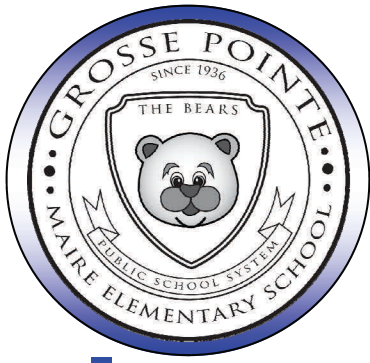




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Dear Maire Families,

Happy End of the School Year! Maire students and staff are celebrating our many accomplishments this year. We are proud of the high achievement being shown by our students on end of year NWEA reading and math tests. We look back fondly at lung dissections, electricity projects, gardening, knitting, Living Museums and Talent Shows. All of these projects make Maire a special, welcoming place to learn.

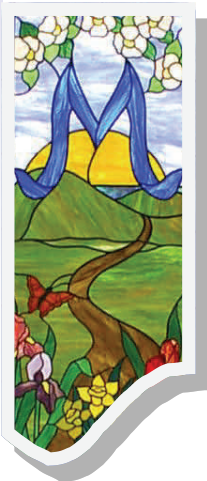
Tomorrow night, June 1st, is our PTO Multi-Cultural Ice Cream Social. Come learn about countries of the world from our fifth grades, see some dancing, hear some music, and enjoy the delicious desserts made by our own Maire families. We will still have Wally's custard and the bounce houses, too. The fun begins at 6:00 pm.

We reflect upon the generosity of the Maire community in donating to multiple charities, such as Gleaners Food Bank, the March of Dimes, and the American Heart Association. We appreciate our Maire PTO for supporting our fifth graders at camp, funding buses for field trips, and sponsoring assemblies like Jump with Jill, and our Halloween Magic Show.

Classes will conclude the school year by celebrating with end of year field trips, PBIS parties, special projects and picnics. All of these end-of-year happenings could not take place without the combined efforts of teachers and parents working together for the common goal of educating ALL our students here at Maire. We treasure the partnership that we have between school and family.

Have a wonderful end of the school year.

Sonja Franchett



IMPORTANT MAY DATES . . .

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

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

IMPORTANT JUNE DATES . . .

Thursday, June 1st

- Ms. Neely's Class to SOC - 9:30 - 12:30
- Maire PTO Ice Cream Social & Diversity Desserts
Maire Gym & Playground - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, June 2nd
Kdg. To Upland Hills Farm / 8:30-2:30

Monday, June 5th
Ms. Neely's Living Museum - Library 9:00 am
Maire Choir Party / 3:45- 6:00 pm Gym

Tuesday, June 6th
• Ms. Neely's Class to Weir House / 8:45 - 12:30

Wednesday, June 7th
• Mrs. Brauer's Class to Weir House 8:45 - 12:30
• Gr. 1 Class Picnic 12:30-3:30 PM @ Patterson Park
• Maire PTO Mtg. - 7:00 pm / Teacher's Lounge

Thursday, June 8th
• 5th grade to visit Pierce 10:30—11:15 am
• Service/Safety/Student Council Celebration
12:30-3:30 PM @ Okulski Theater

Friday, June 9th
• End of Card Marking
• Gr. K Class Picnic 12:45-3:00 PM @ Patterson Park

Monday, June 12th
• Grades 2 & 3 Class Picnic
11:30 AM—3:15 PM @ City Park
• GPPSS Board Mtg. - 7:00 pm / GPN Lib.

Tuesday, June 13th
• 3rd Grade Michigan TasteFest
12:45 - 2:00 / classrooms
• Grades 4 & 5 Class Picnic
11:30-3:00 @ City Park

5th GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

The 5th grade promotion ceremony is on Wednesday, June 15th at 9:00 AM. Invitations were sent home with students this week. Please send back your response on Monday, June 6th, if you have not already done so. Thank you to all of the parents that have worked tirelessly to make the promotion ceremony a memorable one for the students!



Please note due to space constraints, there is a 2 person guest limit for each 5th grade student. Parents can plan on arriving between 8:45 AM and 9:00 AM. There will be a table to sign in at the parking lot door. The ceremony begins about 9:00 AM. Students will do a final walk through the building at 11:15 AM. Parents are welcome to stay for that, too. Students can be dismissed with their parent after the walk through.

IMPORTANT JUNE DATES . . . (Cont'd)

Wednesday, June 14th
5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:00 AM—Maire Gym
AM School Only—Students Dismissed 11:36 AM

Thursday, June 15th
Awards Assembly @ 10:00 AM
Last Student Day—Students Dismissed 11:36 AM

Monday, June 26th
GPPSS Board Mtg - 7:00 pm Brownell

 **Summer Vacation**



MEDICATION POLICY

Medication forms are required annually to administer any medication, including over the counter medications provided by parents or guardians.

We are notifying you of this change 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, inhaler, 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 new form is now 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.

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.

MAIRE CULTURAL CORNER

Mark your calendars...



Maire PTO
Ice Cream Social & Diversity Desserts

Thursday, June 1st
6-8 PM
Maire Gym & Playground

Don't miss the fun! There will be inflatables, Wally's Custard, desserts from around the world, dance troupes, world music, 5th grade Expo display, Maire artwork on display, activity & information booths.



PBS CELEBRATION—MAY

The monthly incentive party for May is Extra Recess! Students will enjoy extra playtime outside!



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

MANDATORY ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Is your e-mail current with the school district? Like our secondary schools, the elementary schools have mandatory online registration for all Grosse Pointe Public School students.

Information will be coming to you the last week of July via your current e-mail that is on file with the school district.

If you need to update your e-mail with the school district, log in to **ParentPortal** and click on “My Information” in the upper right corner.

You can also e-mail ParentConnect@gpschools.org from your email we have on file, or call 313-432-3131 from the phone number in our records so we can verify who you are, and provide:

- your name
- child's name
- present school name and
- your old and new e-mail address as soon as possible.

If you do not have an email address or access to a computer, please contact the school office at 313/432-4300.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is excited to announce the adoption of Flash the Bald Eagle and Homer the Sloth.

Flash



Homer



After a very successful fundraiser, our school was able to adopt the two animals at the Detroit Zoo.

For their final project of the year, Student Council is sponsoring a Kindness Campaign, encouraging everyone to spread kindness! We hope many of our Maire students will be “caught being kind”!

MARCH OF DIMES WRAP UP

The 2017 March of Dimes Reading Champions program was a great success!

Since 1998 Maire has raised \$98,564.84 for the March of Dimes. Amazing job Maire Bears! We had a fantastic assembly to celebrate the 148 children who participated.

Congratulations to the following children who were the top earners and readers in their grades: **Hannah Brownsberger, Virginia Edgerton, Carson Ahee (also School Top Earner), Mary Chesterton, Clara Johnson, Charlie Chittenden, Zachery Markijohn, Emma Truza, Graeme Neal, Gaia Sperone (also School Top Reader), Jackson Montague, Charlotte Van Arragon, Steven Zrimec, Brynn Collins, Cecile Walsh & Blake Jordan!** Great job to all the winners!

Reading Champions could not occur without Sonja Franchett, Conni Karpinski, Michelle Kramer, Brooke Bertolini, George Flora, and the Maire teachers and staff who promote the program. Heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to this worthwhile cause and program. And of course a huge thank you to the March of Dimes committee chair, Mrs. Kari Adams! This program would not be a success without the effort of our wonderful parent volunteers!

Keep reading and raising funds to help babies born early!



BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN

May Box Tops Winners:
Mrs. VandeVusse's Kindergarten class with **296** Box Tops!!!



Box Tops Year End Wrap Up

We collected a total **10,923** Box Tops and met our goal! That's a total of \$ 1,092.30 for Maire School! Way to go Maire!!!!

The classroom with the highest Box Top collection for the year is Mrs. Maison's class, with a collection of 710 box tops . They have earned the year end Popsicle party! Way to go!

You can still turn in Box Tops from now until the last day of school. They won't be counted toward the class totals, but we will still send them in.



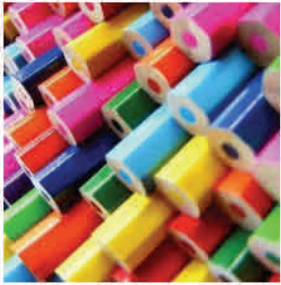
Don't Forget



MEDICATION PICK-UP

It is district policy that ALL medication be picked up by an adult at the end of the school . Any medication left after June 17th will be discarded. Please make arrangements to have an adult pick up your child's medication by the end of the school year.

specials



Mr. Heenan

Kindergartners are finishing up the year with some portrait work. First graders finished up fish, robots, and are working on one more Asian project based on Stillwater from the Zen children's series. Second graders finished up birds and self portraits, and van Gogh Sunflowers. Third graders are finishing Mayan masks, paper mosaics, and collographs. Fourth graders did an outstanding job on Pop Art words. And fifth graders are working on foil relief of Detroit sports legends. One final self portrait is in the works.



Mr. Williams

Students in grades 1st thru 5th are finishing The National/Presidential Physical Fitness Event. The final portion [endurance] is the mile run which will be run just before and after field day. This is each student's own competition which allows them to compare their scores with the rest of the nation in the five components of physical fitness. Kindergartners are practicing for next year. Students will also be participating in games such as The Indy 500, Home Run Derby, and Relays. Relays will be the final event during our track season which covered sprinting, running, jogging and speed walking.



Mrs. Hermon

Kindergartners are comparing variations of storybook favorites and Aesop Fables. 1st graders studied different storybook variations, nonfiction text features and understanding infographics. 2nd graders accessed online encyclopedias to investigate topics of their choice and practiced smart and selective highlighting. We also interpreted infographics. 3rd graders worked in teams to solve library mysteries and review the importance of cyber safety. 4th graders and 5th graders accessed online newspapers and magazines for research. 4th graders accessed the online card catalog (OPAC) to locate library resources in 17 libraries and used the World Book online database for research. 5th graders learned to access online magazines and newspapers for research and evaluate websites for authority and accuracy. All grades wrapped up the year sharing good summer reading habits.



Mr. Hipple

Another successful year in the music room -- two challenging concerts that taught our students all about long term projects. Start to finish, a concert is work! The reward/performance is nice, but it's the responsibility and patience you learn along the way that makes it really worth it. I hope you enjoyed being in the audience! Students are finishing up the year with our final vocal assessments and our traditional orchestra instrument review: "Cookie Bingo!" 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, talk to me if you want to register for Summer Choir -- August 15-19 -- gpschools.schoolwires.net/choir.



Maire PTO Ice Cream Social & Around-the-World Desserts

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

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your family!

Featuring...

- Inflatables
- Wally's Sundae Bar (\$3)
- Face Painting
- Maire Artwork on Display
- Water (\$1)
- Glimmis Reflectors (\$5)
- World Music
- Desserts from Around-the-World
- Cultural Dance Troupes (Mexican & Polish)
- 5th Grade International Expo Exhibits
- Activity and Informational Booths

Tickets required for the Wally's Custard, Water, and Glimmis. Will be sold at the event.

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Secure a sitter for another fabulous night hanging out
and getting to know your fellow Maire parents!
This is a Maire PTO Fundraiser event.

Here's how the fun night works:

- 1) Everyone arrives at the First House for drinks and appetizers. Dinner house assignments will be given out.
- 2) Next, we all *progress* in smaller groups to our assigned Second House for a catered Dinner.
- 3) Everyone *progresses* on to the Last House for dessert and drinks.

To help with our planning, if you are interested in serving as a Dinner Host House, please contact Sarah Teachey via email, text, or phone: srteachey@gmail.com or 757-897-7757. Please note: you don't need to cook anything! Food and drinks will be delivered to your house!

Info on how to purchase tickets will be sent out when we return to school in the September.

Tickets will be \$30/person & \$60/couple: includes appetizers, drinks, dinner and dessert.

Save the Date on your calendar today!

FIELD DAY 2017



**Mr. Williams, you
will be missed by
so many !**



**Mrs. VandeVusse
had a great time
with her K kids
on her last Field
Day. Come back
to see us !**



Maire PTO Bike Crawl

**Celebrate another successful year with a
fun bike crawl, drinks and laughs!**



**Saturday, June 10th at 7pm.
Starting at Maire.**

**Registration includes 1
drink ticket at each of the
three stops!**

**\$25 per person or \$45 per
couple.**

**Payment through the Maire PTO
store or checks make payable to
Maire PTO.**

Payment due June 6th.

Participants Name(s): _____

Contact email: _____

Individual tickets _____ **Couple Tickets** _____ **Total paid** _____

2016-2017 SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST

The 2017-2018 suggested school supply list will soon be posted to our website. The PTO School Supplies Made Easy program is in the works. Look for a flyer to come home with students soon.

LOST AND FOUND—REMINDER

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, please be sure to check our lost and found table and lockers for missing items. Items left after June 16th will be donated to a local charitable organization.

May Students of the Month Congratulations



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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