



PEN & PENCIL, JUNE 2017
RALPH S. MAUGHAM SCHOOL

Dear Maugham Families,

Summer is now upon us and I am sure that each of you has plans to enjoy the weather and the extra time. I hope that you will have some great family time and will return safely and refreshed in September. Please take time to rejuvenate yourselves. I know for some of you this means being with friends and family, while for others it will be climbing mountains and biking through Europe. I know some of our first grade families head off to Italy after the in-depth study the students did this year; my family is finally journeying there this summer. Regardless of what you will do, the time will fly.

We have just completed an excellent year with many highlights and we will be bidding our fifth graders farewell in a few weeks. The end of every year is always bittersweet. Over the summer I will miss the sounds of children in every hallway in our building. Mrs. Walsh and I will have plenty to keep us busy until the halls fill again in September. The work we have done this year was single mindedly focused on our children and it makes me proud to be a part of this community. We want to thank you for your continued support. We couldn't teach your students to this degree without a great school/home partnership.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all school constituencies involved in the formal and informal education of our students. I would like to thank the teachers on all grade levels and in all areas for preparing Maugham students so well for their next academic step and for their place as contributing citizens in society. I want to thank our outstanding instructional aides and lunch supervisors who support our students in so many ways. We truly appreciate all your patience and effort you dedicate to our students. I also wish to thank the many parents of our HSA, and community members who have given so selflessly of their time and talents to enhance and to help innovate our school programs.

On behalf of the entire staff I thank Mr. Gorelov, our Head Custodian and his staff, for their great efforts to keep our building clean and safe this year. I thank all of them for being our "behind the scene" support, literally cleaning our messes and allowing us to perform our more visible, front and center operations. A big thank you also goes to Mrs. Martin who keeps our children healthy each and every day – I don't know what we would do without her.

In this year I have had the pleasure to get to know 396 amazing children who have grown tremendously and be a part of a school community that provides such a warm and welcoming foundation that makes it possible for all of our students to be successful. I want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Walsh and my staff who have made this year such a success.

I also want to take a moment to highlight a few of our staff member who will be moving on from Maugham School. Two of our paraprofessionals, Ms. Isabel Park and Ms. Carla Gottlich will be leaving us to continue their education as they pursue graduate degrees in the field of Occupational Therapy and Counseling. We certainly wish them the very best as they move on to the exciting next stage in their lives.

I know one of the most awaited topics over the summer what class your child will be in next year. Parents will be able to log onto to the Genesis Parent Portal to find out the information. Please make sure you are signed up. If you are not signed up, you will not be able to find out important summer information. A Honeywell Instant Alert will be sent out to notify you when you can access the portal to find this information. You can expect the Alert toward the end of August.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Best Regards
Jennifer Ferrara

Calendar

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| <p>Thurs. 6/01 3rd Grade Field Trip
9:00 AM - 3:10 PM
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5th Grades to visit
Tenafly Middle School
12:20 PM</p> <p>Fri. 6/02 Assembly: 1st Grade Play
9:00 AM/Auditorium
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Library Volunteer Coffee/Dessert
2:00 PM/Library</p> <p>Tues. 6/06 Jr. Orchestra & 2nd Grade
Violin Concert
7:00 PM/Auditorium</p> <p>Wed. 6/07 Assembly: Jr. Orchestra &
2nd Grade Violin Concert for
students
9:00 AM/Auditorium</p> <p>Thurs. 6/08 5th Grade Pool Party
9:00 AM
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HSA Meeting
2:00 PM/Library</p> <p>Fri. 6/09 4th Grade Science Fair
Auditorium
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Rain Date 5th Pool Party
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Maugham Spring Event
6:00 PM/Maugham School</p> <p>Mon. 6/12 Art Festival/Auditorium
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Rain Date 5th Grade Pool Party</p> | <p>Tues. 6/13 Kindergarten Sing Along
9:00 AM/Auditorium</p> <p>Wed. 6/14 3rd Grade Colonial Fair
9:00 AM/classrooms</p> <p>Thurs. 6/15 Awards Assembly
9:00 AM/Auditorium
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Super Orchestra Concert at
Tenafly Middle School
7:30 PM/Auditorium</p> <p>Fri. 6/16 8:45 AM-- 4th & 5th Grade
students are dropped off at
Tenafly Middle School by their
parents for Super Orchestra Concert
Assembly
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1st Grade Field Trip
8:45 AM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>Mon. 6/19 12:45 PM Dismissal
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Teacher Appreciation
Desserts & Coffee
1:15 pm</p> <p>Tues. 6/20 12:45 PM Dismissal</p> <p>Wed. 6/21 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:00 AM/Auditorium
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12:45 PM Dismissal
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> |
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Library Pen and Pencil

June 2017

Summer is all about reading in your favorite spot, whether you're at the beach, by the pool or even in your backyard. Research indicates that keeping kids reading over the summer makes a great impact on their reading habits and provides a foundation for later success.

The Tenafly Public Library has a great reading program for all ages – check out their website at:

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

Also, the District Summer Reading Lists for elementary will be posted sometime in June for each grade level. This is just a suggested reading list to keep you going over the summer.

Have a wonderful READING summer!!

Mrs. Herbst



HSA Pen & Pencil

June 2017

Our last article of the school year. It is hard to believe school is almost done, and that summer is around the corner. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer vacation, and we will see you back in September!

Spring Event Committee-

Save the date! This year's Spring Event will be held on Friday, June 9th, 6pm-8pm (rain date Friday, June 16th, 6pm-8pm). Please feel free to invite your friends and family (this event is open to all, not just our Maugham students).

To help make this year's event a spectacular one, please help out and volunteer here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aadad2eaaf58-maugham8>

Community Service –A fundraiser for No Kid left Hungry will be run during the Spring Event. Please sign up to bring home made baked goods. All items will be sold for \$1.00, and will be nut free. The school classes will take turns working at the table, and the K/5th grade buddies will work together. See the Sign-up Genius to volunteer baked items.

Lunch Committee-

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our parent volunteers for making this year's lunch program such a great one!

School Supplies –

The online ordering runs from May 8th through June 5th. This is an HSA fundraiser, and makes it easier for families in Sept. The supplies are delivered to each child's desk on first day of school.

TEF Tenafly 5K run and dog walk –

This Sunday, June 4th. See the Tenafly website for more details and to register and volunteer.

Plantings -

Thanks to the HSA, the Beautification Committee and the generous gifts of the Fifth Grade Committee for the beautiful plantings in the front of our building. The Jim Byrne memorial will be coming soon and our 5th graders will be at the dedication ceremony.

HSA Executive Board -

Each officer serves a 2 year term, with some completing their term this year. Michele Roglieri and Chie Williams are completing their two year terms as Co-Presidents. Susan Carlin and Michelle Goldberg are staying on for their second year. Joining them will be Cheryl Schuster and Dara Wasserlauf. Cristine Chun will join as Secretary. Lauren Dayton is staying on, and Andrea Weitzner is completing her term. Kate Williams will join as Treasurer. Natalya Michaels is staying on, and Doreen Hawkins is completing her term. To those stepping down, we thank you for your time and effort, and we welcome the incoming officers.

Next HSA meeting: Thursday, June 8th @ 2pm.

Teacher appreciation luncheon - Mond. June 19th .

Early dismissal days:

Mond. June 19th, Tues. June 20th, and Wed. June 21st at 12:45pm.

Last day of school - Wed. June 21st

Physical Education News

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Jump Rope for Heart program to benefit the American Heart Association. The final tally was over \$11,000.00. Way to go everyone!

Nurse's Notes

The start of June brings us once again to dreams of Summer Break and I would like to remind all our Maugham families of some simple precautions to take while enjoying this time out of school.

For our families heading towards the beach (or to our local parks!) please remember the importance of using sunscreen to protect you and your children from the sun's harmful rays.

Please be aware when traveling that you may encounter different levels of hygiene. There may be a chance of contracting lice if your child's hair is braided or wrapped by an unlicensed vendor while away. Baseball, softball and Tee-ball are also in full swing. If your child uses a communal batting helmet, please have them keep their caps on as well. Many close friendships are formed at Summer Camp and a good rule to remind your child of is to never share combs, brushes, hair accessories or hats with other children. In addition, please be sure to check your child's head for nits or lice before returning to school.

I have continued screening our Maugham students this spring. These screenings include vision, hearing, height, weight and blood pressure. I will also be following up on 3rd Grade physicals that have not been submitted yet.

The beautiful weather is here and outdoor recess is lots of fun for all. We will be reminding students to be careful while playing with their friends outside and to use caution on all playground equipment. In cases of in or out of school fractures, your child's doctor needs to provide me with written restrictions and clearances for activities.

In closing let me wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Marianne G Martin RN 6/1/17