Vision Mission Mascot



Maple Elementary

Purpose

Share Maple Elementary's identity by aligning our mission, vision and programs to our future direction and building on the strengths of what makes Maple a unique and inviting place to learn.



- Inclusion forward and centered on belonging
- Focused on whole child development
- Small, connected, learning community
- Hands-on, experiential learning
- Outdoor spaces as an extension of the classroom
- Intentional and balanced use of technology





Maple Elementary

"Where Learning Lives Outdoors"

A new school-wide learning model rooted in the following ideals:

- Low and slow technology use with an intentional focus
- Inclusive outdoor education utilizing our existing outdoor spaces
- Connections with community partners to immerse students in our native landscape and natural resources



Strengths



People

Staff enthusiasm for low-technology, the outdoors, and hands-on experiences

Desire to reduce screen time and return to real-world, experiential instruction

Spaces

Outdoor classroom
Native Pollinator Garden
Library reading garden
Extensive green space



Beliefs

Research Supports:

Students who learn outdoors develop a sense of self, independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making and problem-solving skills, empathy toward others, motor skills, self-discipline and intitiative.





Teachers and Staff believe:

- Inclusion is our biggest priority, and outdoor education gives many opportunities for non-traditional learning.
- Students learn better with hands-on, real-life connections.
- Technology has a place in education when used intentionally and with limits.

Mission Statement

Maple Elementary School is dedicated to nurturing curious, confident, and compassionate learners through meaningful, hands-on educational experiences. Our collaborative and committed staff designs learning opportunities that encourage exploration, connection to the natural world, and the development of socially conscious student leaders. Through inclusive practices, strong relationships, and a balanced approach that emphasizes active learning and thoughtful, low technology use, Maple supports the intellectual, social-emotional, and physical development of every student while partnering with families and community organizations.





Maple's Vision

Maple Elementary's vision is to cultivate a joyful and inclusive learning community where every student is known, valued, and inspired to explore the world around them. Through hands-on learning, outdoor exploration, and meaningful community connections, Maple strives to foster curiosity, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.





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Maple Mountain Lions

- Establish a unique identity for Maple Elementary
- Alignment with native animal themes at other schools within the Newbury Park cluster
- Reflects local ecology and connection to nature
- Inspired by P-22, a well-known mountain lion with ties to the Maple neighborhood
- Represents strength, independence, resilience
- Already present on campus through existing, student made, mural artwork

Future Plans

Continue Work on Focus Areas

- Develop outdoor classroom with Thousand Oaks Community Environmental Enhancement Grant
- Consider options for Upper Field usage
- Refine outdoor learning, experiential instruction, and low technology practices

Develop Community Partnerships

- Conejo Parks and Recreation partnership
- Collaboration with local agencies: National Wildlife Federation, Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency
- Students for Eco-Education & Agriculture

Seek out Professional Learning

- Ventura County Agricultural Education Summit
- Ventura County Farm to School Initiative
- Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education

Thank You So Much ↗

