



One GP-where *everyone* learns every day.

September 27, 2017

Dear Families,

We are finishing up our first month of the new school year. Our school staff truly appreciates the support you show for our school. Already this month parents have donated time for lunchroom and playground supervision, as well as driving on field trips. Parents have volunteered in classrooms for learning support. They have also helped with Picture Day, Carnival of Learning, organizing PTO picnics and Back to School Night, as well as assisting students in the parking lot for Drop off and Pick Up. Many more opportunities for parent involvement will occur in the future. For ALL of the parent help we receive on a daily basis, throughout our school year, we are grateful. Thank you, parents!

Teachers have been busy this month assessing your children's learning levels. This is the basis for creating differentiated, engaging lessons for students. We are fortunate at Maire to have Chromebooks and/or iPads at every grade level, as well as classroom computers, to integrate technology into student learning. (The Maire PTO and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education have funded many of our devices.) This year, our grade 3-5 students will again be using a math program, ALEKS, to help with individualized skill instruction to supplement classroom teaching and our Everyday Math lessons. Students in grades K-3 use RAZZ Kids for reading instruction. Many other grade-specific apps and programs are utilized every day by Maire students. Please be sure to read your classroom newsletters to find out specific information about the technology programs your children are using.

Several of the schools in the Grosse Pointe District are now officially "Leader in Me Schools." While Maire is not yet "official" in this regard - the GP Foundation is funding schools a few at a time through this process - Maire students are used to being leaders throughout the school day. Student Council, Evergreen Helpers, Student Ambassadors, K-5 Buddies, and Announcement Helpers are all ways that our students provide leadership at school, to promote learning and community for our student body. We are always listening and receptive to other ideas, as well. Ask your child what leadership opportunities they have during the school day.



It has been a wonderful first month of school! We are looking forward to all the great months of learning and fun ahead.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather,

Mrs. Sonja Franchett

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES...

Friday, September 29th

- New Family Coffee- 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Klepp Residence
- South Homecoming Parade
Maire Parking Lot—6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4th

- Student Count Day
- National Walk to School Day
- Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Night - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6th

Student Council Spirit Shirt Day

Monday, October 9th

GPPSS Board Mtg. - 7 PM @ Brownell

Wednesday, October 11th

Maire PTO Meeting—7:00 pm

Thursday, October 12th

Camp Howell CHAPERONE Meeting—6:00 pm

Camp Howell PARENT Meeting—6:30 pm

Saturday, October 14th

PTO Progressive Dinner—6:00 pm

Saturday, October 21st

PTO Golf Outing

S.C.Shores Golf Club - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 22nd

PTO Fundraiser

"Mr. Williams' Haunted Garage"

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25th

Panera Fundraiser Night - 4-6 p.m.

Thursday October, 26th

Picture Retake Day & Group Picture

Tuesday, October 31st

AM School Only—Students Dismissed 11:36 am

PM Staff Development

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 1st - 3rd

5th Grade Howell Nature Center Trip

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 22nd from 6-9 P.M. All grades, 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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| • 8:20 AM | Entry Bell |
| • 8:35 AM | Parade Begins |
| • 9:00 AM | Assembly |
| | <i>Mad Science!</i> |
| • 10:00 –11:30 AM | Classroom Parties / Recess |
| • 11:36 AM | Dismissal |

MICHIGAN WEATHER

Even though we have had unusually warm 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 29th, 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 **Thursday, October 26th**. Pictures will be taken beginning at 8:45 am until finished.



If you missed picture

day...please bring in your picture envelope WITH payment October 26th 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 \$3.00 (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.

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.



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

National Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 4th. 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.



BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN

Our Box Tops for Education collection is off to a GREAT START!



This month's classroom winner is Mrs. Arbury's 3rd grade class with 345 Box Tops! Way to go Mrs. Arbury's class!

Who will be the top collecting classroom in October?

Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 2,998 already collected! WOW!

Keep clipping and sending in those Box Tops.



TECHNOLOGY

Maire PTO & School have added 17 new Chromebooks for use with our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students; and 8 new iPads for our 2nd graders.



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...

Follow us on
twitter

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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



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!



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, Miss Kefgen for allowing us to use her 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 2017-2018 Maire Student Council, with the leadership of Mrs. Kramer (Computer Lab) will be looking for service projects in our community, state & world to participate in.

Student Council will start by sponsoring a Michigan/Michigan State (or any team you root for!) Spirit Day on Friday October 6th. Wear your favorite team spirit wear, and donate \$1. All proceeds will go to Hurricane Relief!

Our Student Council will be having just a few fundraisers throughout the year. In addition, we will be focused on promoting Maire school spirit, being ambassadors, modeling responsibility & good behaviors for all students.



**PBS Summer Bridge Carnival
was a great way to celebrate the
end of the first week of school !**

Great job Maire Bears!



Colors in Clay!

Oct. 26, Nov. 8 & 15

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

During Lunch-Time Recess
In the Art Room

Watch for flyer



Coming
soon

PTO CORNER

Maire Directory

Please be on the look out this week for an email to confirm your information in the 2017-2018 Maire Directory.

We need confirmation from every family - thank you for taking care of the confirmation as soon as you receive it.

KEEPING GREEN

We have some new recycling guidelines for our students to practice this year.

All milk cartons can now be recycled, but we cannot accept any plastic bags.
Students will have an assembly on October 5th to learn more.



We have included a flyer in this newsletter as well.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES



YES

- Clean pizza boxes
- Clean garden plastics
- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse containers
- Leave caps on plastic bottles
- OK to leave staples, clips, labels, stamps, spiral bindings and metal fasteners on paper products



Newspaper
Remove bags, strings and rubber bands



Cardboard & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into pieces. No wax coated cardboard



Magazines & Catalogs
Any size magazine



Junk Mail
Envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards etc.



Office Paper
All types and sizes



Phone Books
All types and sizes



Paperboard
No wax coated paperboard



***Plastic Jugs/Bottles**
(#1 & #2)



***Household Plastic**
(#3-#7)
Empty containers only



Paper Milk or Juice Cartons
Empty cartons only



Pots & Pans
Kitchen cookware



***Aluminum Cans**
Empty cans only



***Steel & Tin Cans**
Empty cans only



***Clear and Colored Glass**
Empty containers only

NO

- Plastic bags
- Foam containers or products (Styrofoam)
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous waste



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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. Rockets and air balloons! First graders are creating a crayon and paper batik of a bug. Second graders learned a little about perspective, jumped in a car and headed down the highway. Third graders designed and painted robots. Fourth graders are working on a self portrait with a stained glass effect. And fifth graders are doing a point point perspective view of the world. **If your child does not have an old t-shirt to use as an art shirt please send one in with their name written right on it.** I only have so many extra.



Ms. Kefgen

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 and finding the "Just Right books". 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have explored our collection with "Scavenger Hunts" and Interest inventories. 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 2017-18 Maire Choir will be spending "A Night at the Opera," including music by Gilbert and Sullivan, Puccini, Queen, and musical numbers from Rent and The Phantom of the Opera. 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 "On Our Way To Awesome!" 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 and
Sra. Grattan

Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar 2017-2018. Srta. Zamudio and Sra. Grattan both have the pleasure of teaching at Maire this year! Sra. Grattan's fifth graders just learned a bit about the history and culture of Spain, which we will be tying into all of our units this year. In our current unit we are discussing sports and hobbies that we do and do not like. We are looking forward to working with the rest of our students after our library rotation. Please encourage your children to continue practicing their Spanish. Gracias!



It's Back to School time! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)



Podcasts can be a terrific way for adults and kids learn while listening. Listening to podcasts fosters imagination, focus, and comprehension. Podcasts are free, downloadable and portable. Episodes will can be serialized, much like old time radio programs or stand alone, allowing you to pick and choose those which interest you and your children. Subscribe to favorites and the latest episodes will populate your mobile app on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Check out [Common Sense Media](#) for a list of 20 podcasts for kids, preschool through teenagers. The following are some favorites for elementary students...



One of the newest podcasts to hit the scene, NPR's first show for kids is exactly the sort of engaging, well-produced content you would expect from the leaders in radio and audio series. Hosts Guy Roz and Mindy Thomas exude joy and curiosity while discussing the latest news in science and technology in a way that's enjoyable for kids and informative for grown-ups.



One of the first kids' podcasts to grasp podcasts' storytelling capabilities, this podcast is still going strong with kid-friendly renditions of classic stories, fairy tales, and original works. These longer stories with a vivid vocabulary are great for bigger kids past the age for picture books but who still love a good bedtime story.



With wacky episode titles such as "What if Legos were alive?" and "What if sharks had legs?," this series takes ridiculous "what if" questions submitted by young listeners and turns them into a new story every two weeks. Host Eric O'Keefe uses silly voices and crazy characters to capture the imaginations of young listeners with a [Mad Libs](#)-like randomness.



Kids are always asking seemingly simple questions that have surprisingly complex answers, such as "Why is the sky blue?" and "Who invented words?" This cute biweekly radio show/podcast takes on answering them. Each episode features several kid-submitted questions, usually on a single theme, and with the help of experts, it gives clear, interesting answers.



Often compared to a kid-friendly Radiolab, this podcast not only addresses fascinating topics but also tries to foster a love of science itself by interviewing scientists about their process and discoveries. The hosts don't assume that listeners have a science background -- but even kids who think they don't like science may change their minds after listening to this podcast.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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





October 4, 2017

**Maire Elementary School
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Ditch the car and walk to school!

We'll have police cars, a fire truck, healthy snacks
and a touch of fanfare to start the day off right!

**Please bring in gently used shoes and
boots to donate to children in need.**

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





DESTINATION IMAGINATION

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

TROMBLY LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 P.M.

DI provides opportunities for our children to think, take risks, and work together to solve common problems.

-Raymond Simon, Former
Deputy Secretary, US
Department of Education



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September



Students of the Month

Service

Mira Haurani
Olivia Barba
Clara Frisco
Kayley Turner

Safety

Tess Hodges
Luna Agosta (not pictured)
Kaitlyn DeGrand (not pictured)

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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 *every day*.