



The Maple Grove Branch

Ensuring Each Leaf Can Learn to Fly on Its Own!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

3/31-4/18 Map Testing

4/2 Early Dismissal – Professional Development

4/16 Early Dismissal – Professional Development

4/21-4/25 Square 1 Art fundraiser

4/29 5th grade student visit to South Middle School

5/6 5th Grade Fine Arts night, 6pm, WHS Auditorium

5/27 5th Grade track and field day, Waukee field

5/29 K-4 field day, at Maple Grove

The last day for students is Thursday, May 29th due to three inclement weather days. Please visit [here](#) to view an updated district calendar. Any additional inclement weather days will be added to the end of the year.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH TODAY?

School lunch and breakfast menus can be found online by visiting
<https://www.waukeeschools.org/nutrition/menus/>

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten	10:50 – 11:10
1 st Grade	11:55 – 12:15
2 nd Grade	11:35 – 11:55
3 rd Grade	11:15 – 11:35
4 th Grade	12:45 – 1:05
5 th Grade	12:15 – 12:35

Nurse Notes from Nurse Kary Sprague...

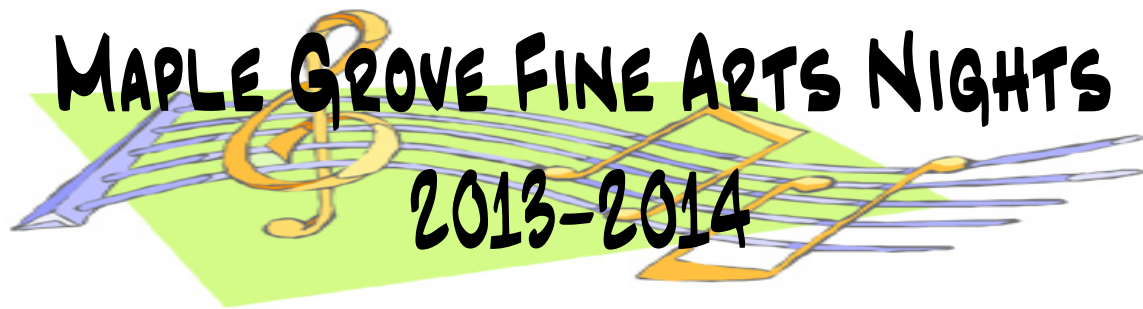


In early May, students with medication in the health office will receive a note, asking parents what they would like done with the medication that is left in the health office at the end of the school year. The medication options (depending on the medications) are: donation, disposal, sent home, or picked up by parent in the health office. Parents will have two weeks to return the form, e-mail, or call the health office. Please contact Mrs. Sprague at ksprague@waukeeschools.org or call 987-2754 with any questions

COLD OR FLU???? Why not try to avoid both this year by following the helpful tips below:

- Wash your hands - Some viruses can survive on doorknobs, keyboards, desks, pens, books, papers, and other objects. Touch them, then touch your nose or mouth and you've got it.
- Keep your distance - If you know someone has a cold or the "flu", give them plenty of space! The virus is spread through airborne transmission or personal contact. Don't take a chance of exposing yourself to their germs.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with elbows, tissues, or hands and avoid touching your face.
- Avoid sharing mugs, cups, glasses, or eating utensils. Your friend may not look sick today, but.....who knows about tomorrow.
- Avoid smoking and second-hand smoke. It makes it easier for the virus to invade the lungs.
- Drink plenty of water - Dehydration invites virus invasion.
- Eat a well-balanced, healthy diet and get a good night's sleep!
- Get a flu shot.
- Clean surfaces regularly.
- Again, wash your hands!

DONATIONS: Thanks to all the parents who have donated to the health office this year. It is much appreciated! Please return borrowed items to the health office. Thanks!



MAPLE GROVE FINE ARTS NIGHTS

2013-2014

Grade	Date	Time	Location
Kindergarten	4/15/14	6pm and 7pm	Maple Grove gymnasium
5th Grade	5/6/14	6:00 PM	Waukee High School auditorium

5th Grade Band



Greetings to all Fourth Grade Parents and Guardians!

The Waukee Band Program has a variety of fun and rewarding musical experiences to offer your child, grades 5 through 12. Now is the time for your child to consider learning to play a band instrument and becoming a part of this very successful and active part of the Waukee Community School District.

Recent research supports a multitude of positive ways that music impacts students of all ages. The band program also offers opportunities for your child to:

- * form new friendships*
- * build self-confidence and*
- * develop their own musical skills.*

During mid-April we begin recruiting 4th grade students for next year's band.

Every 4th grader will be given an opportunity to try some of the different band instruments during the school day. Your child will bring home a note in May with my recommendations.

Participating in 5th grade band is optional and open to any child who acquires an instrument. (While our school has limited instruments available for rent, families are able to find quality instruments to purchase or rent at our local music stores.) Learning to play a band instrument takes home practice, effort at lessons, and a positive attitude!

You can access more information about Fifth Grade Band by going to my classroom blog. In the sidebar, you should click on "Beginning Band Information."

Feel free to e-mail me with questions or concerns.

Thank you for considering the Waukee Band Program and the life long benefits of instrumental music for your child!

Sincerely,

Rob Graziano

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Maple Grove PTO News...

****March 31st** is our next Pizza Ranch Night. All 1st, 3rd and 4th grade students are invited to bring their families and join us from 5:00-8:00 PM. Maple Grove will receive all tips and a percentage of total sales. We look forward to seeing you!

****In April**, Maple Grove students will be participating in the PTO sponsored Fine Arts activity. This year we are fortunate to have an author from Iowa, Maribeth Boelts coming to work with our students. She will be meeting with the students on April 24th and 25th. If you are interested in purchasing an autographed book from Ms. Boelts, an order form will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. Look for these order forms later this month.

****Our next PTO meeting** will be Monday, April 21st from 7-8 PM. Mrs. Perrigo, instructional coach and Mrs. Dirksen, technology instructor, will be presenting information about an exciting new leadership program for fourth grade students at Maple Grove. We would love to have you join us!

Any questions, please contact Abby Small abbysmall@q.com or Taunya Henson henson427@yahoo.com

Please check out our blog for minutes from the meetings and general PTO information.

<http://maplegrovepto.blogspot.com/>

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