



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

of Amherst and Tonawanda

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September 1, 2026

Dear Maplemere Parents & Guardians:

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are incredibly excited to welcome our students and families back to Maplemere and look forward to another year of creating the very best possible “Maplemere Experience” for every child.

This year, our school-wide theme is **“It Takes a Village.”** At Maplemere, we know that providing an exceptional school experience for our students cannot be accomplished by any one person. It takes the collective commitment of our teachers, support staff, families, students, and community working together toward a common purpose. Our Champions are exceptional individually, but we are even stronger when we collaborate, support one another, and remain focused on what matters most—every student, every day.

Throughout the year, we will emphasize the important role each of us plays within Our Maplemere Village. Whether it is a classroom teacher providing engaging instruction, a staff member helping a student navigate a challenging moment, a family reinforcing learning and expectations at home, or one student demonstrating kindness toward another, each contribution strengthens our school community. When our entire village works together, our students benefit.

We are also excited to welcome several new Champions to the Maplemere family for the 2026–2027 school year:

Miss Jennifer Reyes – ENL Teacher

Mr. Griffin Harrigan – Physical Education Teacher

Miss Devon Perri – Grade 5 Long-Term Substitute Teacher (Littlefield)

Miss Mya Sciolino – Kindergarten Long-Term Substitute Teacher (Becker)

Mr. Zachary Lippitt – Program Aide

We are fortunate to have each of these individuals joining our team and look forward to the many ways they will contribute to our students and our school community. There are many exciting events and opportunities for families to connect with our school during September and the beginning of October. Please continue to check our district and building websites for the most current information, events, and updates. Website: <https://maplemere.sweethomeschools.org/>

Important Beginning-of-Year Dates:

Day:	Date:	Event(s):	Time:
Monday	September 14th	Meet & Greet PTA Maplemere PTA Meeting	5:30-6pm 6-7pm
Wednesday	September 16th	Title 1 Building Meeting ENL Meet & Greet (only for students receiving ENL services) Open House PTA Fall Fest	4-4:30pm 5-5:30pm 5:30-6:30pm 6-7:30pm

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Tuesday	September 22nd	Fall Picture Day	During school day
Wednesday	September 23rd	GL & MM Parent Lighthouse Meeting At Glendale ES	6:30-7:30pm
Thursday	September 24th	ENL Graduation @ Middle School	6-7pm
Monday	October 5th	Building Community Walk PTA Meeting	3:20-4:20pm 6-7pm
Friday	October 9th	Emergency Evacuation/Early Release Drill	**Students dismissed 15 minutes earlier**

We sincerely appreciate the continued support and partnership of our Maplemere families. A strong village depends upon strong relationships, open communication, and a shared commitment to our children. We are looking forward to working alongside you to make the 2026–2027 school year an exceptional experience for every student.

Lastly, please remember to return your **Free and Reduced Meal Form by Friday, September 18th**. The number of completed forms returned is important in helping our district secure resources and continue providing meal support for our students. We greatly appreciate your assistance in returning this form.

If you have any questions or need assistance as we begin the school year, please do not hesitate to contact our main office at (716) 250-1550.

With respect & gratitude,

James Ryan
Building Principal
It Takes a Village — Where Every Child Has a Champion

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