



MAIRE ELEMENTARY • Sonja Franchett, Principal

One GP-where *everyone* learns *everyday*.

September 28, 2016

Dear Maire Families,

September is coming to an end. Maire students have enjoyed the many sunny recesses this month. Research demonstrates the importance of physical activity for a healthy mind, as well as body. Students learn best when they have daily opportunities for exercise. As a school, we continue to stress our "Maire Bear Necessities" for all students on the playground: Respect, Responsibility, Safety. This includes being helpful and inclusive to all students. Maire children use the Buddy Bench to help ensure that all students are able to play with a friend. Skills for playing in a safe manner are stressed daily in our classroom instruction. Problem-solving, using the de-bug system, learning and practicing safety rules, and discussing ways to get along in groups are all taught to students as part of our PBIS program.

This week the students were happy to have "Dr. Recess" visit our school, courtesy of our Maire PTO. Dr. Curt Hinson, recess researcher and expert from the state of Delaware, presented two assemblies to our students, and assisted with recess games during the lunch hour. Students learned a variety of new games stressing active participation and cooperation, as well as fun competition. We will be following up this recess experience with some new or re-purposed equipment, and some short learning videos to help students enjoy themselves during recess, and to continue playing these new games. We may eventually be looking for parent volunteers to do some painting on our blacktop, to assist in the structure and organization of the games. Find out more about Dr. Recess' philosophy by visiting his website: www.playfiteducation.com

In addition to the Dr. Recess games we will be using, students are also playing on the equipment, using the Gaga Court, playing sports on the field, running around (NOT Tag), enjoying 4-Square, as well as basketball, jump ropes, and sidewalk chalk. There are many options for recess. Ask your child about his/her recess preferences and experiences. Consider volunteering for lunchroom duty once a month, so that you can also observe and help out with recess. We appreciate your involvement!

Every "late-start Monday," teachers spend time in Professional Learning Communities. (PLCs) During these sessions, teachers work together in teams to assess their students' skills, to better plan for differentiated instruction. NWEA tests, Fountas and Pinnell Reading tests, and GP Writing tests, are all part of this process. This year, our grade 3-5 students will again be using a math program, WOWZERS, to help with individualized skill instruction to supplement classroom teaching and our Everyday Math lessons. Students in grades K-2 are able to enrich their math skills on Reflex and Fastt Math computer programs, and practice their reading with RAZZ Kids. Students can utilize these programs on both computers and hand-held devices, from home or at school.



We look forward to another rewarding school year!
Happy Fall,

Sonja Franchett

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES...

Saturday, October 1st
PTO Progressive Dinner—6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 5th
Student Count Day
National Walk to School Day

Friday, October 7th
South Homecoming Parade
Maire Parking Lot—6:00 pm

Monday, October 10th
GPPSS Board Mtg. - 7 PM @ Brownell

Wednesday, October 12th
Cyber Safety Assembly *in the afternoon*
Maire PTO Meeting—7:00 pm

Thursday, October 13th
Camp Howell STUDENT Meeting—2:00 pm
Camp Howell CHAPERONE Meeting—6:15 pm
Camp Howell PARENT Meeting—7:00 pm

Monday, October 17th
Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Night - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23rd
PTO Fundraiser
"Mr. Williams' Haunted Garage"
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday-Friday, October 26th-28th
5th Grade Howell Nature Center Trip

Monday, October 31st
AM School Only—Students Dismissed 11:36 am
PM Staff Development

Friday, November 4th
Picture Retake Day & Group Pictures

Tuesday, November 8th
Election Day—No School

MR. WILLIAMS' HAUNTED GARAGE

It's that time of year again. Mr. Williams will have his famous Haunted Garage open for Maire students Sunday, October 23rd from 6-9 P.M. All grades, Pre-K thru 5, are welcome!



Don't miss this year's new displays and scenes! The cost is \$10.00 per person and students must be accompanied by a paying adult. Proceeds go to the Maire PTO. Check out the web page. Go to

www.hauntedgarageproductions.org.

HALLOWEEN , OCTOBER 31

The children are sure to be planning already for the big day. The following are some reminders to assist you in your planning:

- Toy weapons are not allowed.
- Violent costumes or make up are not allowed.
- Masks should not be worn on the way to school for safety's sake.
- Google "homemade costume for kids" if you are looking for easy, costume ideas. You have the ingredients at home for making Halloween fun and creative!



Our schedule is as follows:

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| • 9:05 AM | Entry Bell |
| • 9:15 AM | Parade Begins |
| • 9:45 AM | Assembly |
| | <i>Spooktacular Show!</i> |
| • 10:30 –11:30 AM | Classroom Parties / Recess |
| • 11:36 AM | Dismissal |

MICHIGAN WEATHER



Students need to dress appropriately for the cold-warm/snowy-rainy days ahead, (ie; heavy/spring coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, rain/snow boots and pants.) Our Michigan weather can **fluctuate substantially in a day.**

Students remain inside only when it is raining or the wind chill is below 0 °.

GP SOUTH HOMECOMING PARADE

On Friday, September 30th, Grosse Pointe South High School's Homecoming Parade will assemble in our parking lot from 4:00-6:00 PM. Please be sure to vacate the parking lot by 4:00 PM. Parents picking up students from Kids' Club may use the lot off the alley until access by Cadieux is closed for the parade. After that, please park along Notre Dame or use the city lots. Parents, you may want to walk your children up here to look at floats before the parade. It's pretty neat!



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Mark your calendars: Picture Retake Day is Friday, November 4th. Pictures will be taken beginning at 8:45 am until finished.



If you missed picture day... please bring in your picture envelope WITH payment November 4th at 8:25 AM. There are additional picture envelopes available in the office. PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED.

If you are not satisfied ...with your pictures and would like them retaken please return your COMPLETE picture package to the photographer on re-take day.

PRE-PAY FOR YOUR LUNCH TODAY

The price of a hot lunch is \$2.75 (includes milk). Parents are encouraged to pre-pay for lunches by putting money in their child's lunch account. You can pre-pay for lunches using PayPal online through Parent Connect with NO processing fees. This is the most secure form of payment. Checks can be dropped off in the school office (checks must be made payable to Grosse Pointe Food Services).

Pre-paying eliminates long lines (*especially on pizza day*), lost money and stress (*especially in our younger students*). Please note whether your child(ren) purchases hot lunch once a week, three times a week or only on occasion - it is easiest and most convenient to pre-pay online.

ATTENDANCE LINE 432-4301

Please be sure to call our attendance line at 432-4301 with all absences/late arrivals by 8:45 am. The attendance line is a dedicated line and available 24 hours/7 days a week. If you know of a future absence (*trip, appointment, etc.*) please let the office know with a phone call or note as soon as possible.

Your cooperation will save a considerable amount of time spent calling to locate the student. We appreciate all your efforts helping us keep your children safe.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS



We are still in need of Kindergarten parent volunteers during lunchtime. Teachers have calendars for parents to sign up one day a month, once a week, or any day they choose. It is very important for the safety and supervision of the students to have parent volunteers along with our staff. Everything is always more safe with extra eyes and ears!! We are hopeful to have at least one parent in each kindergarten class during the lunch hour.

MAIRE DIVERSITY CORNER

Maire Diversity Committee

Vision Statement:

"Our vision is to make diversity and inclusion a way of life for the Maire School Community."



UPCOMING: PARENTS FOR
UNITY IN DIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 6:30 PM MAIRE LIBRARY

Ms. Ginni Winters from Wayne RESA will help facilitate our meeting.

Come to learn more about how parents in the GP Schools are helping students navigate their way in our diverse world. Together, parents select topics to discuss related to multiculturalism, race, religion, special learning needs, family backgrounds or origin, language learning, health and nutrition, or any other topic of interest. Bringing people together to talk about differences builds community! Please join us. Elementary parents from all nine elementary schools in GP are welcome.

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

National Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 5th. This is a great event where children (and parents) are encouraged to walk to school-rain or shine. We will have local representatives from the fire and police department as well as district administrators to make this a special morning for the students.



Please bring any gently used elementary sized shoes / boots or outerwear for donation to the Bunche Preparatory Academy in Detroit. These items can make the walk to school better for some of our Detroit neighbors.



TECHNOLOGY

Maire PTO & School have purchased 12 new Chromebooks for use with our 5th grade students.

We are excited about our new technology!



ART CLASS NEWS—GRADES K-5



Parents, please be sure your child's art smock is at school by October 1st.

Soon the students artistic talent will be decorating the halls of Maire school.

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY...



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PBS CELEBRATION-SEPTEMBER

The monthly incentive party for September is extra recess 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**



BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN



This month's classroom winner is Ms. Moir's 4th grade class with 226 Box Tops! Way to go Ms. Moirs' class!

Who will be the top collecting classroom in October?

Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 792 already collected we are off to a great start. Keep clipping and sending in those Box Tops.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

We are all getting back into the routine of school. It is important for students to be at school on time, in their seats, and ready to learn at the time of instruction: 9:10 on Mondays and 8:25 T-F.

Students that start the day off on schedule will have a more productive day of learning.

SUMMER LEARNING CARNIVAL

This event was a huge hit thanks to all of our parent volunteers and students who completed their Summer Bridge Learning assignments!

Thank you to all the volunteers that so wonderfully dedicated their time to this event! We could NOT have done it without their help! We also want to thank our Maire PTO for providing the food, Mr. Williams for allowing us to use his gym and gym equipment, and Mr. George for setting up and cleaning up!!

LIBRARY / MEDIA

The Library is in full swing and book check out has begun. The students have been sure to mention their favorite books as Mrs. Hermon compiles a wish list of books to purchase. Library lessons have focused on check out procedures, book care and fiction genres. Parents who would like to try some age-appropriate websites which strengthen reading, math and K – 5 keyboarding skills can visit Mrs. Hermon's website at:

<http://mrshermonslibrary.weebly.com/>

BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

9:05 AM	Entry Bell
9:10 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:56-12:44	Lunch/Recess
12:46 PM	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM	Dismissal

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

8:20 AM	Entry Bell
8:25 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:36-12:24	Lunch / Recess
12:26 PM	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM	Dismissal

STUDENT COUNCIL



The 2016-2017 Maire Student Council, with the leadership of Mrs. Kristy Evans and Mrs. Ann Wilkins (3rd grade) will be looking for service projects in our community, state & world to participate in.

UNICEF

Student Council will be running a UNICEF campaign this coming Halloween season.



Maire PTO Sponsors:
Holiday Gifts with Colors In Clay!
Working with Glass and Wet Clay!!

Oct. 14, 21 & Nov. 11

all three dates are included!
Space is Limited. Don't miss out!

During Lunch-Time Recess
in the Art Room
just \$40

ColorsInClay@gmail.com



Fifth grade students, Michelle Szymanski, Jackson Voeltz, and Ian Dvorch, pose proudly before Maire School's brand new portrait of George Washington. The "Father of His Country" portrait is a full-size replica of Rembrandt Peale's original work painted in 1824. This famous painting, often referred to as the "Porthole Portrait," was given to Maire School this past summer by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Stop by to see this beautiful new portrait in our Library Lab!

PTO CORNER

What a great start to the 2016- 2017 school year! The PTO thanks all who came to the Welcome Back to School Picnic/Coney Night. It was fun and is a great tradition to kick off the school year and meet some new Maire families.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who offered their valuable time so far this year!!! As a result of your help during the first month of school alone the PTO either sponsored or assisted with the following events and fundraisers for our children: School Supplies Made Easy; Welcome to School Coffee; Summer Bridge to Learning Carnival; Welcome Back to School Picnic; New Family Orientation; Hungry Howies Night; Vision/Hearing Testing; Picture Day; and Dr. Recess Assembly. None of these events would be possible without your involvement. We are so grateful to all who donated your precious time, resources (dues, culinary skills/baked goods) and support to make these events and activities opportunities for our Maire students.

Thank you also to our Maire family members that gardened at school in September and those that assist our children during lunch and recess. A special thank you to our traffic line helpers. You've done a great job and we certainly appreciate you out there rain or shine keeping our children safe during the hectic school drop off and dismissal times. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and involved parents and extended family members at Maire.

There is still more fun ahead! In October look out for: Progressive Dinner; Walk to School Day; Fall PTO General Membership meeting (October 12th); Mr. Williams Haunted Garage; 5th Grade Camp; the Halloween Assembly & Parade; and more! If you are interested in volunteering for any upcoming events (we need your help!) please contact Meghan Parent at meghan.parent@gmail.com.

Don't forget! Some of the easiest ways to lend your support is to keep doing what you already do! Link Maire with your Kroger Rewards Card and Amazon account via AmazonSmile. It is free for you to participate in both of these programs which only take a few seconds and clicks to set up. Once you enroll or re-enroll annually in these programs the Maire PTO will receive a % of the money that you spend at these entities. Links to enroll in both of these programs are provided below.

Please also bring in your Box Tops and empty ink cartridges. Participating in these programs not only reinforces the importance of recycling by keeping us green but also earns the Maire PTO money and Staples rewards that we redeem throughout the year. Remember, you don't have to be a Maire Bear to participate, friends and family can help too.

Thank you again for your continued support. Best wishes to your families for a great fall.

Sincerely,

Lana Augspurger, PTO President

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Mr. Heenan

A warm welcome back to everyone! Kindergartners are starting with a primary color exercise followed by an introduction to all kinds of lines. First graders are creating a crayon and paper batik of an animal, bug or fish. Second graders are creating a scratchboard which they will turn into a vase. A heroic event is in store for them. Third graders are making a landscape filled with pattern. Fourth graders are finishing up paper sculptures in the style of Pablo Picasso. And fifth graders are completing Escher inspired tessellations.



Mr. Williams

What delightful children you have!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Within a few days the physical education program is off and running. I'll ask that parents check their child's gym schedule and help to remind them to wear their proper gym shoes on their gym day. If a child is not able to participate [illness or injury] I will need a note or email from the parent letting me know or from a doctor if there is an extended exclusion. I hope to see you all soon. Thank you so much for sending your children to Maire Elementary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Mrs. Hermon

It is so wonderful to see the children in the library again. Our kindergartners and new students to Maire received their brand new library cards. Please keep these at home and feel free to use them at any of the 3 public library branches. All K, 1st and 2nd graders started this year with important lessons about book care. We will also familiarize ourselves with the different areas of the library and how to be safe and respectful during our library visits. We will also practice expanding our reading interests and try new books!



Mr. Hipple

Welcome back to another exciting school year here at Maire! The music classes have all been busy learning routines and getting their voices back in shape for a busy year of singing, dancing, and music theory. The 2016-17 Maire Choir will be exploring common childhood dreams in "Nightmares and Dreamscapes." Third graders are studying the history of the Star Spangled Banner while also learning the song. Second graders are beginning to study solfege hand signs with the classic song "Do Re Mi." First graders are learning to follow written song lyrics during "Music Explosion!" Our Kindergartners are incredibly brave this year, and seem to have no fear of diving right in and learning to sing. Bravo! I look forward to seeing many parents throughout the year.



Srta. Zamudio

Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar 2016-2017. I have the pleasure of returning to Maire Elementary for the fourth year in a row. Third graders have started their first year in Spanish very well. We have covered greetings, numbers 1-30, and soon will begin with emotions. Fourth graders are learning how to count to 100 and are learning basic shopping vocabulary. Shortly they will learn how to tell time. Fifth graders started learning how to create Spanish/English dictionaries. They will put this skill into practice when we start looking into Gabriel Garcia Marquez literature



The following links will connect you with a broad spectrum of resources assembled by Michigan's Department of the Attorney General.

CSI Online resources

Sites & Apps, Warning signs, Safety tips

Online Safety Contract

Social Networking Discussion Questions & Action Plan

Instagram Resources

Twitter Resources

Facebook Resources



Please bring any gently used elementary sized shoes / boots or outerwear for donation to the Bunche Preparatory Academy in Detroit. These items can make the walk to school better for some of our Detroit neighbors.

Help your school celebrate the benefits of walking to school!

What does Walk to School Day do?

- Increases physical activity
- Reduces traffic congestion and protects the environment
- Provides awareness on how walkable and bikeable the community can be
- Teaches safe pedestrian and biking skills to kids

When: Wednesday October 5th —8 AM

Where: Maire Elementary School

Contact: Gina Gabel grennpage@gmail.com

Website: saferoutesmichigan.org

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Maire teachers welcome communication with parents. Do not hesitate to email, phone or write a note with your questions or concerns about your child's school progress and learning. If you wish to have a meeting with any teacher, please make arrangements with the teacher in advance. Teachers are not able to discuss your child's needs in the hallway during the instructional school day, as they are responsible for ALL students' safety and learning in their classroom. If you need assistance during the school day, please let the office staff help you.



Thank you!

Sonja Franchett

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget! Some of easiest ways to support Maire School/Maire PTO is to keep doing what you already do! Link Maire with your Kroger Rewards and your Amazon account. Both require no additional spending from you, just a few seconds and a few clicks to set up and as you make your regular purchases, Maire will receive a small % back. Or bring in your empty ink cartridges and we will recycle for you, it keeps us green and earns Maire some redeemable rewards at Staples. Remember, you don't have to be a Maire Bear to participate, friends/family can help too:

Kroger Rewards Link: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. In order to designate Maire as your charitable organization in Kroger's program for another year all participants must re-enroll for the 2016- 2017 school year. TIP: If you are having trouble logging in, ask Kroger to verify how your name is spelled in their system.

Amazonsmile Link: http://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/change/ref=smi_se_abtpo_change_cycsc

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support our Maire Bears every time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. Just start your shopping from smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon donates a portion of the purchase price back to the Maire PTO.

Ink Cartridge Recycling - bring in your empty/used ink cartridges and place in labeled bin by parking lot doors and we will recycle for you.

September



Students of the Month



Service

Michelle S.
Katie V.
Mimi M.

Recess Buddies

Michelle S.

Safety

Harper R.
Audrey M
Mira H.

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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

The Grosse Pointe Public School System mission - in partnership with students, staff, parent, and community members - is to challenge all students to realize their full potential by providing them with the highest quality educational program and instruction.

District Vision

One GP-where everyone learns *everyday*.