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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

With all the hustle and bustle of the season, please take time out for your family and friends. Sometimes the greatest gifts you can give are love, time and attention.

Have a safe and happy winter recess. We will see you back on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

ANNOUNCING......

NIAGARA FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APP

Please visit your Google Playstore or Apple App Store to download our District app. This handy app will provide one location to:

- ⇒ Follow our social media feeds
- ⇒ Access Parent Portal
- ⇒ See flyers from our school
- ⇒ View Calendars



Just download BB District and then search for Niagara Falls CSD. You can follow the District and choose specific schools to follow, as well.

Receive notifications, see pictures, and more!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7, 2017

1st grade field trip to Theater of Youth

December 8, 2017

Mrs. Spanbauer's Pre-K class field trip to Mrs. Mica's house

December 22, 2017

9:30 a.m. Band Holiday Concert

December 25-January 1, 2018

Winter Recess

January 2, 2018

Classes resume



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Also, did you know that **it is illegal** to do a "3 Point Turn" or turn around in a school parking lot and school zone? It is also **against the law** to pass a school bus on either side, while the red lights are flashing.

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95TH BIRTHDAY NEWS

Our December 95th Birthday Celebration activity is having alumni readers come in and read to our students. We are looking to have volunteers come in the week of December 18-22. If you are a Maple alumni and would like to volunteer to read to a classroom, please call the office at 278-9140. We will pair you up with a classroom!



DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM

Each semester, the Do the Right Thing Program selects ten to twelve finalists from all the students selected from the Niagara County Schools. These selected students have a special ceremony, receive a plaque, and an incentive package.

The Do the Right Thing Committee was so impressed with our **David Evans** (nominated by Mrs. Skalski) and **Nalayah Bradley** (nominated by Mrs. Blake), that they nominated them as part of the finalists for the November 6th ceremony at Niagara Falls High School....a great honor indeed.



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Character Education

The focus for this month is CITIZENSHIP.

Citizenship—to be a good citizen in your classroom, you should participate in class, respect authority and peers, and treat classroom property nicely.

Example: Many schools throughout our country have adopted rituals that inspire citizenship.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Linda Blake: 278-9152

I am always available to work with your child, especially if they are experiencing any home or school problems. I can meet with your child during the school day and am available to make appropriate referrals for families in need of services. If you would like me to do an in home visit, (day or evening), I can do that also.

VERY IMPORTANT.....PLEASE READ

School Year 2017 – 2018 Maple Avenue School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS PLAN

This year we will continue using the SAFE TO SCHOOL PLAN which involves:

Keeping close track of attendance and tardiness.

SAFETY FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS

Helping families with attendance problems through telephone calls and home visits.

Morning Group sessions to help students with attendance problems.

- Developing school wide incentives for good attendance
- **★** Amendment: Consideration will be given to students with chronic attendance issues, and participation in school related events and field trips.

One way that families can help is to call the school if your child is ill or has a doctor's appointment. If no one is available to take your call, our answering machine is on 24 hours a day. Please leave a message at this number: 278-9140 so we don't bother you in the morning. If your child is not in school, and we do not hear from you, our attendance monitor will give you a call or visit your home as a safety service. Please keep in mind, make sure your child brings in a written excuse upon returning to school after an illness. An absence without a written excuse will be marked AU (unexcused).

By promoting good attendance we can all help our children in the future to become responsible and successful adults. Please call me at this number: 278-9152, if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Blake School Counselor Maria Chille-Zafuto Principal

STUDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT DOING AN ACT OF KINDNESS.

Teachers and staff were asked to submit names of students who were caught doing an act of kindness at Maple Avenue School. These selected students immediately displayed leadership skills. These very special studentswere able to attend Schoellkopf Nursing Home for a World Kindness Day Celebration.

The seniors and students read to each other, students talked about their acts of kindness performed most recently, gave out hugs, brought seniors to their rooms by wheel chairs, and passed out books for seniors to keep. Our kind students will appear on the Maple in The Morning Show and share their stories of kindness.

The following students have earned "The Act of Kindness Award":

James Jordan.....nominated by Mrs. Parker - James is a great safety patrol! Every morning he always says "good morning Mrs. Parker" as soon as I walk in the door.

Aislyn Palmer.....nominated by Mr.Sauvageau - Aislyn is consistently kind and takes extra time to do her very best in all areas!!

Kyle Mckinney.....nominated by Mr.Robins - Kyle is very helpful and goes above and beyond to be as successful as he can!

Athena Gadacz.....nominated by Mrs. McGrath and Ms. Blake – Mrs McGrath stated that her daughter was trying to play on the playground with some older kids. She began to cry feeling left out Athena took the time to comfort her and make sure she was included. Ms. Blake says Athena comes in her room everyday and gives her a hug and makes her day.

Jack Patronski & Matthew Catanzaronominated by Mrs. Hunter - Fifth grade is having their annual fundraiser and the students can earn "chicken" characters from the movie Coop. Jack and Matthew work with 2 kindergarten students. The students liked their characters so Jack and Matthew decided to give the two students they worked with a chicken. I thought that was super kind of them.

Nylah Kennedynominated by Mrs. LaSota - She is always eager to help with anything I need!

Jordynn Wadenominated by Mrs. Benjamin – She is kind and a great friend!

Abigail McGrath.....nominated by Ms. Blake – She stops by everyday and gives Ms. Blake a hug to make her day.

Abigail Goldacker.....nominated by Ms. Blake – she stops by everday and gives Ms, Blake a hug to make her day.

Joseph Clarknominated by Mrs. Conner - he is always kind helpful to everyone - everyday! -

WE ARE PROUD OF THE ABOVE STUDENTS!



Help our school earn cash!

Clipping Box Tops is a fun and easy way to help our school collect funds that we can use for supplies or special events. Start clipping today!

See enclosed collection sheet.