Welcome Maple Hills Community





JoEllen Tapper

Principal



Occidental College

Bachelor's degree

UCLA

Master's degree

City University of Seattle

Administrative credential

32nd Year in Education

12 years teaching

- Taught in Los Angeles, CA
- Renton, WA

20th year as principal

- 9 years in Renton, WA
- 11th year at Maple Hills

FUN FACT

Ms. Tapper's son, Ben, is a senior at Liberty High School and graduates in June!

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JoEllen Tapper, Principal



Tracy Magee, Dean

Help us keep our students safe…

- Building security
  - All doors locked except front door
  - Front entryway to office only, must be buzzed into hallways
  - All visitors check in, get badge, ID if unfamiliar
  - Special Events – not checking in? parents stay in MPR
- Changing dismissal plans?
  - Send note in AM to teacher and office (and Eagle Club): mh-staff/officestaff@Issaquah.wednet.edu
- Parent Drop Off/Pick Up
  - loading/unloading only
  - pull up to the next car, exit in left lane
  - watch crosswalk/safety patrol carefully
  - Help us model Soaring Eagle Expectations…patience



As a community…

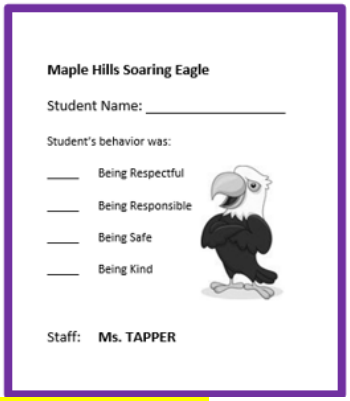


- We work as a team.
  - Concern? Talk with teacher first
  - Get curious not furious. Ask questions
  - If not resolved, please call or come and see me (social media not helpful)
- Help us maintain confidentiality.
  - Discipline, academic progress, student needs, health concerns, office
- Focus for student behavior is instruction first.
  - We help students learn from their mistakes
- Achieve socially, emotionally, and academically
- Read Ms. Tapper's Weekly Bulletin every Thursday (sign up on district website if not receiving: https://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up)



How can families support Soaring Eagles?

- Talk about being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind
- Every family is different. Talk with your student about how everyone is different and needs different things but we are respectful to each other
- Talk with your student about how to solve problems
  - Difference between bullying and a conflict. Conflict is inevitable.

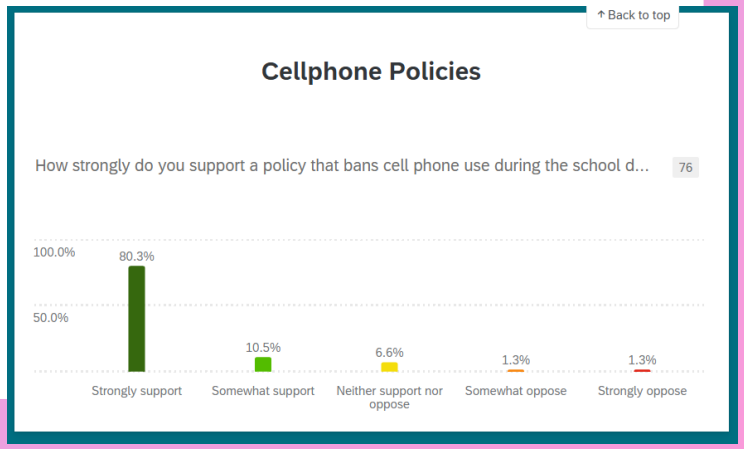


- Make sure that your child can identify a trusted adult
  - reporting vs. tattletelling; help them learn how to solve their own problems
- Label all clothing, lunchbox, etc with name (even if you don't think it's needed); check Lost & Found

Technology



- Review technology regulations
- Personal devices off and away on school property
  (parents model this too; remember not to post pics of other students)
  - Cell phones
  - Smart watches (turn to airplane mode)
- Some curriculum uses laptops at school
- Focus on interpersonal interactions
- Parent survey last year showed that 80.3% Strongly Support banning cell phone use during the school day.



Attendance

Absenteeism in K-5:

- Missing an average of just 2 days a month, excused or unexcused, makes it more likely that your child will not meet academic standards in math and reading by 3rd grade.

What can you do?

- Keep child home when truly sick
- Excuse absences by notifying office, use pre-arranged absence form, or drs. notes
- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session
- Email teacher and office: mhattendance@Issaquah.wednet.edu

Students must be here to learn!

9:15am-3:45pm (Wednesday 9:10-1:30)

SBA English Language Arts

3rd-5th SBA ELA % Met Actuals

Group	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
All	74%	77%	80%	74%	73%

ISD: 78%



SBA Math

3rd-5th SBA Math % Met Actuals

Group	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
All	69%	71%	75%	73%	67%

ISD: 79%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

Attendance & Social-Emotional

Regular Attendance % Met Actuals

Group	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
All	87%	85%	88%	89%	90%

ISD: 87%

Sense of Belonging % Positive Actuals

Group	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
All	81%	76%	83%

ISD: 79%



How will you stay informed?

- Two report cards per year
- Parent conferences – Wednesday, Nov. 4 & Thursday, Nov. 5
  - Non-student days
  - Conference scheduler opens Oct.
  - Hear about start of year; set goals before report card
  - Find out: What is working? What can be better? What can we work on at home over the next 2 months before the report card?
- End of semester 1 – Jan. 22
- End of semester 2 – June 14 (scheduled)
- Email/call teacher anytime
- Read weekly teacher newsletter. I recommend:
  - Be sure you're getting the newsletter
  - Go back and read before emailing



School Counseling at Maple Hills Elementary

In a comprehensive school counseling program, counselors design and deliver services directly and indirectly for their students to address academic, personal/social, and college/career needs based on national standards. School counselors help students manage emotions, apply interpersonal skills, and plan for postsecondary options. Counselors also **deliver** classroom lessons, facilitate small groups, offer short-term counseling, connect students with outside resources, and collaborate with families, school staff, and community members for student success.

Learn more on the district website!

Topics the school counselor supports...

- ✓ Emotion regulation
- ✓ Conflict resolution
- ✓ Making/keeping friends
- ✓ Executive functioning
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ✓ Self-esteem
- ✓ Coping skills
- ✓ Family changes
- ✓ Grief/loss



Contact Amber Bryant
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Welcome Families,
My name is Lina Marin, your Family Liaison.

I am part of the ISD Equity Department. We offer family information sessions for families through out the school on a variety of topics support student success and families engagement.
Family Partnerships - Issaquah School District 411
Need interpretation? We can provide sessions in your preferred language.

Feel free to contact me.
MarinIsazaL@issaquah.wednet.edu
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Cell: 425 571 2566
Text: 252 563 3498
Languages spoken: English, Español

Schools I support:
Apollo, Briarwood, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, Maple Hills, Newcastle, Cougar Mountain, Maywood, and Liberty

How Can I Help You?

As your Family Partnership Liaison, I can:

- Welcome new families and explain school systems and procedures
- Help you use tools like Family Access and Canvas
- Guide you in navigating district and school websites
- Support communication with school and district staff
- Connect you with community resources and programs

The ISD High School Experience

Your high school. Your path. Your possibilities.

Comprehensive High Schools

Liberty · Issaquah · Skyline

- Grades 9-12 · Full-time
- Your neighborhood high school – academics, arts, athletics, activities and career technical programs all in one place.

Gibson Ek High School

- Grades 9-12 · Full-time
- Lottery for incoming ninth grade students
- Some 10th grade space may be available
- A project-based, real world, personalized experience

Online Learning Programs

- Grades 9-12 · Full-time or part-time
- Flexible online option
- Students can enroll full-time in online learning; or, take online courses part-time

New High School

- Grades 9-12 · Full-time or part-time
  Grades 9-11 full time for the opening year of 2027-28
- College and career-connected pathways in Engineering & Robotics, Entrepreneurship, and Health Sciences

Explore. Combine. Personalize. Your high school experience can grow with you.

Introducing the New High School – Opening Fall 2027









THREE CAREER-CONNECTED PATHWAYS:

Engineering & Robotics

Grades 9-11 for the 2027-28 school year

Grades 9-12 for 2028 and beyond

Full-time or part-time

Entrepreneurship

Grades 9-11 for the 2027-28 school year

Grades 9-12 for 2028 and beyond

Full-time or part-time

Health Sciences (pilot program)

Grade 11: full-time or part-time

Grade 12: part-time only for 2027-28 school year

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ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT 411



Kindergarten

Ms. Allard

Ms. Fisher

Ms. Kardong



1st Grade

Ms. Crawford

Ms. Gauvey

Ms. Lecoq

Ms. Weltmer

2nd Grade -
Ms. Bonoan, Ms. Friend, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Laws



3rd Grade -

Ms. Brunell, Ms. Dusenberry, Mr. Kinkade, Ms. Traynoff





4th Grade

Ms. Flett

Ms. Grassley

Ms. Tutor

5th Grade -
Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Sanford, Ms. Warner



Special Education Team:

Learning Resource Center (LRC) -Ms. Chase & Ms. Deaton
Speech/Language Pathologist – Ms. Johnson
Psychologist – Mr. Martini
Occupational Therapist – Ms. Fare



Specialists:

PE –
Ms. O'Brien

Music – Mr. Arnett/Ms. Campbell

Library – Ms. Stempson

Maple Hills Support Staff



Counselor - Ms. Bryant

Reading/Math Interventionist – Ms. Unti

SAGE/Highly Capable – Ms. Burdick

Multi Language Teacher – Ms. Kirschenman

Nurses – Ms. Schepper/Ms. Roberts

Family Liaison – Ms. Lina

Paraprofessionals & Office Staff



Mr. JR, Mr. Keith, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Sonya, Mr. Dillow, Ms. Disney, Mr. Eddy, Ms. Albertina, Ms. Kawamoto, Ms. Marnie, Mr. Johnny, Ms. Tuija, Ms. Margaret, Ms. Brittney, Ms. Sarah



CURRICULUM NIGHT 2026

Welcome, Maple Hills families!

every child. *one* voice.

WHY WE EXIST

Invest in students

Opportunities for every student to reach their full educational potential

Invest in community

A community of families who come together to support our students

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Maple Hills Elementary PTA
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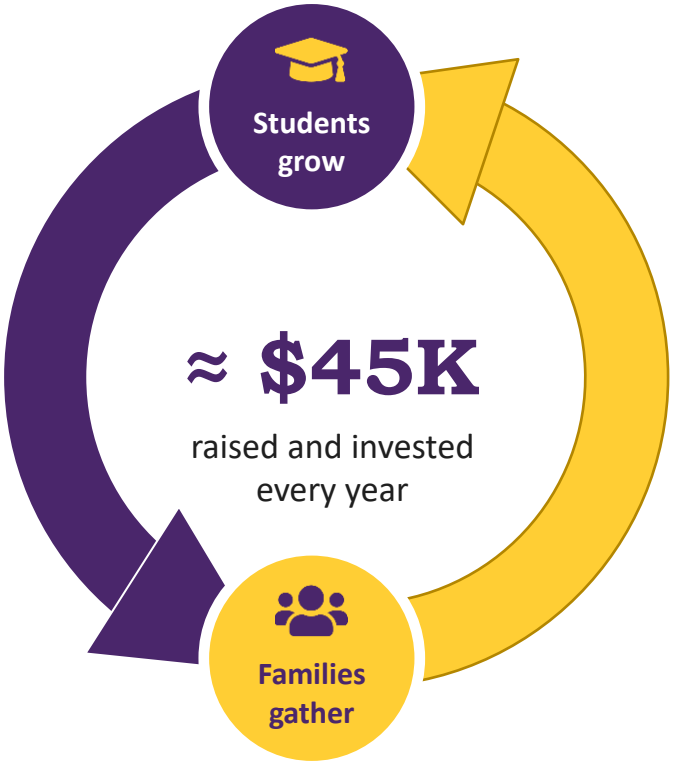
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Classroom & library enrichment

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Reading support & resources

-$7k
Science & art programs

- ≈ $12K for other programs & operations



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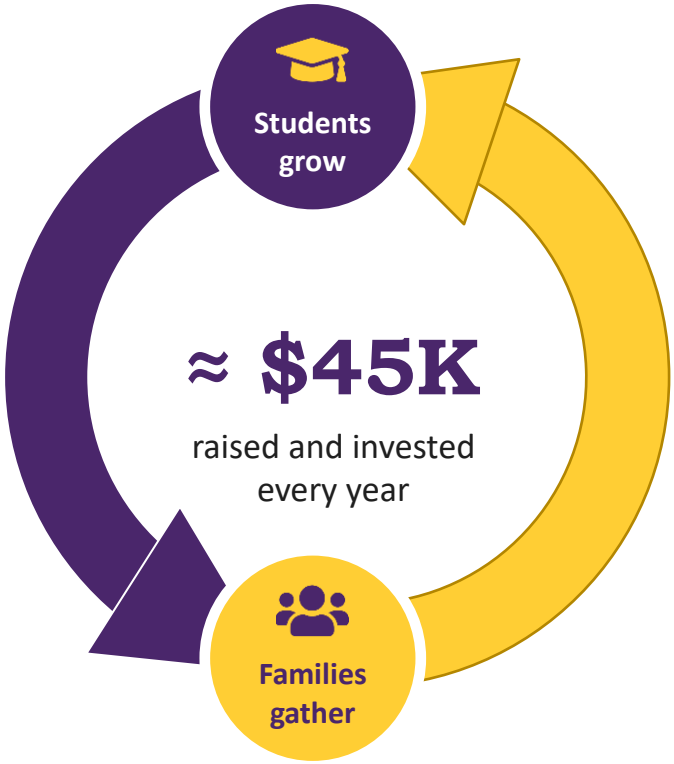
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RAISED AS A COMMUNITY

+$4.5k
Family events

+$2.9k
Community sporting events

+$2.6k
Restaurant nights

+ ≈ $35K from other fundraisers & giving

Get involved

Two simple ways to start

STEP 1

Join or renew your family membership

Register or renew for 2026–27.

NEW INFO TOMORROW

STEP 2

Stay informed

Get our newsletter & follow our social feeds.

Scan now to join & stay informed

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ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Every student deserves the opportunity to thrive in school and create a path to success post-graduation

40 Years of W.I.S.E. investments in students

Well-Being Programs

Innovation Pilots

Support Tools

Enrichment Opportunities

ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Learn more about the Foundation



Learn more about our programming:

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Next steps…

- Be sure to join the PTA – check out PTA website & spirit wear table in main lobby
- Review this PPT posted to school website
- Drop off Resource Closet donations at the tables or in the office up until Fri. Sept. 25
- Check out the teacher's PPT posted to their classroom website if you were unable to make the presentation
- Volunteer Training – Tues. Sept. 29 Zoom Link 7:00pm
- We look forward to partnering with you this year!
- K-2nd Families head to your classrooms; visit PTA tables after

Scan now to join & stay informed

