

Maplewood Elementary
Principal Weekly Newsletter
January 3 – 6, 2017



Hello Maplewood Families!

Happy New Year!!! Welcome 2017!

I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break! I know some of us went to warmer climates, some of us stayed local, some of us visited friends and family...but all of us did something to enjoy our special time off!

Tom, Evan and I spent some needed family time together, whether it was taking long hikes/walks in our neighborhood or hanging out with friends and family. We really enjoy walking and hiking around our neighborhood. We can walk all the way down to the water and the woods are close too. Since we have a new family member this year, our Rescue Pup, named, Baxter, it was challenging to put up decorations that were free from his favorite activity...chewing. Ha! He was truly scared of our "Dancing, Jingle Bells Singing Moose," so he stayed far away from him. Hmm...Mr. Moose as a deterrent? Maybe. Ha! Other than that, things went quite smoothly.



Baxter in front, Penny in the back.

Pacific Science Center Comes to Maplewood



Today, thanks to our INCREDIBLE PTA, our students were treated to an assembly from the Pacific Science Center! They were super excited to learn some rules of physics and everybody just about lost their minds when Samantha's hair stood straight up off her head! I'm sure Jee Hamburg will have some awesome pictures on Maplewood PTA Facebook today! In addition to the all-school assembly, classes, in groups of two, got to come to the gym and engage in more science investigations. **Thanks again PTA!!!**

Baby, It's Cold Outside



The next several days are expected to be some of the coldest in our area that we have seen in the last three years! So, please make sure kiddos are dressed for the weather. Fortunately, kids are very active during recess and this keeps them warm. In fact, many of them take their coats off, which just stuns me! But, I must remind myself, I am not a kid anymore and my, let's call it, "more mature" body, just doesn't have that ability anymore! Ha! Or, as my 13 year-old says, "Mom, you are just getting older."

Heating in the Building

Our school is the best school in the world. Okay, no arguments there. However, there is one part of our school that might be less than perfect. It's our heating system. Our heating system is NOT broken! Our building is an older one and not as energy efficient. Plus, when we have long breaks and unusually cold weather, it takes a while for our heating to do its job. So, make sure kids are dressed a bit warmer, even in the classroom. Our "No Hats in the Building" rule is not in effect for the next several days as we get through this cold spell.



Here's a great quote that makes me feel good...it's realistic, achievable and practical!

**"Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right."
Oprah Winfrey**

Enjoy 2017 and thanks for sharing it with us! My Fur Babies are really excited for the New Year! Ha!

Susan Walton
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