

Maple Avenue Middle School Newsletter

August-2011



Principal's News



Maple Avenue in the Summer...
The building has been buzzing over the summer with a variety of activities. Oh, do not worry, everyone is getting their needed vacations to recharge their batteries for this upcoming school year, but within the building there

have been organizational changes which will benefit the students. New staff members will be joining our faculty and we are excited to have them join our staff.
Mr. Steve McMaster - 6th Grade Guidance Counselor, Mr. Greg Gilbert - 8th Grade History

Eric Naylor-Principal
Chip Fissel-Assistant Principal

P-47 THUNDERBOLT



AUGUST 29TH, 2011 WELCOME BACK 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

BUILDING TOURS

(MAMS open for self guided tours for students/ parents)

August 22, 2011 5:30 – 8:30 pm

6th GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

Attention Parents of 6th Grade Students: You are invited to our Parent Orientation Meeting at Maple Avenue on **August 23rd @ 6:30 PM**. This meeting will give parents of 6th Grade Students insight into the structure of our Middle School and important information regarding 6th grade.

(Parents only- we please ask that no students attend)

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

September 8, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 pm

By attending the back to school night you will meet your child's teachers and have a better understanding of the expectations and responsibilities for the coming year. The open house program will last approximately two hours.

Please plan accordingly.

Student Schedules

Schedules will be distributed in homerooms on the 1st day of school. Homeroom lists will be posted on August 15th, in the lobby.

Teaming

Again this year, the building has been broken into five academic teams. There will be two sixth grade academic teams with all of their academic classes being located on the first floor. The seventh and eighth graders will be divided into three academic teams, located on the second and third floors. Regardless of the team, the Littlestown approved curriculum will be provided and followed for the given grade level of the student. We look forward to continued improvement and success from every education perspective through teaming.

Cafeteria—Point of Sale

We will again be utilizing the “Point of Sale” system, so parents are reminded that children will need money in their child’s account for them to purchase food. Parents are reminded that when they send a check to school for the POS account to please include the student’s first and last name as well as the student identification number on the memo line of the check. Student ID numbers are listed on your child’s schedule next to their name. Lunch prices are \$2.35. Checks may also be dropped off at the office prior to the start of school. On-Line Payment Service: Parents now have the ability to deposit money in their child’s POS account via MyNutriKids on-line prepayment system. For instructions on how to use this convenient option, click on the “Food Service” tab on the District website (www.lasd.k12.pa.us) and follow the links.

School Hours

Homeroom begins at 7:37 am. Any student who arrives after 7:37 will be tardy. Students who arrive early (7:10-7:30) should report to the cafeteria. A bell will sound at 7:30 to allow students to move to their homeroom. Students are dismissed at 2:31.

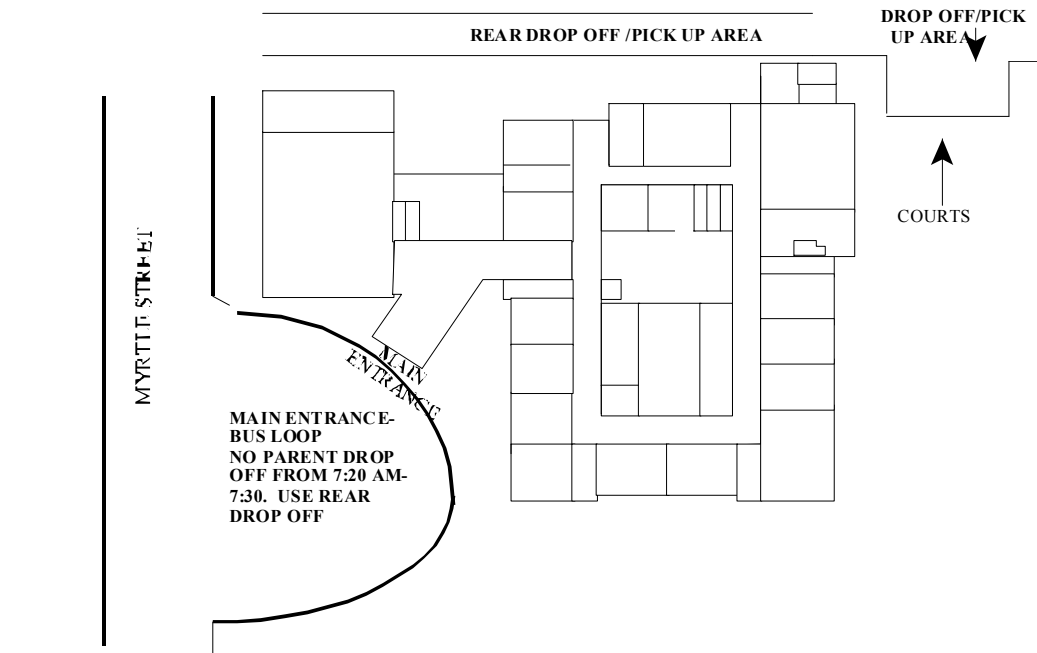
Student Arrival

Our parking lot is quite a busy place from 7:20 to 7:35 AM. Our buses use the front loop, therefore we ask you to please refrain from entering the front parking circle of the building between 7:20 and 7:35, when the buses are arriving. The side door will be open from 7:10-7:35 for student arrival; you can drop off conveniently at that location.

Building Drop Off

We appreciate your awareness of the time in avoiding the front of the building between 7:20-7:30. Buses will need to utilize the front loop for student drop off. We believe that those parents wishing to drop off behind the building may do so outside the entrance to the gymnasium. We would appreciate you avoiding Myrtle Street in getting to the drop off area. After School Pick Up will remain on the black top out back due to the large numbers of cars.

Thank You!



SWEL

Students Working for Excellence at Littlestown finished with a bang in 2010-2011 and that is exactly where we would like to pick up to begin this school year. In May, 2011, Maple Ave took approximately 350 students to Hershey Park as a reward for three different areas. Academics, behavior, and attendance are the three criteria in which students can earn a trip to Hershey Park as well as other incentives along the way. Each student starts off the year with 5 points per marking period. That gives everyone the possibility of earning a total of 20 points. Each student can keep those points given that they do not earn the grade of D or F in any of their core academics. Each D or F will result in a 1 point deduction from those criteria. Each student can earn 2 points if they exhibit positive behavior throughout the year. This means that if students do not receive an administrative detention or suspension from school, they will earn 2 points that marking period for behavior. Attendance is simply being here at school. Students will keep 1 point for coming to school, not being tardy, and having zero unexcused absences. In order for students to qualify for the trip to Hershey Park, they must earn a total of 18 points during the school year. Students will be apprised of their point totals at the end of each marking period. Let's have a great year. The date and cost of the trip will be communicated to everyone at a later date.

Also, we will be incorporating quarterly rewards as part of our SWEL program. During the past school year, our students participated in Bowling, Snowtubing, and Roller Skating. Students who are exhibiting positive behaviors will have the opportunity to participate in our reward assemblies and activities. Let's have a great year!

Dress Code

The following are dress code requirements, adopted by the Littlestown School Board in April 2004, for all students in the Littlestown Area School District:

The following conditions are required based on the district code as they pertain to taste and hygiene:

- Students may dress or wear hair in any fashion which suits their individual taste, provided such style is within reasonable limits of decency, morality, and propriety. Standards of cleanliness and
- Personal hygiene must be maintained.
- Any school dress which causes a safety hazard, is disruptive to the educational process, or could
- Damage to school property is prohibited. Examples include:
- Clothing with ornamentation, including chains, which could scratch or mark the furniture.
- Bare feet, stocking feet, bedroom slippers, or untied laced shoes.
- Clothing which displays slogans and/or pictures which are suggestive of the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, lewd or illegal behavior, or contain obscene language.

The following are conditions required to meet the district school dress:

- Tube tops, halter tops, low-cut blouses/dresses, and revealing tops are not permitted. No undergarments are to be exposed. The bottom of the shirt needs to touch the top of the pants.
- Shirts, dresses, blouses, and other upper garments must have a sleeve. No midriff shall be exposed.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, kulats, skorts, or garments with slits must be longer than mid-thigh or fingers, with arm and hand extended, whichever is longest. Any garment which is deemed to be too revealing or tight fitting will not be permitted. Transparent or sheer clothing is prohibited.
- Hats, caps, or distracting head wear is prohibited. (Exceptions: occasional classroom activities or school wide events may permit head wear although individual teachers may require removal of head wear during class time.)
- Pants must be worn at waist level.
- No garments intended to be worn as underwear may be worn as outerwear. (Examples: boxers, slips, bras, etc.)
- Certain athletic and extra curricular garments are acceptable due to meeting competition standards.

Consequences for students violating the above dress code provisions:

- Violators of the dress code will be referred to the office and the incident shall be treated as disciplinary violation.
- Parents will be notified. Students will be reinstated to class when the clothing in question is replaced with appropriate clothing from home or with clothing available in the school. If neither of these options is exercised the student shall be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the day. The student will not be permitted to return to class wearing clothing that has violated the dress code.
- Subsequent offences will subject the student to disciplinary action in accordance with building rules.
- The administration reserves the right to make adjustments and modifications to this dress code, with Board approval, to eliminate distractions that may have a negative impact on the school environment.

Items Forbidden from the Classroom/ Hallway: which are deemed to have no useful or constructive purpose, should remain at home. Candy and soda are not permitted in school. Other items include, but are not limited to:

Electronic Games
Mace or Pepper Spray
Cell Phones

Toys
Laser Pointers
IPODS

Correction Fluid
Cards or Card Games

Personal Notes
Aerosol Cans

Physical Education



Students are required to wear a uniform for physical education. The uniform consists of: Plain white shirt, Navy or Black shorts, White socks, Athletic Shoes. Littlestown logo t-shirts and shorts will be available for purchase as an option for physical education classes. **PE UNIFORMS—Can be purchased in the Middle School Office beginning August 1st, 2011. T-shirts- \$5.00, Shorts-\$13.00**

Parent Advisory Council

The goal of the Maple Avenue Parent Advisory Council is to supplement and support your child's education. The PAC plays a vital role in supporting activities such as our SWEL Program, Teacher appreciation dinner, Mother's and Father's day appreciation, Eighth Grade Farewell, and other events. Please consider joining PAC and also support our students through your participation. Membership is open to all parents, guardians and grandparents. Our first meeting will be September 19th @ 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Please join us! You will receive more information during the building tours and 6th Grade Parent Orientation.

Box Tops for Education



Maple Avenue Middle School will again collect Box Tops for Education. Starting immediately, students will be encouraged to bring in Box Tops in quantities of 50. For every 50 Box Tops a student hands into the main office they will receive a free ice cream ticket for use in the cafeteria. In addition to the ice cream award, these students will also be entered into an end of the year drawing for a prize. Multiple entries in the drawing are permitted, and will occur every time a student hands in 50 Box Tops. Earn cash for our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Hefty® and more!

Visit the link below to see a list of items which carry the Box Tops for Education label:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Downloads/Global/products.pdf>

The Littlestown Area School District complies with Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA Title I, IDEA and Public Law 90-202 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, disabilities, race, color, religion, or national origin in its educational and vocational programs, activities or employment.

Littlestown Area School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information on your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Lawrence Ott, Compliance Officer, Administration Office, 162 Newark Street, Littlestown, PA 17340. Telephone (717) 359-4146, ext. 1210.