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**2019-2020 School Calendar**

- New Teacher Orientation (4 days)..........Tues, Aug. 13-Fri, Aug. 16
  All Teachers & Building Level Support Staff Report........Mon., Aug. 19
  Students Report (Except kindergarten)...........Weds., Aug. 21

- First Day for Kindergarten Students............Fri, August 23

- NO SCHOOL – Labor Day..................Mon., September 2

- NO SCHOOL – NEOEA Day..............Fri., October 11

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Development /Records Day and End of 1st Quarter ...Fri., October 25

- NO SCHOOL (Election Day).............Tuesday, November 5

- Thanksgiving Recess....................Weds., November 27 - Fri, November 29

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development ............Weds., December 4

- WINTER BREAK (Christmas Break July Mon. 1/6)...........Mon., December 23 – Fri, January 3

- End of 1st Semester....................Thurs., January 16

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development /Records Day.............Thurs., January 17

- NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day...........Mon., January 20

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development and Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:15-7:30 p.m.)...........Wed., September 18

- NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day........Mon., February 17

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development...........Wed., March 4

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Development /Records Day and End of 3rd Quarter ....Fri., March 20

- SPRING BREAK (Classes Resume Monday 3/30)...........Mon., March 23 – Fri, March 27

- NO SCHOOL – Good Friday...........Fri., April 10

- NO SCHOOL – No School Memorial Day...............Mon., April 13

- STUDENTS’ LAST DAY.............Weds., June 3

- TEACHERS’ LAST DAY............Thurs., June 4

**Message from the Superintendent**

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

I would like to thank the members of the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee for creating and completing our continuous improvement plan this past winter. The committee consisted of board members, staff, students, parents, and community members. This plan will guide our work in attaining our vision of “Educating our students through expectations of excellence to prepare them for a lifetime of success.” The focal areas or pillars of our work are:

1. Quality Curriculum & Instruction  
2. Focus on Career & College Readiness  
3. Defining, Maintaining Supporting Excellence  
4. Developing & Sustaining Relationships

Each of these pillars have specific action plans to move forward in each area. Please join us at a board of education meeting throughout the year to get updated on our progress in each area.

Most importantly, we want each and every one of our students to have great experiences in our schools. Whether it be challenging and rigorous work in the classroom, after school programming, clubs or extracurricular activities, we will work on providing the best for our students every day and work to continually improve. Please join us for the Back to School Rally on August 17 to kick off the start of another great school year!

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**Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!**

SCHOOL BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST*

**Maple Heights Teacher is Finalist for Ohio 2020 Teacher of the Year**

RICK WAKEFIELD RECOGNIZED AS OHIO, DISTRICT 11 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Teacher Academy Instructor Rick Wakefield was selected in July as the Northeast Ohio District Teacher of the Year for 2020. Wakefield has served as a teacher in Maple Heights for the past 13 years. Wakefield started his career as an English Teacher at Maple Heights High School and then over the past five years he has led the Teacher Academy Career Tech Program at the High School, helping students who aspire to be educators get experience in the profession.

During his time running the Teacher Academy, Mr. Wakefield has helped seven Maple Heights students to be elected to state office, including 2019 president Antoine Holloway. Wakefield also inspired 9 students during this time to place in the top 5 in the State at The Ohio Educator Rising Competition. An Ohio panel of education and community stakeholders will interview finalists to select the Ohio Teacher of the Year and the State superintendent will announce the statewide honorees in the fall. Congratulations to Mr. Wakefield!

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**Annual Back to School Rally**

AUGUST 17th AT MAPLE HTS. HIGH SCHOOL

The Back to School Rally will be held Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Maple Heights High School. There is an open house for all residents and will have activities for all ages; there will be food, activities, games, prizes, giveaways, and much, much more. In addition, this year’s special guest Dr. Leslie, Maple Heights alumna and author of Setting Boundaries with your African American Son: 8 Practical Steps to Take Control of your Life, will present on site, time TBD. Food donations will be provided through Pisanick Partners, LLC by PepsiCo, Gordon Food Service, Land-O-Lakes, Farm Fare, Green City Growers, Farmer Jones Market, and Mancan. A complete list of activities and events will be posted on our district website after August 1st. We hope you will be able to join us!

* On Wednesday, August 21, all students (except kindergarten) are to report to their respective schools.

First day of Kindergarten is Friday, August 23.
Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Are you enrolled?
All students planning to attend the Maple Heights City Schools must be enrolled. Enrollments are by appointment only. Enrollment packets are available online (mapleschools.com) or can be obtained at our school buildings or Board of Education. Instructions and requirements are contained in the packet. Enrollment packets must be completed prior to your appointment. Please call admission at 216.587.6100, ext. 3701 after completing the packet to schedule an appointment for registration. When registering your child, you will need:

• Birth Certificate – Original or certified copy (child must be 5 by 9/30/19)
• Social Security Card or Number
• Complete Immunization Records
• Custody Papers (signed, certified copy, if applicable)
• Parent/Guardian’s Ohio Driver’s License or State ID
• Withdrawal/Transfer Slip/Last Report Card
• Unofficial Transcript (high school only)
• IEP/ETR/MIF (special education students only)
• 504 Plan (if applicable)
• Medical Exam Results (special needs, pre-school only)
• Proof of residency – At least 3 forms are required. Such documents may include, but are not limited to, current voter registration card, or municipal income tax return, valid driver’s license with current address, current utility bills, pagers, current lease, and current insurance declaration page.

Our district enrollment Office is located at: 5740 Lawn Avenue

Where can I find supply lists?
School supply lists are available at each school, Board of Education or can be obtained online at mapleschools.com

Preschool program
Applications for the half-day and full-day programs are currently being accepted for regular education preschoolers. You may apply by downloading a preschool packet from our website. Applications need to be submitted with all necessary documentation, reviewed and accepted before you can enroll your child in the program. For further information call 216.587.6100 ext. 3401.

School age childcare available
A before and after-care program for kindergartners is available through grade 5 is available to students. The Program is housed at Abraham Lincoln School. The Program is scheduled to begin on your child’s first day and will follow the school year calendar. To enroll your child or for additional information, please call 216-438-6030.

Emergency medical forms
Please complete and return the Medical Emergency Form to your child’s school immediately. All students must have a current copy of this form. This is a State requirement. Students won’t be permitted to attend school without this form.

Can school staff give medication to students?
Staff can give medication. Students who are to receive medication during the school day must have a completed form for administration of medication by school personnel on file in the nurse’s office. This form may be obtained at your child’s school.

Will transportation be provided?
Elementary and middle school regular education bus routes will be posted on our website. Additionally, parents who wish to provide a special path for their child to school, or for other reasons, can discuss their need with their principal or aide, they may discuss their need with the principal or aide, and if they so choose, the school will assist in making a place for them in their stop location and time. Special education students will be notified of routes by

When does school begin?
On Wednesday, August 21 all students (except kindergarten) are to report to their respective schools. The first day of kindergarten is Friday, August 23.

What time does school start and end?
Abraham Lincoln School (PK - Grade 1)
(1/2 Day Program) 9:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Grade 2-5) 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
John F. Kennedy School (Grades 2-3)
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Barack Obama School (Grades 4-5)
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Millich Middle School (Grades 6-8)
1800 Stafford Avenue 7:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
High School (Grades 9-12)
One Mustang Way 7:45 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

When is orientation, who is my child’s teacher, and what if I miss orientation?
Kindergarten orientation will be held Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22. Letters will be mailed to parents of kindergarten students indicating which session their child is scheduled to attend, and will include other important information. This orientation is for students only.

Elementary Schools (Grades K-5) will hold a new student/parent orientation Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Parents and students are expected in the cafeteria area at Barack Obama School.

Middle School Grade 6/ New student orientation will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Parents/Students are to meet in the cafeteria.

Schedule Pick up (current students) Grades 7-12: Thursday, August 15, 2019, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and Grade B: Friday, August 16, 2019, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Middle School Freshmen Orientation
All Grades 9: Thursday, August 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend.

*Senior Parent Meeting/Senior Schedule Pick Up will be Weds., August 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

*Schedule Pick up (current students) Grades 10-11: Friday, August 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When is my child’s school open house?
Elementary Schools: Mon., Aug. 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
High School: Weds., September 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Middle School: Tues., August 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

School meals program
Our district is eligible for the Community Eligibility Options (CEO) Program, which means all students in the district are eligible for free meals (breakfast and lunch). Breakfast and Lunch menus for all schools can be found at mapleschools.com, under Quick Links or download the My School Menus app for free.

School fees & fee waivers*
A fee is charged for each pupil to cover the cost of consumable materials such as workbooks, art and science supplies, classroom magazines, agendas, journals, etc.

Grades 1-3: Fees are $25
Grades 4-8: Fees are $30

*High School fees are based on courses taken

If a student is eligible for a fee waiver, the fee must be paid by online through EZPay using a credit card. Please visit mapleschools.com to learn more. Fee payments are due in the school year in which it is assessed. Prompt payment is appreciated.

When applying for a waiver of student fees, the waiver form must be filled in completely. Incomplete forms cannot be processed. Forms must be submitted each school year, one form per household. Forms can be obtained from your child’s school, the Board of Education or online at mapleschools.com.

Annual notices
The Board of Education of the Maple Heights City School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Michael May, Personnel Director, has been designated as the district’s Title IX Compliance Coordinator. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to: Mr. May, 5740 Lawn Ave., Maple Heights, 44137 at or 216-587-6100, ext. 3300.

Notice of non-discrimination
The Maple Heights City School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, economic status, disability, or marital status in its dealings with employees, students, the general public, individuals with whom the district has contractual relationships for employment, or in its educational programs and activities; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Equal educational opportunities
All students of the district have equal educational opportunities. Students have the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, citizenship status, religion, gender, economic status, marital status, pregnancy, age, disability or military status in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Michael May, Personnel Director, has been designated as the district’s Title IX Compliance Coordinator. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to: Mr. May, 5740 Lawn Ave., Maple Heights, 44137 at or 216-587-6100, ext. 3300.

American with disabilities Act
The Board of Education welcomes and encourages any and all comments from individuals interested in the American with Disabilities Act. The A.D.A. contains Title I-Employment, Title II-Public Services, and Title III-Public Accommodations. The contact is Megan Shelby, Special Service Director, 5740 Lawn Ave., Maple Heights, 44137 at or 216-587-6100, ext. 3300.

Child Find
In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004, the Maple Heights City School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate, and identify infants and young children with disabilities, birth through age 3, who live within the district. Additionally, the Rules for the Education of Handicapped Children, adopted by the Ohio Board of Education, also require that public schools be responsible for identifying and provide services to children with disabilities. Any child who you suspect has a disability should be referred to the child’s building principal. The principal will provide additional information about the differentiated referral system.

Section 504/ ADA Compliance Officer
The Board of Education of the Maple Heights City School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap in its programs and activities. Dr. Meghan Shelby, Special Service Director is designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies. Dr. Shelby can be contacted at 5740 Lawn Avenue, Maple Heights, 44137 at or 216-587-6100, ext. 3300.

The District’s Title IX Coordinator
The Board of Education of the Maple Heights City School District does not discriminate on the basis of gender in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Michael May, Personnel Director, has been designated as the district’s Title IX Coordinator. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to: Mr. May, 5740 Lawn Ave., Maple Heights, 44137 at or 216-587-6100, ext. 3300.

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