

Maple PTA Meeting September 8, 2026

Welcome to Maple's PTA first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year!

Call to order: 1805 Number of People in attendance: 10 in-person 0
virtual

Two volunteers to review and approve minutes:

1. Mrs. Jacko	2. Audrey Schwab
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Officer's Reports:

President: Amy Mills

- Welcome, new families!
- Thank you to the everyone for your help with Back to School/Supply Drop-off Night!
- Be sure to join the PTA at <https://maple.givebacks.com/shop>
 - o Membership drive runs through September 30th
 - o One class from each grade with the highest membership wins a cookie party!

Introduction of the 2026-2027 school year cabinet members.

Shout out for all the involvement for the open house and to staff for starting off the beginning of school year. PTA had a table to pass out flyers and information. Last year was a huge success with events and items that the PTA was able to provide. We are looking to top this year for the last year of Maple Elementary School. Membership drive currently ongoing now through September 30th. Mrs. Miller to print membership papers and distribute to classrooms.

First Vice President: Alyssa Strauser

- Join a Committee!
 - o Sign up on the corresponding sheet or let Alyssa know if you're interested!
- Keep track of your volunteer hours – meetings count! Complete the log.
- Lots of opportunities to volunteer this year – feel free to reach out with any questions.
 - o **Special Persons Walk coming up on September 17th.** Will need volunteers to pass out granola bars, water, and take pictures for those that want them.

Join the Facebook group. That is where you will get updates and quickest communications. We will need to track all volunteer hours and if you have attended any meetings. Please make sure you log those hours in. This helps support and show the impact that the PTA makes! This year we have created a "Stand by volunteer pool". This allows members to be part of event if they aren't sure how involved they can be, or if they would be willing to assist for any last-

minute needs. We are excited to share this year events and what we have planned!

Second Vice President: Mrs. Stark

The school year has started off great! One big change this year was having recess before lunch. This has gone very well. The kids are much hungrier coming in and calmer to classroom and more ready to learn. There was previous success at the last district worked. There have been more hand sanitizer stations installed. The kids seem to be eating more of their lunch, while being noted from Noon Aides and parent feedback. Zoned recess also new this year. There are alternating activities on the black top. This will help to teach organized sports. United Church of Christ gave donations including a lot of sports equipment. Mrs. Fielder will teach activities in gym class and then it will be added as an alternate activity. Next week they are going to be doing kickball. Map testing has started. MAP testing started this week and will continue into next week.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Jacko

Great start to the year with new routines. Getting used to new classrooms and new teachers. Families can help the children by making sure they are getting a good night sleep and coming to school ready.

Treasurer: Audrey Schwab Account Balance: \$ \$23,857.30

- Proposed Budget for 2026-2027 School Year to be distributed and voted on

Copy of the proposed budget provided at meeting. Carry over from previous school year is quite high - \$23,857.30. At least \$10,000 will need to be carried over to new school for the next school year. This allows a lot of extras for this school year. Fundraiser earnings estimates increased for this year compared to last. Some parts of budget increased for this year based on spending more than expected last year. Horizons graciously donating two \$200 grants towards activities – this does not include food. Some of the events have changed this year, and we have made the best guess as to what they will cost. Selected field trips are free of charge for this year. School district believed to cover busing for these. Updated dine to donate actual from last year. May have to revise budget based on new events. Possibly approve revised budget later this year. Update to come if needed. Tentatively, Third Grade Send Off changed to Third Grade Celebration for being only grade completing Ohio State Test– as all students will be “sending off” to the new school. Adjustment made to increase to Field Day by \$500 to possibly add Maple Farewell as a part of this event (in school celebration for students and staff).

Changing budget expected expense \$17,385 and expected income to \$16,901. 2026 -2027 school year budget approved!

Delegate: Jessica Fleming

- PTA Council Meeting: September 9th

Updates from this meeting will be shared at the next meeting.

Secretary: Shelby Buchman

Meeting minutes will be given to Mrs. Miller after they have been approved. Update documents will be uploaded to district website. Once available, link will be shared to the Facebook page.

Committees:

Fundraising:

- Box Tops income from 2025-2026 school year: \$479
- Spirit wear - looking at companies for this.
North Olmsted based company? Maple inspired?
- Autumn Fundraiser – Candy/popcorn? Kids art?
Popcorn and candy fundraiser was a huge hit last year. Jessica has meeting with Joe Schneeberger of United Fundraising on Friday 9/11 @ 10:00 at the school. Options for kids' art was looked into as an optional fundraiser. It seemed to be an expensive option. We wanted to keep fundraising affordable for families and friends of students.
- Mitchell's Gift Cards?
- Read-a-Thon (Spring)
Date for this is already set. Going to align with Read Across America week. Will have correlated craft night and theme. Prizes through read-a-thon for the students.

Starting to go over different committee sign up availability. There are different ways to get involved, as much or as little as you can. There is going to be a Google Doc available to see everything.

Events @ Maple:

- Trunk or Treat (October 30th) Friday night
PTA to supply candy. Possibly best dress trunk. DJ and hot dog donations thanks to Mr. Pete! We want it to be culturally inclusive on activities and treats. Offer guide lines for decorations, and possible limit on participations depending on demand. Event to include fall activities. Should not overlap with Football Playoffs, if applicable. Event to run from 5:00 to 6:30. Set up to be earlier and done by start of event, but after school dismissal. This is an outside only event. It will be cancelled if it rains. There will be no rain date.
- Math Themed Family Game Night (January 27th)
New additions this year. More to come!
- Literacy Craft Night (March 2nd)

Correlates with Read-a-thon and Read Across America

- Farewell Maple (May 6th)

Will update calendar with newly adjusted event details.

Events Outside Maple

- Ice Skating at the Rec Center - March
- Group ticket sports game? *Discount group prices for local sporting events*

Room Parties: Fall, Winter, and Friendship

Juice box from PTA. Sign Up Genius volunteer link. Will be able to use Standby Pool

Volunteers for last minute snack runs or set up. Fall party coming up very soon!

Stock the Breakroom:

- Conferences, special events

Staff Appreciation (May 3rd – May 7th):

More to come closer to date!

Reflections: Theme TBD “What My Culture Means to Me”

Submissions due in December

Produce Market: Brian Hall/ Melissa Graham

- Next market September 22nd
- August Market Statistics: *The market did not take place June or July. This was the first Market for this school year.*
 - o Households: 297 Total People: 894

Brian Hall attended meeting as representative. He is the liaison between the Produce Market and the Greater Cleveland Foodbank. Melissa Graham does the day of coordination. Last school year, there was over 7,900 pounds of produce distributed to 10,560 people in community. This equates to 66,000 meals provided. Amazing! Plan for next year is being worked on. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has seen the need for The Market in our community. They are okay with moving distribution to any building in the district, giving approval to continue after Maple School is no longer in use. About 30/35 families per drive have children at Maple. The Market works with The Women’s Junior Club, school administration, staff members, athletic teams, members of the community, etc. as volunteers. October will be renewal of civil rights training required to participate as a volunteer. This is also a requirement for any new volunteers that start at any time through the year.

Important Autumn Dates:

September 17th: Special Persons Walk

Handing out granola bars and water at front and back entrances. Front entrance more busy than back. Offer to take pictures with their phone or your own. Pictures you take will get emailed or sent over. Create Sign Up Genius for volunteers. Set up at 7:30 at front and back entrances. Stickers to pass out day off. Flyers sent out beforehand.

September 22nd: Produce Market @ Maple

October 9th: NEOEA Day – No School

November 3rd: Staff Prof. Day – No School

November 25-27th: Thanksgiving Break

Picture Day - October 6th

Adjourn: 1907

Minutes completed by Shelby Buchman

Minutes reviewed by Beth Jacko and Audrey Schwab