

Maize Mustang Newsletter

November/December

Note from our Principal

Dear Mustang Families,

Fall is finally here! In Ohio, you know we go from extreme heat to cool overnight! Some students are coming school without jackets, and complaining of being uncomfortable at recess. Please send your child to school with a jacket or heavier sweatshirt each day. Thank you for your help with this.

Report cards will be sent home with each student on Monday, November 4th. Included in the envelope will be a conference sign up sheet. Conference times are accommodated on a first come, first serve basis. Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for you to gain feedback on your child's academic, social, emotional, and developmental progress. Please sign up for a Parent-Teacher conference!

This past Tuesday, we had a HUGE family event sponsored by our PTO. Families and staff alike enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together engaged in fall fun! Did you miss our event? Don't worry, more events are coming! Did you love our event? Please consider joining our PTO and lending a hand! They are a hardworking group of parents dedicated to making Maize the best school ever!

In our community and the surrounding areas, there are tons of fall activities. This fall, make it a point to take a hike, pick apples, or decorate pumpkins with your family. Fall is a great time for togetherness!

Sincerely, Mrs. Genton



Maize Happenings

November/December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Report Cards Home!	5 No School!	6	7	8
11	12	13 Early Release (2:00)	14 Picture Retakes!	15
18	19 6:00 PTO Mtg.	20	21	22 5:00 PTO Craft
25	26	27 No School!	28 Turkey Day!	29 No School!
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 Early Release (2:00)	12	13
16	17 6:00 PTO Mtg.	18	19	20 Early Release (2:55)

Maize Updates

Special Needs Pre-school

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Scherer, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Thomas

Autumn has arrived! And with that cooler temperatures and fun fall activities (pumpkins, leaves, etc.). Please remember to dress your child warmly, as we like to go outside on the playground and for walks. In November, our themes are Growing Up Healthy and Harvest. We are learning letters: F, G, H. Our Social-Emotional focus is Self-Awareness and our knowledge focus is Taking Care of Ourselves. Keeping with our self-care focus/health theme, we are teaching the kids to cover their cough/sneeze, use a tissue for runny noses, proper hand-washing, etc. We want to keep everyone healthy this Fall/Winter! Please see the links below for health related topics you can reinforce at home with your preschooler.

<https://www.ced.gov/cdctv/diseaseandconditons/influenza/cover-coughs-kids.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/handwashing-family.html>

MD Class Ms. McHenry

For the month of October, the room 8 kids are going to be carving pumpkins. The teachers of room 8, along with the help from our occupational therapist Angela, will get the pumpkins ready so the kids can dig out the seeds. Once the pumpkins are all cleaned out, the kids will be able to decorate their pumpkin however they want. To end the day, the teachers will cut the pumpkins how the kids decorated it while the kids make pumpkin seeds as a fun snack for the day. Room 8 is super excited to celebrate the month of October and get all dressed up for Halloween!

Kindergarten

Ms. Temple and Ms. Wilson

Please continue to read to your child for at least 20 minutes daily and discuss the main idea! The main idea of a story is the central point or big picture concept that the reader should walk away with. Thank you, Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Ms. Whipps and Mrs. Welton

In reading we continue our focus on foundational skills such as rhyming, hearing beginning sounds in words and segmenting words into individual sounds. We are learning about story elements such as characters, setting and events and beginning to retell stories we have read and listened to. We are excited about writing our first narrative stories about things we have experienced.

In math we have completed our initial focus on addition facts through 10 and are now working on subtraction facts thru 10. First grade expectations are that children have memorized (are fluent) with addition and subtraction facts thru 10.

Pumpkin Palooza Update: On October 31st first grade will celebrate pumpkins. We will have centers that focus on pumpkins and fall. Parents if you are able to donate a small to medium sized pumpkin (one that your child can easily carry) we would greatly appreciate it.



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Second Grade

Ms. Hammond and Miss Smith

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! Going into November, we will be focusing more on our writing skills. As a second grader, students should be able to write complete sentences on assignments (that start with capital letters and end with punctuation). When working on homework with them, please practice this skill. In math, we are working with number patterns (skip counting, repeated addition, arrays, and even and odd numbers). In social studies, we are beginning to talk about rules, laws, and the roles that we all play in the community. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ WITH YOUR CHILD FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EVERY NIGHT!**

ED Class Miss Allen

Room 11 continues to work on building positive relationships and we are working on building positive problem solving skills. We have utilized The Zones of Regulation to identify our emotions, and we are developing the skill of moving ourselves through the zones and into a "Ready to Learn," space.

The students have greatly enjoyed our Fall Mystery Unit in Science. We've studied spiders and skeletons!

In reading, we are continuing to build on oral reading fluency and developing student comprehension of what they've read. You can help support this by reading at home each day!

Third Grade

Ms. Michael & Mr. Wright

Third grade has been working on some fun and engaging projects and settling into our routine. We are now gearing up for testing! Students will take Part 1 and Part 2 of the Ohio AIR test on October 29th and 30th. Testing will begin very early in the morning. Please make sure that your student has plenty of sleep, encouragement and arrives at school on time. Students should also be bringing home a reading bag daily with a book at their reading level, as well as nightly math homework. We want to welcome Mrs. Karamalakis to our third grade team as a reading support teacher. This year all third grade students are on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan. Please plan to meet with us at November Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss your student's success

STUDENTS:

Here is your opportunity to make your mark on Maize Elementary FOREVER!! Be known as the student that designed the yearbook cover!! Take a standard 8.5x11 white piece of paper and get to decorating! The only requirements to your creativity:

1. You must have the name "Maize Elementary" clearly on the cover.
2. You must include 2019-2020.

Happy drawing!!



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Fourth Grade

Ms. Mills and Mrs. Potts

Fourth grade is having a great year! We are working hard and making good progress! In reading we are working in groups and reading independently. We are continuing to use context clues to aid in comprehension of unknown words. This quarter, our writing focus is the personal narrative, as well as daily "quick writes" across all subject areas. The math domain we are working within is Numbers in Base Ten - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, rounding and estimating. Fourth grade social studies is a study of Ohio, the history, the land and the people. In science, we have been learning about Johnny Appleseed and his contribution to our state. Momentum is going great - you are going to love what you see in May!

REMINDER — Picture Day—RE-TAKES

November 14!

*Retakes are only for students that were absent on our original picture day, or for families that are displeased with the original picture. Just send the whole envelope back and your child will have re-takes!



PARENTS—WE NEED YOU!!

Instruction time is critical to helping your child have a great day and meet grade level goals!

Your child misses valuable instruction each time he/she is late to class. Even if your child is only ten minutes late every day, that means in a month they've lost almost three hours of instruction! WOW!

Don't let your child miss out!! Make it your goal to be on time, everyday!

Do you have a bus question?

All transportation questions and concerns are handled by CCS Transportation Department. Please call (614) 365-5074.

Nurse Deighton Updates:

It has been a busy month! The Columbus Public Health Department has been here twice- Once to see the second and third graders for dental sealants and then again to give flu vaccines. 18 second grade students received Free Dental Sealants and the third grade students were seen for follow up. 41 students received flu vaccines.

I have seen all of the kindergarten students and over half of the third grade students to complete their health assessments. By the end of November all of the third grade students will have their health assessments done.

If your child receives a vision referral and you need help finding vision care PLEASE contact me! I will help you find vision resources for your child.

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Fifth Grade

Ms. Avery and Mrs. Lamm

The 5th graders have been working hard at developing their number sense through various activities using the place value chart. Now they are using those skills to add, subtract, multiply AND divide decimals. Multiplication fact fluency is critical for success on these standards. Please spend some time each day (10 – 15 minutes is fine) practicing the times tables with your child. Flashcards are a fabulous way to do this.

P.S. Math homework will begin October 28th!

5th Grade has been very, very busy here at Maize Elementary! In Reading, we just finished the book “Because of Winn-Dixie” and began “Holes”. Since we are really focusing on literature (fictional stories), it is a great read and the students seem to really be enjoying it so far. We are focusing on plot, character traits, inference and setting. A great way to help us out is to read with your student and ask them questions after the reading session is over! We are continuing to write about anything and everything! We have been doing “free-writes”, research on countries, narratives and more in class. Next week we are doing a challenging writing assignment: taking research from non-fiction and turning it into a narrative! I’m sure the kids will enjoy it. Like previously mentioned, in Social Studies we are doing a research on countries and the students love it. They each got to pick their own country to research and study, and then we will be presenting the information. I’m looking forward to hearing what they all say.

PTO News - President Eva McVey

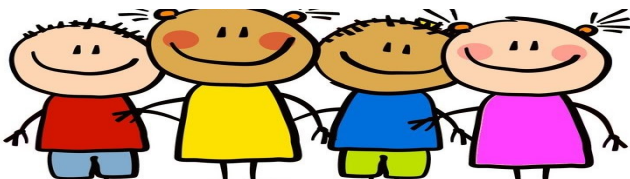
Thank you so much to everyone who came out to our Masquerade Masked Parade! We had such a huge turnout! We hope you had as much fun as we did. We have another fun even scheduled for November 22, a centerpiece craft night! We would love to see you all there. We are still looking for volunteers to help with Reading Groups Monday-Friday in the mornings. If you are interested, please contact Eva.

Eva.provenzale@gmail.com

The PTO meets every third Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30. We hope to see you at a meeting!

IMPORTANT!!

We must be sure to have up to date phone numbers for each student at Maize. Children get hurt, sick, need help calming down, etc. If you are unsure if we have your correct phone number, please call (614)365-6040 and ask us to check and/or update our records!! Thank you for your assistance with this!



**From the Desk of
Nurse Deighton**

