


Pen & Pencil
Ralph S. Maugham Elementary School



2017

THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Maugham School Families,

Welcome to 2017! I always love the beginning of a new calendar year. I sit with my list of things I would like to accomplish as a person, a parent, and as an educator. A new year brings great promise, hope, and excitement for what lies ahead – a year full of wondrous possibilities. I think this poem by William Arthur Ward sums it up nicely:

[“Another fresh new year is here . . .](#)
[Another year to live!](#)
[To banish worry, doubt, and fear,](#)
[To love and laugh and give!](#)

[This bright new year is given me](#)
[To live each day with zest . . .](#)
[To daily grow and try to be](#)
[My highest and my best!](#)

[I have the opportunity](#)
[Once more to right some wrongs,](#)
[To hope for peace, to plant a tree,](#)
[And sing more joyful songs!”](#)

What I love about this poem is how joyful it is and I hope that this New Year brings much joy to you and your family. One of the many things that bring joy to my life is coming to work at Maugham School each day. Seeing your children engaged in learning and working with an incredible staff and community makes me lucky.

One of the many reasons that we have a great school is the way that students, teachers and parents work together to form an educational partnership. When this partnership forms, I have never found an issue that could not be solved. I appreciate the work of students, parents and staff in working together!

While we work hard at the academics at Maugham Elementary, we also work extremely hard in promoting positive character development in our students and always trying to put yourself in someone else's shoes to gain different perspectives. We truly feel that developing positive character within our students, along with solid academic skills, will give

our students the skills they need for future success. We truly appreciate the support our community provides in developing positive character within our students!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Cold Weather is Here:

With the New Year here, I ask you to read these few reminders about drop off and arrival time. For drop off in the morning, please:

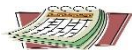
- Pull up your car as far as possible especially when the lane is clear. By stopping at the end of the line when there is clearly space to move up creates a backlog of cars in the lane. Your child can go in any entrance during this time of year so you do not need to drop them off in front of the doors they typically go in.
- Please wait your turn to pull up. Please do not bypass all the cars ahead of you to get to the front of the line. In some cases, when a car at the back of the line is unloading and needs special attention for various reasons, you may be waved to move ahead forward if the lane is clear.
- Please drop your child off on the school side of the street. We don't want students to have to cross the street and cross the traffic flow.
- Please do everything possible to avoid stepping out of the car. If you are dropping your child off in the car line that means they can exit your car independently.
- Last but not least, if you are walking your child to school, please drop them off at the door. All of our Kindergarten classes have a safety patrol monitor who assists the students as they get to their lockers and classrooms.

****When there is snow on the ground, the drop off line does move more slowly. We do not mark students late because of this delay.

Lunch with the Principal - one of my favorite things I do each year is inviting each and every Maugham student to have lunch with me. We do this in groups of 6 or 7 and the students join me in my office during their eating portion of lunch. I start with the kindergarteners and make my way up to the 5th graders. This often takes me a few months to get through everyone. I will be starting with my kindergarten crew next week so if you see a lunch invitation from me, mark it on the calendar. Your child doesn't need to bring anything special, just their regular lunch and we will have so much fun.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Ferrara



Calendar

- Mon. 1/02 SCHOOLS CLOSED
New Year's Day
- Tues. 1/03 SCHOOLS REOPEN
- Mon. 1/09 12:45 PM Dismissal
Professional Day**
- Tues. 1/10 10:30 Delayed Opening
Professional day**
- Thurs. 1/12 Nature Center visits
Kindergarten classes
AM & PM
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TEA Bingo Night  
6:00 PM/Maugham School
- Mon. 1/16 SCHOOLS CLOSED  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thurs. 1/19 HSA Meeting  
7:15 PM/Library
- Fri. 1/20 HSA Kindergarten Program
- Fri. 1/27 Middle School Counselors visit  
5th grades  
9:00 AM/Library

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I hope all my children and their families had a wonderful Holiday. I want to thank you all for the thoughtful gifts. You all touch my heart everyday with your smiles and hugs. Thank you for taking the time out in this busy season to think of me.

Warm Regards,
Judie
Crossing Guard at Sisson and Magnolia
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Kindergarten Registration 2017 - 2018  
Maugham School

Date: Tuesday, February 7th  
(snow date Tuesday, February 14th)

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Tenaflly Board of Ed. Office  
500 Tenaflly Road  
Tenaflly, NJ 07670

If you cannot register on the above date, please go to the Board of Education Office after March 1, 2017 to register.

Kindergarten packets are available on the district website:

[www.tenaflly.k12.nj.us](http://www.tenaflly.k12.nj.us)

Click Our District

Click Registration

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Below is listed the last day of clubs for first session:

Tuesday, January 10th

Wednesday, January 11th

Thursday, January 19th

Friday, January 27th
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## Library Pen & Pencil – January 2017

*"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal. ""*

*~Martin Luther King Jr.*

These words, spoken by **Martin Luther King, Jr.** in 1963 speak volumes of the values and principles that we strive to teach our children. Throughout the month of January in our library classes, we will read and discuss Dr. King's biography and also look at some of his key points like respect and freedom and dreams and how they apply both in the world but more importantly to our "world" here at Maugham school.

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Visiting the local public library is a great idea during these cold winter months. We are fortunate to have an outstanding public library here in Tenafly and it is part of the BCCLS system. Known as "Buckles", BCCLS is a consortium of 77 public libraries in northern New Jersey. BCCLS libraries have over 600,000 registered cardholders and circulate over 12,000,000 items annually so you are able to request items from any of the libraries in the system.

Take a look around **Tenafly Public Library's** website:

<http://tenafly.bccls.org/>

In addition to the storytimes for toddlers and families in the Children's Room, patrons will find a plethora of other activities, events and resources for the entire family: craft events, international books and movies, an art gallery, Sunday music concerts and passes to nearby museums.

Additionally, the Tenafly Public Library also provides the "24/7, 365" library which offers online resources when the building is closed. Through this service, patrons are able to download e-books and popular magazines, stream audiobooks, movies, music and TV shows, research topics, search for jobs, continue education and much more. All this is possible with your Tenafly Public Library Card. Get yours today!

Mrs. Herbst



**Tales of The Traveling Vice Principal**  
**January 2017**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and has a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2017! The Craft family was busy during the holiday break! We spent lots of time with our families, went tubing in the Poconos, and BOUGHT A NEW PUPPY! Our beloved pug of 13 years, Brooklyn, passed away in August and we have been heartbroken. We weren't sure if we were ready for a new dog, but we received word from a family member about a new litter of pug puppies and we couldn't resist! We are thrilled to introduce the newest member of the Craft Family...



We are having a very hard time naming our new little guy....so we are asking our Tenafly Family to help us with a name! If you have a suggestion for us, there will be a form in the main office for you to submit suggestions! We will be bringing home our new pug at the end of February and we are super excited!

To start the new year, I will be a busy bee doing observations at Smith and Mackay. In addition to observations, I will be helping each of the schools prepare for the upcoming PARCC assessments. I have been actively meeting with grade level teams in my efforts to streamline the delivery of instruction across the four schools. I am looking forward to meeting with grades K and 1 in the upcoming weeks to discuss the Phonics First program.

Stay safe and stay warm! Hope to see you around town!

## **HSA Pen and Pencil article - January 2017**

Happy New Year and Welcome back to school. We hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. Winter is really here, with snow all around us! Bundle up and stay warm.

Congratulations to Senora Claudia Guerrero, our Spanish teacher, for Maugham School's 2016-2017 Governor's Educator of the Year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Gross, paraprofessional, for Maugham School's 2016 -2017 Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year.

### **Lynn Trager -Superintendent of Tenafly Schools**

Mrs. Trager has just announced her retirement at the end of this school year. This is a big loss for Tenafly. The Board of Education will look to hire a new superintendent using a search firm, and hopes to have the new candidate hired by May. The process will be made public, so that a committee can be made up of various members of community. Mrs. Trager has served Tenafly for 11 years, and has been a great leader; we will miss her. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

**Teacher's Luncheon** - Parent/ Teachers conferences went well - the two communities work together in a great partnership. We all want progress and growth for our kids. The luncheon provided for the teachers was amazing. Thank you to all who donated items - and a big thank you to our organizers.

**Book Fair** - It was a great success. Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who helped to make it happen and worked so hard. Thank you to all the families that helped fulfill the teacher wish lists, and those that contributed to the "Coin a day Challenge". The coin challenge raised over \$2100, which allowed the HSA to give 3 books to each child on The Giving Tree - what a wonderful gift.

**Giving Tree**- The first grade classes did a great job organizing and running the Giving Tree drive, once again. Thank you to all the families that donated gifts to the children on the tree. We put a smile on the face of many children with our generosity.

**TREP\$** - The 5th grade entrepreneurial project, taught by Mrs. Ferrara, has started. The TREP\$ Marketplace will be held on February 9th at the Maugham School gym. Look for details coming soon, and help support our fifth graders and their businesses.

**Winter Concert** - The students did a great job performing at the end of December. Music is such an important part of our community.

Four Maugham students competed in Tenafly's Got Talent competition; Yonatan Zubkov won for the elementary schools level - Congratulations! All had outstanding voices and talents.

**Indoor Recess** - It is getting very cold out. When the "feels like temperature" is above 27, the children will go outside. Please dress kids appropriately - they may need to sit inside if not dressed right. If the turf is snow covered, Mrs. Ferrara will take the kids on a walk around the block - to get outside, exercise and fresh air.

Class parents are organizing games and activities to be brought in for kids to use during indoor recess.

**TEF Grant** - Mrs. Winfield submitted a grant request for cooperative play equipment - an outdoor play set of wooden blocks. The grant was approved! The materials will be ordered now, with the plan to install it during the warmer weather. It will be put on the side field, for use by K-2 classes, and the PAWS program.

**May HSA** - Our May HSA meeting date has been changed to Thurs. May 4th; with K orientation beginning at 6:30 pm., and the HSA meeting beginning at 7pm. Please mark your calendars.

**Air conditioning** - The Board of Education is discussing a system for the entire district. It is an expensive endeavor. Spread the word; get people to support the idea or to speak against it - before the Board can consider even evaluating the proposal. There are discussions open to the public at upcoming Board meetings. Residents can attend any meeting and voice an opinion.

Information concerning the feasibility study paid for by the District as well as the costs associated with the proposal can be found on the District website <http://tenafly.k12.nj.us/> under the links:

**Estimated Energy Cost**

**Feasibility Report Air-Conditioning Upgrades**

**Clubs** - Please note the remaining club dates in Session One:

Tuesday: Jan 10

Wednesday: Jan 11

Thursday: Jan 12, Jan 19

Friday: Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27

Session Two clubs:

- registration will start on Sunday Jan. 29th @ 9PM.

- clubs start on Wed. Feb 22nd, right after winter break.

- schedule and brochure will be available on the HSA website by Jan. 18.

**Committees-**

The Lunch Committee and Club Committee are in desperate need of volunteers!

Present committee chairs for these committees will be stepping down at the end of this school year after many years of service. Without new volunteers to take over, our lunch and club programs will not continue. Volunteers please contact - [maughamclubs@gmail.com](mailto:maughamclubs@gmail.com), [maughamlunch@gmail.com](mailto:maughamlunch@gmail.com), or [maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com). **Thank you.**

**Important dates coming up:**

**Mond. 1/9 - early dismissal; no HSA lunch**

**Tues. 1/10 - delayed opening - 10:30 start time**

**Thurs. 1/12 - TEA/ Maugham School Bingo night @ 6pm.**

**Monday 1/16 SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Next HSA Meeting: Thurs. Jan. 19 @ 7:15 PM HSA - Maugham School Library**

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns at [maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com).

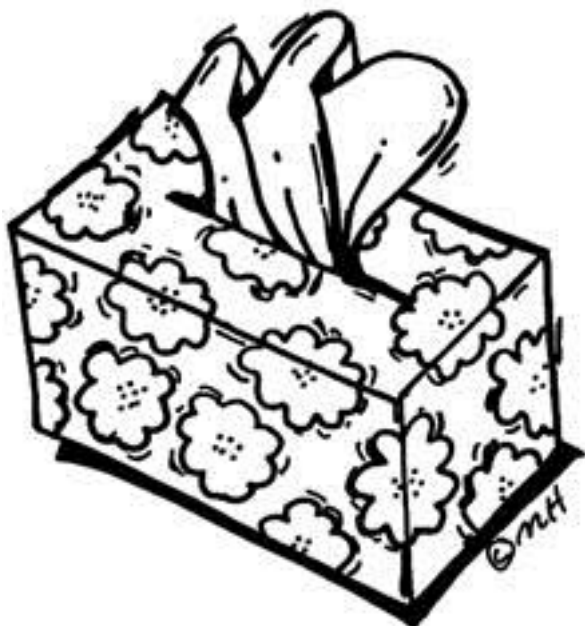
**Thank you in advance for helping out in any way you can.**

Michelle Roglieri, Chie Williams, Michele Goldberg, and Susan Carlin: Executive Council

Doreen Hawkins and Natalya Michaels: Co-Treasurers

Andrea Weitzner and Lauren Dayton: Co-Secretaries

## NURSE'S NOTES:



### **Mary's Cold**

**Mary had a little cold and didn't stay at home  
And everywhere that Mary went that cold was sure to roam.  
It wandered into Amy's eyes and filled them full of tears,  
It jumped from there to Michael's nose and then to Gary's ears.  
It painted Nicole's throat bright red and swelled poor Sheila's head.  
Nancy had a fever; a cough put Jack to bed.  
The moral of this story is very quickly said....  
She could have saved a lot of pain with just one day in bed!  
Author Unknown**

Just a reminder....

Before sending your child to school each day I'd like to ask you to please assess the state of their health. Children with fever over 100 F, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throats, rashes, red draining eyes, thick yellow/green nasal drainage, etc. need to stay home for 24 hours after these symptoms are resolved or a note from your physician is sent to school stating that the child can attend school

If you have any questions regarding the Health Office please feel free to contact me either by telephone (201 816 7708) or by e mail ([mmartin@tenafly.k12.nj.us.org](mailto:mmartin@tenafly.k12.nj.us.org)). When children feel well and are healthy, they enjoy school more and subsequently learn better.

If your child is sick and staying home please notify the Health Office by telephone. I will let you child's teacher know. E mailing, while convenient, is not suitable to report an absence as it is password protected and if the recipient is out of school the message is not received! Thank you!

Marianne Gray Martin RN



