backpacks and gathering their belongings. In an effort to keep everyone safe we ask that parents/older siblings refrain from entering the building and adding to the congestion.

Q: How can I get a message to my child during the day?

A: Please make every effort to send your child to school with what he or she needs for the day. If your child forgets something urgent such as their lunch or lunch money, please bring it to the office and we will make sure your child gets it. Please do not take the lunch or lunch money directly to the classroom (or locker) as this creates unnecessary interruptions and interferes with instruction. Once the bell has rung, your child's teacher has important responsibilities in the classroom. If it is an emergency, please contact the office and we will make sure that your child receives the necessary information. Please be sure to review after school plans with your child before they leave the house in the morning. Frequent interruptions to the classrooms disrupt the learning that is going on.



Volunteers Needed for Lunchroom and Clinic

Lunchroom volunteers needed:

- 4th Tuesday of month
- 5th Wednesday of month

Other additional days:

- 4th & 5th Mondays
- 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
- 4th Wednesday
- 5th Thursday
- 2nd Friday

If you are available to assist on any of these days please call John Carpenter 343-5363 or email JMCARP33@comcast.net

Clinic volunteers needed!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Please contact Anne Nyboer by email annenyboer@hotmail.com

This is a wonderful opportu-

nity to be involved with the school. It is not only great for the students to have their parent(s) involved, but also a safety issue. The more eyes and ears on the playground, the safer our kids are.

Please contact John Carpenter or Anne Nyboer if you are able to volunteer during the lunch hour in the clinic or in the lunchroom.



Volunteer Services

Distinguished Employees

Help us Recognize Distinguished Employees

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has established the Employee Awards Program to recognize distinguished service by employees in various

programs and activities sponsored by the public schools. Board-level recognition is intended to reward those employees who have initiated a new program, service, or activity and/or who have served the district above and beyond their daily employee responsibilities.

Nomination forms must be received in the Superintendent's Office, 389

St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 by **Friday, October 24, 2008**. Forms are available in all school offices and the administration building. Nominations made by non-administrators must have the support of the building or program administrator.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



The 2008-2009 Maire Student Council has formed. We will begin our charity work by raising money for UNICEF in our Trick or Treat for UNICEF drive. Another goal of the student council this year is to have Maire meet state guidelines in order to be considered a Green School. If there are any parents interested in helping Maire go green, please contact Emily Rennpage emily.rennpage@gpschools.org to get involved.

Our student council representatives are Michael, Emma, Craig, Natalie, Shannon, Connor, Ian, Elizabeth, TJ, Gillian, Ryleigh, Peter, Liam, Allison Allison, and Brett. We will begin meeting October 15.

Mrs. Rennpage



PARENT LIBRARY



New Resources for the Maire Parent Library!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

With the generous support of the Maire PTO, we were able to purchase a variety of new parenting resources; (books, audio books and videos). Many of them are books by "Parenting with Love and Logic". The Maire Parent Network has also added flyers from "Parenting with Love and Logic" on a variety

of topics located in yellow folders. Please stop by the Maire Parent Library and check out something with your parenting interest.

The library consists of topics ranging from ADHD, homework issues, discipline, bullying, depression, allergies, anger management, autism, general parenting, manners, grief support and the list goes on. Please look forward for more information in the future regarding the Maire

Parent Network, the Maire Parent Library and "Parenting with Love and Logic". We really need someone knowledgeable in a publishing program to make flyers. If you have any questions, or would like to help with the library please contact:

Doug Merkle (432-5546) or Heather Carroll (432-5318)

Student Assistance Specialists for Maire Elementary School

News from the Art Room



Our budding artists would love to use your unused magazines. Appropriate magazines only please.

Mrs. Forcillo, Mrs. Brauer, and Mrs. Barba's classes are being

featured in the windows of Trader Joe's this month. Please stop by and see them.

Please make sure all students have an art shirt available. Some of the materials that we

use may not come out of clothing as easily as they are intended to. Thanks.

Mr. Heenan

Hola from Senora Puerta

We have just finished unit 1:- greetings and alphabet- (4th grade) -greetings, numbers and time (5th grade). Please expect homework packets going home this week along with their Spanish folders. For 4th grade these homework packets are due on **October 20th -B- October 21st -C- and October**

22nd -D. 5th grade packets are due on **October 20th -B- and October 21st -B-.**

I encourage parents and students to check my website <http://staff.gpschools.org/puertaj>. It is an excellent tool to get all the information regarding my

Spanish program.

It has been a pleasure teaching your children. Thank you for your great support!

See you soon!

Justa Puerta



LIBRARY NEWS



PE NEWS

This year there are four Physical Education teachers at Maire. Mrs. Nicole Brumme is instructing Mrs. Miilu-Maxon's class. Mr. Jack Hedelund is teaching Mrs. VandeVusse's afternoon class and Mr. Greg Wolff is here for Mrs. Pearson's class. Mr. Glen Williams is teaching all of the other PE sections. Please welcome our new Physical Educators.

Maire students have been learning the election process by voting for their favorite books! Each class nominated their favorites, and held a Primary to vote for their class book. An upcoming Election will be held for students to cast their ballot for the winning book from each of the grades. Finally, all Grosse Pointe Public Elementary Schools will have a district vote for each grade level. Maybe you will be reading about it in the news? Look for ours!

If your child has lost his/her library card, please contact Mrs. Lindeman at 432-4307. We prefer to make cards at Maire, make a copy of it for our use, and return the card to you so you may use it at all the public libraries whenever you want.

Don't forget to stop by the library and take a peek at some good reads for Fall and Halloween. Here are some suggestions:

Lower Grades

Spooky Riddles
In A Dark, Dark Room (and other scary stories)
Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore
Fall Leaves Fall!
Apple Pie Tree
Hoodwinked
A Witch Got On At Paddington Station
Boogy Bones
Skeleton Hiccups

Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Walpole
Mrs. Quinlan

Maire Library Media Specialists

Upper Grades

A Terrifying Taste of Short & Shivery: Thirty Creepy Tales
Frankenstein
Haunted Island
More Short & Shivery: Thirty Terrifying Tales
Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man
Strange Spirits of St. Ignace
The Halloween Tree
The Ghost in the Third Row
The Monster's Ring
The Sea of Monsters
The Thing at the Foot of the Bed and Other Scary Tales
The Titan's Curse
The Witches

SAFETY INFORMATION



Congratulations to the whole Maire Community for another great and successful Walk to school Day. There are two concerns that parents need to know in the future about walking to school. The first is on Wednesday mornings when there is choir practice before school. Most safeties are also in choir so there is only a few of the safeties on duty. Some of the corners further from school are not covered. A

special thanks for all of the safeties that are not in choir who volunteer to be on duty every Wednesday morning.

The second concern is weather. Safeties like the mailmen need to be on duty in rain, snow, wind and cold. However, in severe weather, there are always questions regarding whether safeties should be on duty. When the wind-chill factor is below 0°F, safeties should not

be on duty. If a parent of a safety feels that the weather is dangerous for their student to be on duty that is their prerogative. It is during these above stated times that parents might want to escort their student to school. If you have any questions regarding the safety program at Maire, please contact Doug Merkle at 432-5546.

MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KEY DATES TO REMEMBER --- 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Revised October 1, 2008

October	3	Denim for a Cause Walk to School Day/ Safety Assembly 8:45
	8	Yom Kippur begins at Sundown/ Newsletter sent home
	14	MEAP testing through October 30
	15	PTO 7:00 pm
	17	Sally Foster Pickup
	21	Kindergarten to Blake's Orchard
	31	AM No School for Students. Staff Development for Teachers. PM Halloween Parade, Assembly and room parties.
	November	2
4		Election Day. No school for students. Staff Development for teachers.
5		Grade 5 to Camp Howell
6		Parent/Teacher Conferences PM and Evening (No Gr. 5)/ Maire News sent home No classes in PM for students
7		Grade 5 returns from Camp.
11		Veterans' Day
12		PTO Meeting/ Grade 5 Conferences PM
13		Parent/Teacher Conferences AM and Evening No classes in AM for students.
14		Picture Retake Day
19		Fall Family Fun Night
21		PUPPETART Assembly 1:00
25		End of 1 st Marking Period No School for Students in PM. Records Day for teachers.
26		No School for Students. Conference Comp. Time for Teachers.
27&28		School Closed for Thanksgiving Vacation.
December	3	Newsletter sent home
	6	Holiday Gift/Craft Workshop 8:00
	10	PTO Meeting 7:00PM
	12	Report Cards Sent Home/ Pierce Choir 8:45AM
	17	Concert Rehearsal in PM. Vocal Concert at Parcels at 7:00PM for grades 1, 3, 5 and Choir
	19	Pierce Band performs at Maire 8:45 AM/ Classroom Holiday Parties
	22	Hanukkah
	24	No School for students and staff until January 6 for Winter Vacation
	24, 25 & 31	School Closed
	26	Kwanza
January	1&2	School Closed
	5	Students and Staff return
	8	EDK Information Meeting at Barnes 7:00
	10	Open Gym 10:00-Noon
	14	PTO Meeting 7:00
	17	Open Gym 10:00-Noon
	19	School Closed – MLK Day
	20	No School for Students. Prof. Dev./Collaborative Planning for Teachers
	22	Kindergarten Information Meeting 7:00
	24	Open Gym 10:00-NOON



	25	Mother/Son Bowling 6:00
	31	Open Gym 10:00-Noon
February	2	NWEA Testing through Feb. 27
	4	Newsletter sent home
	5	Winter Family Fun Night 6:00
	7	Open Gym 10:00-Noon/ Daddy-Daughter Dance
	11	Winter Count Day PTO Meeting 7:00
	16-20	No School for Students. Mid Winter Break.
	27	End of 2 nd Marking Period
March	2	No School for Students. Prof. Dev./Records Day
	3	School Concert @ Pierce
	4	Maire news sent home
	5	4 th Grade Disability Awareness Workshop
	11	Report Cards Sent Home PTO Meeting 7:00
	12	Parent Teacher Conferences PM & Evening. No classes for students PM Staff Appreciation Lunch 11:30
	19	Parent Teacher Conferences AM & Evening. No classes for students AM
	21	Maire Fair Parent Party 8:00
	24	4 th Grade to Lansing 7:00 AM
	28	Maire Fair
April	1	Newsletter sent home
	8	Passover begins at Sundown PTO Meeting 7:00PM
	10-17	School Closed for Spring Break
	12	Easter
	19	Orthodox Easter
	27	NWEA through May 15
May	4	GP Writing Assessment thru May 22
	5	Adolescent Health Parent Meeting at Maire 7:00
	15	No School for Students. Professional Dev./Collaborative Planning for teachers.
	20	Concert Rehearsal for grades K, 2, 4 & Choir in PM. Vocal Concert at Parcels 7:00
	22	No School for Students. Comp. Day for teachers.
	25	School Closed for Memorial Day
	26	Grade 5 Math Placement through 5-29 Grades 4 & 5 Adolescent Health
	28	Ice Cream Social & Book Fair 6:00
	29	Field Day
June	4	Grade 2 to Troy Museum
	5	5 th Grade Breakfast and Awards. 7:30 5 th Grade Variety Show
	11	All School Awards Assembly 10:00 School Dismissed 11:38 AM
	12	Last Teacher Duty Day

