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Welcome to Maplehurst Elementary School

What a great start to the new school year. The weather has been cooperating and cool. We would like to say "Welcome" to several new students to our school this year as well as new preschool and kindergarten students as well. The school year always begins with so many forms and papers to sign and return. If you have not already done so, please send in any medical or emergency forms with your child. Medicine must be brought in to school by a parent or guardian in the original container and is not to be transported on the bus.

I am sure that you would agree that your child's attendance at school is of vital importance. School begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. **When your child is absent, please call the school at (419)-668-6035 and please give the child's name, reason for the absence, and teacher. The school's answering machine is on from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.**

Once your child returns to school, you must provide a written note in order for the absence to be excused. If your child has seen a doctor for an illness or appointment, please request a note for our records of the date and time of the visit.

Basketball Jones is a Slam Dunk at Maplehurst !!



Jim "Basketball" Jones gives an enthusiastic thumbs-up as he assists kindergarten student **Addilyn Brant** with spinning a basketball before the assembly last Wednesday morning at Maplehurst Elementary.

Weekends Without Hunger

A group of concerned citizens in Norwalk would like to help families who might be having trouble supplying their child with enough food over the weekends during the school year. This group would like to help you by supplying your child with healthy meals for each weekend. This program called, "Weekends Without Hunger" will begin in mid-October for any student who is eligible for free or reduced school lunches. More information will be sent home soon.

Jim "Basketball" Jones (left) visited Maplehurst this past week to help kick off the school year's **Positive Behavioral Intervention Support** program. Our behavioral themes for the school year are: **Be Safe, Be a Friend, and Be a Learner**. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an approach to teaching and supporting positive behaviors and meeting the needs of ALL students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which **all** students can learn.



Ice Cream

Breakfast/Lunch Program

We will once again be selling ICE Cream during lunch. The ice cream sandwich is just \$.50. We cannot use the lunch card to purchase ice cream.

Free/Reduced Lunch Forms
 Breakfast begins at 8:05am in the cafeteria each day. The free / reduced forms must also be completed yearly and returned to our office A.S.A.P. Prices are as follows:

- \$2.65 for lunch**
- \$1.70 for breakfast**
- Milk is \$.60 cents.**
- Reduced lunch \$.40**
- Reduced breakfast \$.30**

Fees are to be given to your child’s teacher or can be turned into the office. Checks are to be made out to Norwalk City Schools. Please indicated the child’s name on the check.

Medications

If your child is in need of medications during the school day, please do not send them on the bus with your child. We ask that you or a guardian bring them into the office. If medications need to be given during the school day we need to have authorization forms completed and on file in the office. If you have any question or concerns, please contact the office at 419-668-6035.

Pick up / Drop off

The pick-up and drop off procedure is improving as the year goes into its 5th week. Just a few friendly reminders regarding the pick-up procedure at the end of the day:



1. Please do not use the second lane to pick up students.
2. The second lane nearest the fence is to be used to pick up or drop off students.
3. Students are not to cross the first lane to get in or out of a vehicle in the second lane or into a parked car.
4. The second lane from the fence is to be left open for vehicles who have loaded or unloaded students and are leaving the grounds.
5. If you need to park the car, do not park in the lanes—please park the car in the south/back parking lot.
6. If you park your car, students are to be escorted by the parent (crossing the pick-up lanes) back to the car.
7. ALL vehicles should leave the school via Taylor St.

School Fees

We will accept half of the fee or the total fee. We ask that parents not bring in other smaller amounts. The first nine-week grade card will be given to children whether or not their fees have been paid. At least half of the fee must be paid in order for the child to receive the second grade card and the third grade card. The total fee must be paid in order for the child to receive the grade card at the end of the school year.

The fee for the 2019-2020 school year for students in grades K-4 will be \$20.00.