

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES...

Wednesday, December 21st

String Extravaganza - 7 pm - G.P. North H.S.

Thursday, December 22nd

Holiday Instrumental Concert - 1:15pm -Maire Gym

December 24th thru January 8th

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES...

Monday, January 9th

Classes Resume—Students Report 9:05 AM
GPPSS Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11th

Maire PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16th

NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17th

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

Thursday, January 19th

- 5th Grade Coney Night
@ Pierce Middle School - 6:00
- 2016-2017 Kindergarten Parent
Info Night - 7:00 p.m.

Please see posted flyer for more info.

Monday, January 23rd

Hungry Howie Fundraiser Night - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 26th

Multi-Age Information Night-6:00 p.m.@ Trombly

Friday, January 27th

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
All Day Staff Development

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 2017 / 2018

In Michigan, according to Public Act 198 of 2012, children must be FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2017, TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017-18 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 19, 2016 @ 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, 2017.

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!

Please take the following steps to be eligible for the Young Fives lottery that will take place on April 17, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call 313-432-3044.

PRE-SCHOOL

Program Offerings for the 2017-2018 School Year:

- Full Day Infant, Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K: 7:15 am-6:00 pm, located at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.
- Full Day Preschool: 7:15 am - 6:00 pm, located at Barnes and Monteith.
- Full Day Pre-K: 7:15 am-6:00 pm, located at Barnes, Ferry, Maire, 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!

Michelle Szymanski 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. Bednarczyk's 5th grade class with 100 Box Tops! Way to go Mrs. Bednarczyk's class!

Who will be the top collecting classroom in January?



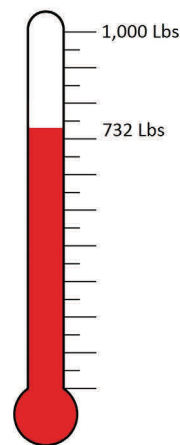
Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 5,186 already collected! Keep clipping over the break and send in those Box Tops for January!

STUDENT COUNCIL

GLEANERS

Maire students collected a remarkable 732 pounds of donations for Gleaner's Community Food Bank.

We surpassed last year's total by almost 200 pounds!



LOST & FOUND

Please be sure to check our Lost & Found. Any items remaining during the winter break **will be donated to charity.**

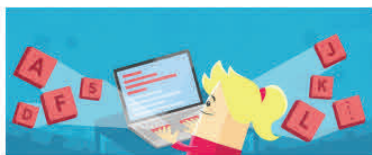




Happy New Year's from your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

Try some of these websites with your students! You will be surprised how long students will stick with these 3 keyboarding games and how quickly they master the keyboard. Bad habits start early so consider using these websites with even the youngest elementary students. The last 2 websites are kid-appropriate Internet search engines.



[Dance Mat Typing](#) Website - No subscription required. There are four levels to play, each divided into three stages. Students start by learning the home row keys. Each stage builds on previous lessons, gradually introducing new letters.



[Super Hyper Spider Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. There are 3 levels to play. Students strengthen their keyboarding skills and save the spider from the hungry chameleons.



[Popcorn Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. Students can select from 3 different levels and focus on home row keys, upper and lower keys. Once they've mastered this level, they can challenge themselves with 3 and 4-letter words.



[KidRex](#) searches emphasize kid-related webpages from across the entire web and are powered by Google Custom Search™ and use Google SafeSearch™ technology to check keywords, phrases, and URLs.



[KidsClick](#) KidsClick is owned and run by the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University and was originally created by a group of librarians in an effort to guide their young users to valuable and age appropriate web sites. Advantage: No advertisements Be advised: This is not a filter.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Danielle Gostonski: Kerby, Mason, Poupard
- Amy Hermon: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Sherry Martin: Ferry, Mason, Poupard
- Cheryl Quinlan: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Rachel Walpole: Defer, Richard, Trombly



Holiday Craft Fair

Thank you to all for coming out and having fun at The 2016 Holiday Craft Fair.

So many are involved, helping with providing joy to the families attending and making the event a success.

To Mr. Flora, the staff and teachers, all the parent volunteers and older siblings who lent a hand, used a drill press/chain saw, deigned, shopped, prepped, taught crafts and cleaned up: I am extending a **HUGE** heartfelt Thank You!!!

We have an amazing community here. So proud to be part of the Maire Family!

Michelle Harr



Kid's Club stuffed animal exchange for the holidays

Camp Howell 2016



RECESS RULES



A few snow rules for recess play

- * Students must have snow pants and boot 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.

This week and last week , some of our Maire students have been revisiting (or learning!) how to code. The children LOVE this fun learning opportunity, and they are all embracing the new possibilities that come with learning Computer Science. Ask your son/daughter about coding, and have them show you at home! It is a great Holiday break activity. Visit <https://code.org>

Every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science

Take the diversity pledge | I agree | Join 1,735,348 others

Hour of Code	Students	Educators	Advocates
Anybody can learn. Start today	Explore our courses	Teach your students	Support diversity in computing
Try the Hour of Code	Try Code Studio	Elementary school	See the stats
Host an Hour of Code	Find a local class	Middle school	Get involved
339,249,511 served	Other online courses	High school	T-shirts, hats, & more



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HOURL of CODE

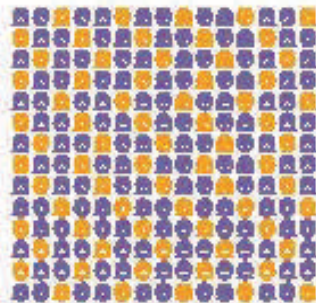
Try a one-hour tutorial designed for all ages in over 45 languages. Join millions of students and teachers in over 180 countries starting with an Hour of Code.

Want to keep learning? [Go beyond an hour](#)

Teachers: [Host an hour](#) or [read the How-To Guide](#)

The Incredible Hour of Code movement:

1 in 3 students in US schools have tried an Hour of Code.



Over 100M students have participated at 77,000 events worldwide.



More girls have tried computer science than in the last 70 years.



Celebrities, tech visionaries, and even the President

- Every Apple Store in the world hosted an Hour of Code.
- President Obama wrote a line of code with students at the White House.
- The movement has been featured on Google, YouTube, Yahoo!, Bing and Disney homepages.
- Celebrities Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Alba and tech leaders Sheryl Sandberg, Bill Gates and Jack Dorsey talked with classrooms in live video chats.



Together, we can fix the diversity gap in computer science

By exposing both girls and boys to fundamental computing concepts on a level playing field, starting with the earliest learners, we can inspire today's generation of students to build technology.

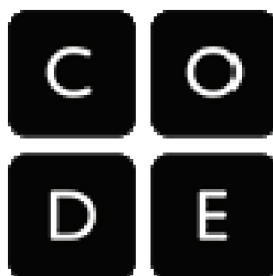
Almost half of all Hour of Code participants are girls. 35% of participants are black or Hispanic.*

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On average, computer science classes are only 18% female and 8% black or Hispanic.

"I have **never**, ever seen my students so excited about learning."
— Michael Clark
Teacher

Over 300 partners have come together to support this grassroots campaign, including DonorsChoose.org, The College Board, Microsoft, Google, Salesforce, The Walt Disney Company, Target, Teach for America, Khan Academy and more.



HOUR
OF
CODE

December

Students of the Month



Service

Colin H.
Marco C.
Elsa B.



Safety

Davis L.
Blake J.
Matthew L



Service

Graham G.
Katie N.
Samantha M.

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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*