

April 26, 2017

Dear Maire Families,

Happy Spring! It is wonderful to see all of our Maire Bears busily working at school, excited for their culminating special projects and trips. The Upland Hills Field trip is coming soon for our kindergarten students, our first graders start work planting vegetables and flowers in their community garden, the Living Museum shows off the creativity of our second graders, third graders are excited to be visiting Cranbrook, fourth graders design and create electricity projects, and fifth graders put the finishing touches on their EXPO exhibits. We have end-of-year-testing, as well, that takes place for all students. Please check with your child's teacher, to find out the testing schedules for your student's classroom. MStep, Grosse Pointe Writing Testing and NWEA testing, as well as other classroom unit tests, are all part of our final assessments for student progress. We ask that students come to school on-time, prepared and rested for these tests, so that their best achievement is able to be measured.

With spring comes warmer weather. We hope that more students will be able to walk or bike to Maire School. Our parking lot is a busy place; we understand that waiting in line takes patience and extreme attention to student safety. The more students who walk to school, the less congested our parking lot will become. If independent walking is not an option for your child, consider parking two blocks away, and then walking to Maire to pick up your child. If this fits your schedule, it will ease our parking traffic jams considerably. It will also help fulfill our "Evergreen Status" with the State of Michigan. We do thank all of the parents who volunteer to assist in our parking lot during morning and after school drop off and pick up hours. Heather Bresser has done a great job of leading the way. We also thank those parents who assist students during our Bicycle Safety Check on May 12th, organized by Paige Domzalski.

On Monday, April 24th, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education recognized Kathryn Kaspzyk, Meghan Parent, and Joe Parent as "Distinguished Volunteers" from Maire School. All three of these wonderful volunteers have helped out in classrooms with parties and academic work, have chaperoned and driven on field trips, have organized and assisted with PTO planning for enrichment events, have helped to organize assemblies and concerts, have volunteered for Maire Auction and Maire Fair, and have worked tirelessly in our lunchroom and in the parking lot, with many years of service. We are happy to honor Kathryn, Meghan and Joe with our Distinguished Volunteers Awards for the 2016-2017 school year!

Be looking for information about our fourth annual "Multicultural Social" (Ice Cream Social), on June 1st. Taking the lead from our Gr. 5 Expo Student Fair, and working with our PTO and Diversity Committee, we are looking once again to celebrate all the cultures and countries that represent our Maire



Families and students, by holding an international dessert fair. We look forward to games, music, decorations, dancing, desserts from all nations, and of course – ice cream! Please look for the flyers coming home next week with more information. If you wish to volunteer to help, contact Mrs. Rennpage, Ms. Neely, Mrs. Franchett, or Mrs. Raska.

Enjoy these last weeks of the school year and the celebrations yet to come.

Sincerely,

Sonja Franchett

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES...

Thursday, April 27th
PBIS Free Choice Party - 11:00 AM

Friday, April 28th
3rd Gr. Goes to Detroit Opera House - 10:15 AM

Saturday, April 29th
Daddy - Daughter Dance - 7:00 @ Pierce

IMPORTANT MAY DATES...

Monday, May 1st
Mrs. Brauer's Living Museum 9:30 AM - Lib

- Tuesday, May 2nd**
- Transition to Kindergarten (by appointment only)
10:40 AM—5:00 PM @ Maire
 - Maire/Trombly Instrumental Concert
7:00 PM @ Maire

Friday, May 5th
Mrs. Brauer's Living Museum 8:40 AM - Lib

Monday, May 8th
GPPSS Board Mtg. - 7 PM @ Brownell

Wednesday, May 10th
Maire PTO Meeting - 7 PM

Friday, May 12th
Bicycle Safety Day - 8:30 AM

Monday, May 15th
Hungry Howie's Pizza Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, May 16th
3rd Grade Talent Show 1:00 - Gym

Wednesday, May 17th - Thursday, May 18th
5th Grade EXPO 12:30 - Gym

Thursday, May 18th
3rd Grade to Cranbrook

STUDENT PLACEMENT 2017 /2018

If you have important information you wish to share regarding your child, please complete the Student Placement Questionnaire found in this newsletter and also on the Maire Homepage under the Parent tab. Return the questionnaire to your child's teacher or the school office by Friday, June 2nd.

**Please remember that requests for
a specific teacher
cannot always
be honored.**



IMPORTANT MAY DATES... (Cont'd)

Friday, May 19th
AM Classes Only / PM Staff Development
Students Dismissed @ 11:36 AM

- Monday, May 22nd**
- Jump with Jill Assy. 9:30 - Gym
 - GPPSS Board Mtg. - 7 PM @ Brownell

Tuesday, May 23rd
Spring Vocal Concert - Gr. K, 2, 4 & Choir
7 PM @ Parcels

Friday, May 26th
Maire Field Day

Monday, May 29th
NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day Recess
Tuesday, May 30th
Ms. Neely's Living Museum (Part 1) 9:45 - Lib

Tuesday, May 30th thru Friday, June 2nd
Grades 4 & 5 Adolescent Health Instruction

Wednesday, May 31st
Red Cross Blood Drive 2:30 - 8:30 / Gym



SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018 ENROLLMENT

Enrolling new students now for 2017/2018

Each spring, the district determines teaching staff for the upcoming school year based on actual enrollment figures. All forms and instructions for registration are on the district website www.gpschools.org under Quick Links – Residency & Enrollment. Kindergarten data is the most difficult to predict, so if you have an incoming kindergarten student or know someone who does, we encourage you to call today.

Thank you!

INCOMING 6TH GRADERS

Grosse Pointe Public School System will be conducting residence re-verification for all students entering 6th & 9th grade again this year.

Students whose residence is not re-verified will not be allowed to participate in fall sports or August registration for 2017 - 2018 year.

VACATION ABSENCES

Parents should minimize the time a child is taken out of school for any reason, particularly for a vacation. Make up work may be provided in advance, if a set of materials for the units being studied already exists.

In some instances, this early make up work will not be possible to provide. In addition, make up work may be provided in meaningful amounts by the teacher after the student returns from vacation. The student will then have the responsibility to complete the make up work in a timely manner. Much of the elementary classroom learning experience will not be able to be duplicated for a student who misses school.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS IN AUGUST

*All phone numbers and email addresses must be up to date in MiStar by **July 31st**.*

This is the information that will be printed in the family directories. Any changes after July 31st will have to be given to the PTO person in charge of the directory.

MEDICATION POLICY 2016-2017

The Board of Education has adopted a medications form that is required annually to administer any medication, including over the counter medications provided by parents or guardians.

We are notifying you of this now so that as you make appointments for sports physicals or immunizations, you can take this with you to obtain the required physician signature. For this guideline, “physician” refers to any health care provider licensed by the State of Michigan. This form was developed to support our revised Board Policy 5330, which meets new provisions of the State of Michigan Model Policy for Administering Medications to Pupils at Schools. “Medication” includes prescription, non-prescription and herbal medications, and include those taken by mouth, inhaled, injection, and drops or applied to the skin. Medication must be kept in a locked school location, and in a labeled container as prepared by a pharmacy, physician, or pharmaceutical company with the pupil’s name, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration. For more detail on this or any school board policy and guidelines, visit www.gpschools.org and under the School Board dropdown, click Policy. You can use the search tool to find information by key words.

The annual written permission form **MUST** be signed by both the parent and physician. This form is available on the district website www.gpschools.org and will be part of the online registration process. Please download it today and take to your next appointment.

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Register by May 1st for Kindergarten to be eligible to attend a fun Transition to Kindergarten event May 2nd at your neighborhood school!

The Transition to Kindergarten appointment is simply an opportunity to welcome each of our new students into our buildings and gives us a snapshot of your child’s learning needs. Each registered child that attends this event will be awarded a learning backpack with goodies to support summer learning!

MAIRE SPRING CONCERT INFO

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

Grades K, 2, 4, 5*, and Choir

LOCATION:

Parcells Middle School – Vernier & Mack, GPW

PARKING:

Back parking lot off of Sunningdale
(Be prepared to park along Sunningdale when parking lot fills.)

DRESS REHEARSAL:

Tuesday, May 23rd during PM classes. The rehearsal is at MAIRE.

EVENING PERFORMANCE:

6:30 Arrival for choir, 6:45 all others,
CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:00.

PLEASE NOTE – the early arrival for choir is incredibly important due to our lack of stage rehearsal time. Please be walking into Parcells between 6:20-6:25 with your choir student.

DRESS:

CHOIR – Choir t-shirt, khaki pants or khaki skirt, nice shoes (preferably black), and BLAZERS as in December. Boys will tuck in their shirt and wear a belt. Girls may need to use a hair tie at the back of the shirt.

ALL OTHERS -- “Spring Dressy.” No Jeans, Flip Flops, Sandals, Tennis Shoes, Crocs or athletic wear. Girls please keep heels to a minimum. All hair should be neat and off the face. All shirts tucked in. Please look your best!

***GRADE 5 STUDENTS ONLY:**

Please note if you are in Choir your attendance is mandatory. If you are not in Choir your attendance for the Spring Concert is optional.

*** Little League and other athletic participants – please check your game and practice schedules NOW and inform your coaches if you will not be at a game or practice on the evening of Tuesday May 23! There is still time at this point to make the necessary arrangements, but coaches can't help you out when you tell them the week of a conflict. Let's respect our volunteer leaders and give them the notice they need to carry on without you for the evening.**

MAIRE / TROMBLY INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT



Maire Elementary will once again host Maire & Trombly's Instrumental Concert.

The Concert will be
Tuesday, May 2nd,
at 7:00 PM



BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN

This month's classroom winner is Mr. Gross' 4th grade class with 169 Box Tops! Way to go Mr. Gross' class!



Who will be the top collecting classroom in May?



Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 9,390 already collected! Keep clipping and send in those Box Tops for May!

AUTISM AWARENESS

April is National Autism Awareness Month. What is autism? Autism is a type of developmental disability.

Students with autism can have problems with social skills, communication, and reacting to the world around them. Autism can be mild or severe. It is different for every person. For instance, some students with autism cannot talk, some talk a lot but have trouble answering questions and taking turns while talking.

Some students with autism have trouble with eye contact and making friends. Some students with autism have trouble with changes, like unannounced changes in a school schedule or a surprise fire drill. Some students with autism have wonderful talents. Some are artists who can draw, sculpt or paint. Some students with autism have trouble with school work while others are strong in all classes. Everyone with autism is unique.



ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to all the students who made posters for the 34th Annual Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission's Arbor Week Poster Contest. Students participated from area Grosse Pointe schools. Runner ups were from Maire! CONGRATULATIONS!

Runner Ups

John Forbes
Kiernan Tague



These students will be recognized by the Mayor and City Council members at the Grosse Pointe Park City Council on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm.

CONFERENCES

Parents -Teacher Conferences at Maire were a successful time of sharing student progress and achievement. Our school is proud of its 98% attendance for this event. Home -School Communication is a vital part of student success.

98%

LIBRARY NEWS



The library will begin its year end wrap up soon. The last days to check out books are:

- Monday, May 22nd (C Day)
 - Tuesday, May 23rd (D Day)
 - Wednesday, May 24th (A Day)
 - Thursday, May 25th (B Day)
- ★ Friday, May 26th (C Day) Maire's Field Day
- No library visits scheduled

All books checked out on these dates will be due at your next library class.

Maire's Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 26th. Any outstanding bills for lost books as of Friday, May 19th must be paid to the library no later than Thursday, May 25th in order to participate in Field Day activities.



Teach your dawdling child to be more responsible with time

It's a busy morning. You need to leave the house on time but your child seems to be set on super-slow-motion.

Adults live in a time-oriented world. You check the time on your watch. You glance at the clock on your phone to be sure you're at work on time. But kids? Their views of time seem to be a lot more flexible.

To help your child become more responsible with time:

- Be a good role model. When you're in a mad dash to get out the door, you're not showing your child the importance of getting ready early.
- Build in routines that help. Take five minutes in the evening to prepare for the next day. Create a "launch pad" by your door where your child can put all those things (backpack, gym shoes, permission slips) that she will need.
- Don't nag. You'll make your child anxious—but you probably won't make her hurry up. Instead, look for concrete actions that will actually make a difference. Help her put on her coat. Pick up her backpack and hand it to her.
- Make it a game. Most kids love competition. So challenge your child to put on her shoes before you finish counting to 20.
- Follow a predictable schedule as much as possible. It's the best way to help your child develop a sense of time. Say, "In five minutes, it will be time for breakfast." Or, "After dinner, we'll read a story."

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MAIRE CULTURAL CORNER

Don't miss this year's Ice Cream Social / Around-the-World Dessert Party! In addition to Wally's Custard, there will be games, music, dancing, projects on display and desserts that represent the Maire Community's diverse heritage.

**Thursday, June 1st
6:00—8:00 p.m.
Maire Playground & Gym**

If you can provide a dessert please return the flyer going home with students next week, and you will be contacted with more information.



PBS CELEBRATION - APRIL

PBS Party for April

The monthly incentive party for this month is "Choices!"



Students will have the opportunity to choose what activity they would like to participate in during this celebration. Just a few of the offerings are; Dice Games, Bug Catchers, Robotics, Dance Party, Yoga, Read-In, Legos, Karaoke, & Free I-Pad time!

The goal of the monthly PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Party is to recognize positive behavior around the school.

Research shows that students achieve at a higher level when they know the expectations and feel safe. Positive Behavior Support helps us improve on both these areas.

We want students to feel good about themselves and come to school happy and ready to learn!

The Simple "Bear" Necessities:

Respect
Responsibility
Safety

GREEN TEAM NEWS

We are officially a Michigan Evergreen School for the 2016-17 school year.

Nick the Nature Nut helped us to celebrate Earth Day with a very informative Endangered Species assembly.

Thank you to the teachers, staff members, troop leaders, parents, and students who all have to work together to make this a reality for our great school!



WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE

- ⇒ Flip-flops, backless sandals, high heels, wedges, etc. inhibit free play, are hazardous on the stairs and playground and are not permitted.
- ⇒ Children should wear or keep sneakers at school for recess and physical education.
- ⇒ Students should keep a sweatshirt or jacket at school. You never know what a Michigan day in springtime will bring.
- ⇒ Bellies and backs may not be exposed by shirts that creep up and pants that sag.
- ⇒ Shirts with negative messages undermine our school-wide goal of respect for self, others, our community, and are not allowed.

Important information my child's teacher needs to know includes (medical, emotional needs, special situations, friends, etc.)

MARCH OF DIMES

Thank you to all of the students who read during our 2017 March of Dimes Fundraiser.

We had GREAT PARTICIPATION! 148 children participated! They read 4,535 books and raised \$1918.65!!! So awesome!

Stay tuned for more information about prizes to be shared with students. Thank you to Mrs. Kari Adams for her coordination.

Grand Totals	
Total Books Read	4,535
Total Money Collected	\$1,918.65
Minutes Read by Grade	
Grade Pre-K Total	58
Grade K Total	565
Grade 1 Total	1,002
Grade 2 Total	621
Grade 3 Total	839
Grade 4 Total	979
Grade 5 Total	471
Grand Total	4,535



PBIS & March of Dimes Read-In





American
Red Cross

PINT-SIZE HERO

HOPE begins with you.



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive through the Pint-Size Hero program. This program will introduce students to the importance of blood donation. Your student will have the opportunity to show leadership and help save lives by recruiting blood donors for our upcoming blood drive. Each student who recruits an adult to donate blood will be recognized as a Pint-Size Hero with a fun gift* from the Red Cross. You can support your student, our school and help save lives by donating blood, recruiting other donors or volunteering at the blood drive.

Each student who recruits one presenting donor will receive a Red Cross flashlight!*

Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Location: Maire Gym

Hours: 2:30pm- 8:30pm



Schedule your appointment to give blood using one of these easy methods:

- Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code maire740
- Download the Blood Donor App

For questions or to sign up to volunteer at the blood drive, please contact:

Blood drive coordinator: Christina Pearson

Phone: please do not call

Text message: _____

Email: christina.pearson@gpschools.org

Eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of fluids before you donate. Show your donor card or ID at the blood drive. For more information, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Additional information:

Save time with Rapid Pass! You may read the registration book and health history questions before coming to donate.

Login to redcrossblood.org/rapidpass the day of your appointment to complete everything online.

Print the rapid pass and bring it to your donation appointment.

Sign up to volunteer your time at the blood drive

If you would like to volunteer your time at the blood drive reception or refreshment area, please return this portion of the letter to school.

Volunteer's name: _____

Phone: _____

Text: _____

Email: _____

Student's name: _____

Teacher/homeroom: _____

1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org/youthresources | #PintSizeHero | Download the Blood Donor App

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Distinguished Volunteers

Congratulations to Kathryn Kaspzyk, Meghan Parent & Joe Parent.

They were the Maire recipients of this year's Golden Apple Award.

This award is bestowed upon distinguished volunteers from each school throughout GPPSS.

We appreciate all of our wonderful parent volunteers that assist with out many activities here at Maire!



**March is Reading Month has given us so much fun,
learning and enjoyment!**



specials



Mr. Heenan

Kindergartners made a clay pinch pot. We're glazing them this week. First graders are putting finishing touches on a koi painting, and they have Japanese rice bowls to glaze. Second graders are working on Blue Dog paintings, from George Rodrigue's book and famous character. Third graders learned what a tint was and are working on landscape employing that technique. Fourth graders continue their African masks which will be mounted on an African style paper weaving. And fifth graders are involved in an exchange of prints with Trombly Elementary fifth graders. They are carving a lino design from their own sketch.



Mr. Williams

During the month of May we will be concentrating on the Presidential/National Physical Fitness Competition. These are fun activities which test the body in the five components of physical fitness [upper body strength, abdominal strength, quickness, flexibility and endurance]. We emphasis to the children that these are fun competitions which challenge each student in the multiple areas of their body. Students scoring nationally in any category receive a certificate from the Presidential Council and students achieving all five nationals receive a patch [thanks to our Maire PTO]. As the weather breaks we will be headed outside for our track unit with distances ranging from short [sprints], to middle distance [running], to long distance [jog]. Students will be learning about pacing and breathing during their activities.



Mrs. Hermon

This month, the Kindergarteners and 1st graders learned how to access World Book online and Britannica student versions for the youngest learners. We also continued reading different versions of classic stories. The 2nd graders used World Book online and Britannica Elementary database to research animals and biographies. We also practiced smart and selective highlighting of relevant information. 3rd graders had an introduction to the GPPL network and using the online card catalog to access 17 libraries' resources. We also discussed how to avoid plagiarism and the importance of cyber-safety. 4th and 5th graders explored the potential dangers and consequences of oversharing on social media. We also reviewed online research skills and all the databases available through the GPPL network.



Mr. Hipple

May is Spring Concert Month! Our Spring Concert for Grades K, 2, 4, and 5 will be Tuesday, May 24 at Parcels. Our Choir's performance will capture snapshots of different life stages, including music by both Dolly Parton and Taylor Swift. 4th Grade is presenting selections from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and 2nd Grade will perform a medley of seven Motown favorites. Regardless, our Kindergarteners will steal the show -- of course. In all classes, we have been working on Tempo, Instruments of the Orchestra, and Text Emphasis.

Digital Picks

*From your School Library
Media Specialists*



Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks" suggested by your Elementary School Media Specialists. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Many of these resources are STEM based and can be changed based on your child's skill level.



Crazy Gears

Grades: K-2

\$3.99

iPad, iPhone

Crazy Gears is a problem-solving game that gets kids thinking critically, problem solving, and exploring physics and other STEM topics. This engaging puzzle-like app asks students to construct gears to complete each level. Users will be introduced to important STEM skills that connect to tasks across disciplines. This is a really creative, highly accessible and fun option for exploring physics and engineering.



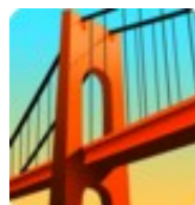
Hopscotch

Grades: 4-5

Free

iPad, iPhone

Hopscotch provides a scaffolding learning for coding. This app empowers the students to experiment and create their own coding. Students need to be independent readers and can access the many levels in the Levels section to solve coding problems. Once these have been mastered students can create their own coding programming stories.



Bridge Constructor

Grades: K-5

Free

Android, iPad, iPhone

Prove yourself as an accomplished master bridge builder! Test your construction skills and build bridges over deep valleys, canals, and rivers. The stress simulator reveals whether the bridge you build can hold the weight of cars and trucks or if the construction will crash.

The FREE version contains the first world (8 levels) of the full version. You can upgrade to another version for \$1.99.

Media Specialists

Danielle Gostomski	Kerby, Mason, Poupard
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Bike Safe, Bike Smart

Maire Bike Safety Day

Friday, May 12th

On Friday, May 12th we will be hosting our annual Bike Safety Day. Your child can bring their bike to school (with A HELMET!) for inspection. We will also help them get their bike registered with the local police department.

The day goes much more smoothly with your help in advance, with the following:

Teach them to lock and unlock their bike, and help them memorize their code.

Fill out the form below and send in to school by Wednesday, May 10th (GPP and GPC Police will be on site to register bikes and give licenses to those without.

This information speeds up that process, and is necessary to receive a license.)

Check tire pressure and helmet condition. Bikes, Blades and Boards will be at school that morning checking overall bike safety and will send home a checklist if there are things that need to be corrected on your child's bike.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO SCHOOL BY *Wednesday, May 10th*

Child's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Brand of Bike: _____ Model: _____

Wheel Size: _____ Serial Number: _____

(located on side of tire: 16", 20", 24", 26" etc)

(usually found under bike near pedals)



Maire Elementary PTO

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Order your Mother's Day hanging flower basket through Maire PTO, delivered to your door.

Sun or Shade baskets provided by Allemon's Nursery. Colors vary.

Cost: \$25.00

Orders due: Sunday, April 30th



Flower baskets will be delivered to your door the week before Mother's Day.

Pay with check made out to Maire PTO, or via paypal at mairepto.corecommerce.com and click on the Flower sales link

**Remember your MOM, Mother-in-Law, Sisters, Aunts, Grandmas,
and yourself.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Quantity of Sun Baskets: _____ Quantity of Shade Baskets: _____



April Students of the Month Congratulations

Service

Andrew H., Ella P., Alex H., Camden N., Jean K.

Safety

**Cecile W., Andrew H
Katie N., Lex W.**

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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

Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community

District Vision

One GP → where everyone learns everyday