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# Maple Happenings

August 24, 2017



# BACK TO SCHOOL

Maple Elementary School

308 Maple Ave, Chardon

440-285-4065

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The mission of Maple Elementary School is to educate all students to become responsible citizens equipped with the skills necessary for success in an ever-changing, highly diverse, technological world through a committed partnership with students, staff, parents and community.



# 30 DAY CARRY OVER FROM PRIOR YEAR

Students who were on free and reduced meal status at the end of the previous school year will carry-over. For the New School Year (2017-18), this carry-over period ends September 29, 2017, unless a meal application is approved. As per USDA regulations, if your child qualifies for lesser level meal benefits (from free status to reduced-price status or reduced-price/ free status to paid status); these changes will take effect 10 days from the date of application approval. If your child qualifies for higher level meal benefits (from paid/ reduced-price status to free status or paid status to reduced-price status), these changes will take effect immediately upon application approval. This allows for students nutritional needs to be met while parents are in the process of reapplying.

## Questions:

### What happens if I do not return the application?

Your household will be required to pay the full price for any meal your child purchases at school or you can provide a lunch from home.

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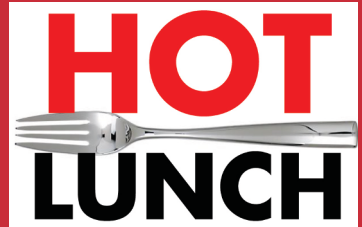
If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please contact the Nutrition Services Office at 440-286-0425.

### Why do I have to reapply each year?

Federal regulation requires that we have a new application on file each school year.

Availability of applications in languages other than English or Spanish

USDA/FNS provides translations of prototype (required Free and Reduced Meal application information, Letter to Parent and Instructions for Applying) materials that are available on the USDA/FNS website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Application/familyfriendlyapps.html> to be printed.



**8/28 - 9/1 2017**

**Everday - Pizza or:**

### Monday

Popcorn Chicken

### Tuesday

Tacos

### Wednesday

Mini Corn Dogs

### Thursday

Mini Pancakes

### Friday

**NO SCHOOL**

All lunch meals include milk and 2 selections from the side bar. Side bar options include: an assortment of the following: celery sticks, baby carrots, assorted fresh fruit and canned fruit, fresh romaine salad, sliced cucumbers, 100% fresh juice cup. Most of the bread and grain items served at lunch contains whole grain as the first ingredient.

### EVERYDAY LUNCH

### ALTERNATIVES:

Pizza, PB & J, Salad, Yogurt & Graham Crackers.

Lunch \$2.75



Downloadable  
Menu available on  
Maple website  
under **downloads**

# DAILY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Buses arrive, students enter
- 9:10 a.m. School day begins
- 9:11 a.m. Tardy bell rings
- 11:00-11:25 a.m. Lunch—2nd
- 11:25-11:50 a.m. Recess—2nd
- 11:00-11:25 a.m. Recess—3rd
- 11:25-11:50 a.m. Lunch—3rd
- 11:50-12:15 p.m. Lunch—Kdg. & 1st
- 12:15-12:40 p.m. Recess—Kdg. & 1st
- 12:40-1:05 p.m. Lunch—4th
- 1:05-1:30 p.m. Recess—4th
- 1:05-1:30 p.m. Lunch—5th
- 12:40-1:05 p.m. Recess—5th
- 3:25 p.m. Walker/Parent Pick Up Bell rings
- 3:30 p.m. Bus Dismissal



Open House

Thursday, September 7

Grades K-2  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 3-5  
7:30-8:30 pm

PARENTS ONLY

**Completed forms will be entered into a drawing!**



## ONLINE FORMS

### Chardon Schools Parent Portal

Log In To The Portal
<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Provide Your Username and Password To Log In</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><i>If you do not know your username and password, please use the "Forgot Password" button below or contact your child's school.</i></p> <p>Username: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Password: <input style="width: 100%;" type="password"/></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">For security purposes, we track your IP address: 65.182.126.6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Login"/> <input type="button" value="Forgot Username/Password"/> </p>
<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;"><b>First Time Here?</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">To gain access to the district Parent Portal System, you must register yourself and create an account. You will need your student(s) StudentID (district supplied) to continue.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><a href="#">Sign Me Up - Click Here</a></p>

1. Each school year, we request that parents provide the District updated emergency contact information and acknowledge that they you have read certain district forms. To do that, go to the "Resources" tab on the main menu bar and then click the Online Forms for Parents
2. Parents who created an account last year will use the same login information. If you have forgotten your username or password, your child's school secretary can provide you that information.
3. Once you have logged in, use the drop down menu to select your student and click on "View & Submit" button.
4. Check the Student Information, Residential Parent/Guardian information and Emergency Contact information listed for each child. Make any changes necessary to the information listed.
5. Accept or decline emergency treatment, give contact information for doctors/hospital, and list any medical information necessary.
6. Select "yes" or "no" after reviewing each listed items, which vary by school.
7. A digital signature must be given for parent and student before submitting the form. Please type the parent and student names here.
8. If you are not ready to submit the form, you may save it and return later to complete. Save buttons are at the top and bottom of the forms page.
9. When finished, click the **"Save and Submit to District"** the completed form.

MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

Completed forms will be entered into a drawing!

Starting September 7, 2017, the Maple Happenings will be sent electronically. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please fill out the form below and return it to the office. Only those returning this form will get a paper copy.

Thank you.

Students Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers Name \_\_\_\_\_ and Grade \_\_\_\_\_



## A Note from the Nurse

**Welcome back!** I hope everyone had a safe and restful summer. There are a few things I need to share with you as the new school year begins: If your child needs to take medication at school, you must complete the "Medication Administration" forms found online ([www.chardon.k12.oh.us](http://www.chardon.k12.oh.us) then Forms/Links then Health and Wellness Student Health or in the clinic). No medication can be given until proper forms and medication are received. **PLEASE NOTE:** Medication must be delivered to the clinic by a parent or guardian.

Kindergarten Parents: Your child's updated immunization forms and physical forms are due in the clinic now. I have received many already. If you haven't turned these in, please get them to the clinic ASAP. Your child may be excluded from school if these records are not received.

I am looking forward to meeting your children this year. If you should have any questions or information you would like to share with me about your child, please call me Monday-Friday at 440-285-4065 during the hours of 11:30.m.-2:45 p.m.

-Mrs. Beth Emmons

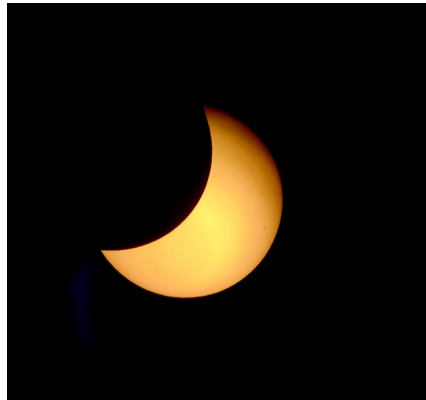


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# {CALENDAR} OF EVENTS

## September

- ▶ 1 NO SCHOOL - PROF. DEV.
- ▶ 4 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
- ▶ 7 Open House - Parents Only
  - ▶ K-2 @ 6:30
  - ▶ 3-5 @ 7:30
- ▶ 11 Picture Day
- ▶ 29 Terrific Kids Breakfast

## October

- ▶ 13 NO SCHOOL - NEOEA
- ▶ 25 Parent/Teacher Conf.
- ▶ 27 Terrific Kids Breakfast

## November

- ▶ 2 Parent/Teacher Conf.
- ▶ 17 Terrific Kids Breakfast
- ▶ 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- ▶ 21-29 Winter Break

## January

- ▶ 1 Winter Break
- ▶ 12 NO SCHOOL - Prof. Dev.
- ▶ 15 NO SCHOOL - MLK
- ▶ 25 Parent/Teacher Conf.
- ▶ 26 Terrific Kids Breakfast
- ▶ 31 Parent/Teacher Conf.

## February

- ▶ 19 NO SCHOOL - Pres. Day
- ▶ 23 Terrific Kids Breakfast

## March

- ▶ 23 Terrific Kids Breakfast
- ▶ 26-30 Spring Break

## April

- ▶ 2 Spring Break
- ▶ 27 Terrific Kids Breakfast

## May

- ▶ 24 Last Day of School

## **Excessive Absenteeism**

In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed **House Bill 410** to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. After careful review, the Mentor School District is implementing guidelines contained in House Bill 410 in order to help support academic success of our students and partner with families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance.

## **Welcome Back Maple Families!**

We hope that you had a most exciting, adventurous, and yet also restful and relaxing summer! 2017-2018 is going to be a great year and we can't wait to enjoy the ride together!

Please continue to read the **Maple Happenings** each week for updates and important information.

Below are a couple of items to share with you right away.

**\*Online Forms** - Your child's safety is our number one concern. In the event of an emergency we rely on the current and up-to-date information you submit for your child's online form records. These forms need to be updated every year. Any student whose online forms are completed by September 29th will be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Click here to start the online completion process:

<https://chardon.esvportal.com/login.aspx?ecCode=816>

**\*Crossing Guards** - We are in need of parent volunteers to fill crossing guard positions this school year. It is imperative that we have extra adult eyes and coverage before and after school especially on Wednesday mornings when the high school has late arrival. If you are able to donate one morning or afternoon a week to help our students safely cross the road we will be forever indebted to your service. Call, email, or stop on in the office to let us know that you are interested. Positions needed: before school 8:45-9:00 a.m., after school 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

**\*Attendance** - Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, school districts must measure absences in hours, rather than days, and must adhere to new laws regarding student discipline, as a result of HB 410. The new law substantially changes the truancy law and requires school districts to prepare and implement policies that emphasize intervention strategies for chronically absent students. The new law eliminates the concept of "chronic truancy" and instead categorizes all students with excessive absences as "habitually truant." The school district must send written notification to the parent or legal custodian of any student who is absent, with or without legitimate excuse, for 38 hours in a month or for 65 hours in a year. The notice must be sent within seven school days of the absence that triggers the habitual truancy designation.

## Changes in the Definition of Truancy and Excessive Absences\*

- The definition of “**habitual truant**” will be **changed from days to hours**. The new definition is:
  - Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse (5 days for both elementary and secondary);
  - Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse (7 days for elementary, 6 days for secondary) ;
  - Absent 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse (12 for elementary, 11 for secondary);
- Definition of “**excessive absences**”
  - Absent 38 or more hours in one school month *with or without* a legitimate excuse (7 days for elementary, 6 days for secondary);
  - Absent 65 or more hours in one school year *with or without* a legitimate excuse (11 days for elementary, 10 days for secondary)
- Definition of “**chronic absenteeism**”
  - Absent 92 or more hours *with or without* a legitimate excuse (16 days or elementary, 14 days for secondary)

*\*Notifications to the family will be sent prior to the triggering absences above through Infinite Campus messages.*

**If a student is “habitually truant” our district will follow these guidelines to work with the student and their families.**

1. Within **seven** calendar days of the triggering absences, our absence intervention team will notify the family ***in writing***.
2. Within **ten** calendar days of the triggering absence, the student will be assigned to an absence intervention team that will include two district representatives and the child’s parent or guardian. If families are not responsive to at least three good faith attempts by the district to engage them in the absence intervention team process, the district may file a report to the county children services agency for abuse or neglect.
3. Within **14** school days after the assignment of the team, a student-centered absence intervention plan will be developed with and for the student containing an agreed-upon strategy for getting the student to school every day and may provide supportive services to families that could include counseling, education and parenting programs, mediation, or intervention programs available through juvenile authorities.
4. If the student does not make progress on the plan within **61** calendar days or continues to be excessively absent, the district will file a complaint in the juvenile court.

These changes are taking place because we know that it is important for every student in Ohio to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long-term, negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. We also know that there are many reasons students miss school and want to make sure we are identifying and supporting students who may need extra support and services. We are sure these changes will help increase attendance rates to help students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school prepared for higher education and the workforce.

Other changes that are implemented due to House Bill 410 related to **student discipline** include:

- Students cannot be expelled or suspended out of school due to excessive absences or truancy.
- Students are permitted to make up missed work due to out-of-school suspensions
- Students may be required to participate in community service or an alternative consequence for the number of hours equal to the time left on a suspension in a school year.

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## **CHARDON RECREATION**

### **Fall Rec. Programs**

Girls Basketball begins September 9

Girls Volleyball begins September 11

Boys BB Travel Team Tryouts September 27 & 30

Girls BB Travel Team Tryouts October 7 & 8

For further information go to [www.chardon.cc](http://www.chardon.cc)

then click on the Recreation Department





# Stay Safe Speak UP!



## Call or go online . . .

. . . to report issues that affect  
education or safety.

- Abuse (Physical or Mental)
- Alcohol / Drugs / Tobacco
- Bullying / Harassment / Intimidation
- Discrimination
- Hacking / Cyber Crime
- Health Concerns
- Suicidal / Self-Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Theft
- Threats (Bomb, Physical, Other)
- Vandalism
- Violence / Fighting
- Weapons / Dangerous Items

**Available all day,  
every day.**

### CALL

**1.866.listen2me**  
(1.866.547.8362)

### ONLINE

1. Go to our district or your school website.
2. Click on the appropriate "Speak UP!" button.

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