

MAIRE ELEMENTARY • Sonja Franchett, Principal

Each and Every Child, Each and Every day

December 21, 2017



IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES...

Thursday, December 21st

Holiday Instrumental Concert - 1:15pm -Maire Gym

December 25th thru January 2nd

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES...

Wednesday, January 3rd

- Classes Resume—Students Report **8:20 AM**
- Hungry Howies Fundraiser nite - 4:00 p.m.
 - GPPSS Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10th

Maire PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15th

NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16th

Pierce Middle School 5th Grade Parent Info Night
7:00 PM—Pierce Auditorium

Thursday, January 18th

- Pierce Coney Night 6:00 p.m. @ Pierce
(for incoming 6th graders 18-19)
- Parents for Unity in Diversity Mtg. 6:30 - Maire Lib.
 - 2018 - 2019 Kindergarten Parent Info Night
@ Maire - 7:00 p.m.

Please see posted flyer for more info.

Friday, January 19th

A.M. ONLY for students
11:36 Dismissal

Thursday, January 25th

Multi-Age Information Night - Grades 1 - 3
7:00 p.m.@ Trombly



WINTER COLDS & FLU



Parents, please remember students must be fever/symptom free for 24 hours (*without the aid of medication*) before returning to school.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 / 2019

In Michigan, according to Public Act 198 of 2012, children must be FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2018, TO REGISTER FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR. Parents of children who turn five years of age after September 1 but on or before December 1, may still register their child for kindergarten next year if they notify the district in writing using the kindergarten entry age waiver form available in the kindergarten registration packet.

Kindergarten Information Night
January 18, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Head to your home elementary school for this district-wide event.

YOUNG FIVES

The program is free for younger five-year-old children who live in the Grosse Pointe Public School System attendance area.

Eligibility is determined by birth date -- children must turn five between March 1 and December 1, 2018.

Students who complete the Young Fives program would be expected to return to their home school the following year. Your help is crucial to planning!

The District will conduct a lottery on April 16, 2018, based on parental preference regarding placement in the program for Ferry, Kerby, Maire, Monteith, Richard, or Trombly students.

More information about each program, including tuition rates and enrollment information, can be found on our District [homepage](#).

PRE-SCHOOL

Program Offerings for the 2018-2019 School Year:

- Full Day Infant, Toddler, and Preschool: 7:15 am-6:00 pm, located at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.
- Full Day Pre-K: 7:15 am-6:00 pm, located at Barnes, Ferry, Monteith, Trombly.
- Half Day Preschool & Pre-K: 8:30 -11:30 am, located at Monteith and Richard.

More information about each program, including tuition rates and enrollment information, can be found on our District [homepage](#) *Classes must meet minimum enrollment to operate.

Our main office is located at the Barnes Early Childhood Center. Please feel free to contact us by phone at (313) 432-3809, or by email Preschool@gpschools.org, if you have questions.

PBS CELEBRATION—DECEMBER

PBS Party for December

The monthly incentive party for December is a Movie. Students will relax & enjoy a movie.



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



School pets have found a home!



Fluffy & Puddin’ have found a home to visit during the Winter Break!

Madeline Roy was the lucky name drawn in the Winter Break Contest.

Thank you to all who entered!

BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN



This month’s classroom winner is Mrs. Aldrich’s Kindergarten class with 210 Box Tops! Way to go Mrs. Aldrich’s class!

Who will be the top collecting classroom in January?



Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 3,252 already collected! Keep clipping over the break and send in those Box Tops for January!

STUDENT COUNCIL

GLEANER’S

Maire students demonstrated their amazing generosity, & collected a remarkable **1068** pounds of food to donate to Gleaner’s Community Food Bank.

Not only did we exceed this year’s goal, we surpassed last year’s total by over 300 pounds!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Teague for delivering all of the food to Gleaner’s for us. We appreciate your kindness!



LOST & FOUND

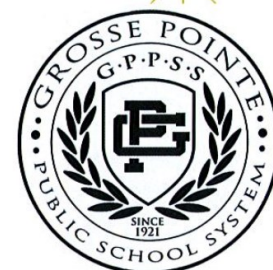
Pease be sure to check our Lost & Found. Any items remaining during the winter break

will be donated to charity.



Grosse Pointe Public School System

Kindergarten Info Night



Head to your home elementary school

7 p.m., Thursday, January 18.

Grosse Pointe Public School System

Middle School Info Night



Head to your home middle school

7 p.m., Tuesday, January 16

Holiday Craft Fair



Thank you to all for supporting the 2017 Holiday Craft Fair. Maire Bears love to kick off the holiday season with this tradition!



Maire Instrumental Holiday Concert



RECESS RULES



A few snow rules for recess play

- * Students must have snow pants and boots to play on the field or wood chips. No boots or snow pants? Then stay on the blacktop. Children get too wet if they roll in the snow without boots or snow pants.
- * Snow is only thrown at our target, located on the fence by the baseball diamond.

A BIG thank you to Kenny and Mr. MacLean for refurbishing our playground target. We now can play with snowballs safely!



Parents for
Unity in Diversity

Next Meeting: Thursday January 18th
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Maire Elementary

Topic: How do we talk about difference

Ginni Winters Facilitator



**Maire
Bears of
all ages
love to
Code!**



specials

 <p>Mr. Heenan</p>	<p>Kindergartners brought home clay snails and shoe print necklaces, made snow globes from a styrofoam print, and finished Native American tipis. First graders painted foxes in the snow. Some Second graders are finishing papier mache pencils and crayons or cardboard cameras, and starting a cardinal in the snow. Third graders made styrofoam print cities printed onto painted backgrounds and are beginning a holiday bulb drawing. Fourth graders finished clay food and starting prints for a POP ART project. And fifth graders completed clay piggy banks and painted optical illusions.</p>
 <p>Ms. Kefgen</p>	<p>We just wrapped up our bowling activities in time for the Reindeer Games! The whole school is divided into 5 colored teams (red, yellow, green, blue, and purple) and compete during P.E. time in different winter-themed games for points. Good behavior can also add points for their teams in and out of the gym if another adult witnesses some good deed doing, so our little Reindeer have been on their best behavior. Good luck to all of our students as they compete in the 2017 Reindeer Games!</p>
 <p>Mrs. Hermon</p>	<p>Kindergartners, 1st and 2nd graders all prepared their parent packets for conferences. Kindergartners identified parts of a book and both read and sang nursery rhymes as part of our literature study. 1st graders reviewed parts of a book and the importance of a table of contents. 2nd graders hunted for copyright dates and explored the importance of mobile libraries around the world. Grades 3, 4 and 5 continue to have book checkout during Spanish rotation. We will resume their library lessons on January 24.</p>
 <p>Mr. Hipple</p>	<p>Thanks for coming to the Winter Concert on December 12. I'm so glad we avoided the snow days! That was the smoothest and most fun performance I've ever seen from Maire in December -- bravo to all participants! Morning Choir resumes on January 10. Lunch Choir resumes on January 4. Kindergartners have spent November and December working on basic rhythms using iconic notation and listening to texts for comprehension. 2nd Graders have been studying elements of a vocal score including measure numbers, directional markings, and types of notes. Fourth graders have been continuing their beginning recorder lessons.</p>
 <p>Srta. Zamudio and Sra. Grattan</p>	<p>Zamudio: Maison's third graders worked with common greetings and they helped me tell a story on how to greet others at different time of day. They are now working on describing their feelings and personality. Ms Moir's fourth graders have been exposed to different holidays in Peru and how to say the date in Spanish. They will tell you that there is a structure difference between saying the date in Spanish and in in English. We are practicing the date daily to keep our skills sharp. Mrs. Pearson's fifth graders learned about a few holidays in Spain and they are working on community places along with how to give and follow routes</p> <p>Grattan: All of our classes have been very active, with no shortage of charades, songs, and dances! Ms. Arbury's class has been working hard on Spanish class survival phrases, greetings, and describing how we feel and what we are like. Mr. Gross' fourth grade class has been working on saying the date in Spanish, and how to tell what our weather is like today. Fourth and fifth graders now begin their classes with by giving the date and the weather to keep our skills sharp! Ms. Bednarczyk's class started the year with an introduction to Spain, and survival phrases for Spanish class. More recently they have been studying sports and hobbies with the greater goal of talking about what we really like to do, and what</p>



The Great Kindness Challenge

Grosse Pointe Schools Takes The Great Kindness Challenge

All levels of Grosse Pointe Schools- including Barnes, nine elementary buildings, middle school groups and high school representatives and staff have all come together to participate in The Great Kindness Challenge, **January 22-26, 2018**. The Great Kindness Challenge is a positive, proactive bullying prevention initiative that reaches millions of students during the last week of January every year. GPPSS has added a community service project to engage in socially conscious leadership and to promote caring, compassion and collaboration to support others in need. Students and staff will be collecting items for **Kindness Care Kits** during the week of **January 22-26 2018**, which will be donated to the Crossroads Social Service Agency. Other activities related to kindness and to help promote a safe and caring school environment may also take place during the week and beyond. GPPSS is happy to be a part of The Great Kindness Challenge, which was created by the non-profit, **Kids for Peace**.

Please see the attachment to the right for the items needed from each grade.



The Great Kindness Challenge

Jan. 22-26, 2018

Please help create

KINDNESS CARE KITS!
(for Crossroads)

#OneGP

Barnes: **hats/gloves (children, adults, men/women)**

Pre K/Young 5s: **Gallon or quart size baggies**

Kindergarten: **Soap or Body Wash**

Grade 1: **Body Lotion**

Grade 2: **Toothbrushes**

Grade 3: **Toothpaste**

Grade 4: **Shampoo or Conditioner**

Grade 5: **Deodorant**

Staff/community: **Socks, Hats, Diapers**

THANK YOU for your kindness!

**ANNUAL PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL-
CONEY DINNER
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 18, 2018
6:00-7:30 PM**

**Pierce Middle School's Faculty,
Student Body and PTO Cordially Invite
5th graders and their parents to attend our
Coney Night, Exhibits, Club Activities,
Athletic Teams, Snacks by Life Skills,
Questions & Answers**

Coney Dog	\$3.00
Ice Cream	\$1.00
Pop	\$1.00
Water	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.00

***DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE BOOK FAIR IN
THE PIERCE LIBRARY 6:00-7:30 PM***

***Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @7:00 PM Pierce Auditorium***

ART CLASSES AND PIERCE ART CLUB- (Instructor: Mrs. Plieth) Art Club students will be available to talk with prospective students about many art classes offered at Pierce. Examples of student artwork, a slide show, and handout of classes will be available. Art Club is a great extension to the valuable learning experience students receive in the classroom.

ATHLETICS/ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB— (Athletic Coordinator: Mr. Williams) Receive information about basketball, track, volleyball, wrestling and swimming.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA— (Instructors: Mr. Gross, Mr. Takis) Literature will be available regarding our Pierce Band & Orchestra program and selections. Various student small ensembles (duets, trios, quartets) will provide live music throughout the evening as they prepare for Solo & Ensemble festival.

FRENCH & SPANISH—(Instructors: Mrs. Overs & Mrs. Turk) — Travel over to our table and learn about the world language courses offered at Pierce. Meet current language students and hear about their experience. Come see, taste and hear our languages!

GAME CLUB - (Jane Plieth) Yu-Gi-Oh? Pokemon? Magic: the Gathering? Do you play, collect, or trade collectable card games? How about chess, backgammon, or other traditional games? How does playing Wii games on a big screen sound to you? If any of these activities sounds like fun, the Pierce Game Club is for you!

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - (Instructor: Mr. Kotes) Examine samples of student constructed projects in 7 & 8 grade Woods & Metals. CADD Computer Aided Drafting Design drawings will be a part of the 6th grade Exploratory Program in Technology and you will receive an explanation of all the electives in this department.

LIFE SKILLS— (Instructor: Mrs. Dolle) Visit their table for a treat prepared by the Life Skills students and learn more about cooking, sewing, child care and lots, lots more! -

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - (Instructor: Mrs. Allan) Check out our exercise room, 'catch' a Wii Just Dance song, & see the swimming pool. Be Active... Get Fit... and have fun in this P.E. program that is designed for everyone.

PIERCE PTO— (PTO Renee Borowicz) Visit with members of the Pierce PTO and discover how to get involved in this very active parent group, and then shop for Pierce Spirit Wear.

VOCAL MUSIC - (Instructor: Ms. Albrecht) Visit with choir members and watch videos of previous Choir concerts, Show choir, and Pierce Musical Productions.

WPNC - (Instructor: Mrs. Stackpoole) Come see what WPNC is all about by viewing our monthly Pride Shows and daily newscasts. If you like telling stories through video photography, editing, being creative and having fun, then WPNC is just for you!

December

Students of the Month



Service

Mira H.
Kaylee T.
Kerra C.
Charlotte L.
Ruby B.
Graham V.
(not pictured)



Safety

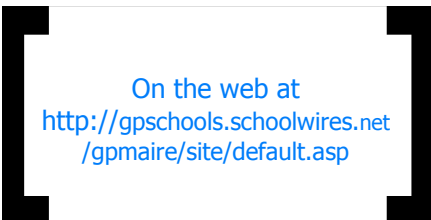
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Maire Mission Statement

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 every day