



The Bobcat Beat

DECEMBER 2023



MEMBERS OF THE MC ROBOTICS TEAM CREATED THIS LARGE WALL MURAL FOR THE GYM WING. EACH SQUARE HAS "WHAT ART MEANS TO YOU" WORDS AND IMAGERY THAT WERE FILLED OUT BY STAFF AND STUDENTS.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings,

As we head into winter and near the end of the first part of the school year, I want to reach out to all families. It's been a time of learning and facing challenges. As the weather changes, let's remember to focus on both schoolwork and staying healthy. We should create a good atmosphere for learning even when it's cold outside. It's a chance to be proud of what we've done and think about what comes next. By working together and supporting each other, we can help our students finish this part of the year feeling good about themselves. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Best wishes,

Carter Jones, Principal

IMPORTANT dates and events



Choral "Winter Spectacular"
December 19th- 6 pm
in the Cafeteria

Holiday Band Concert
December 20th- 6 pm
in the Gymnasium

Winter Break
December 23-January 5
No School (December 22 is
a potential make-up day)

Wrestling Practice Begins 1/8



VOLUME 4

6TH GRADE SCIENCE

After students learned about sound waves in their Physical Science Unit, they created a sound deadening wall as a STEM project. They used a microphone and computer to gather data and gauge the decibels as they added materials to insulate their “room”.

FINE ARTS CLASS

Students in Mr. Teeple’s Fine Arts rotation classes have been cooking up lots of goodies in the FACS lab. Students have really enjoyed baking and learning this life skill here at Maple Creek.



MAPLE CREEK SPELL BOWL TEAM MAKES IT TO STATE



7TH GRADE SCIENCE SEARCHES FOR FOSSILS

Students in Mrs. Stroud's Science classes searched for fossils from Shale from the Fossil Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

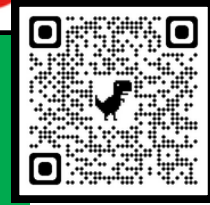


PTO provided a delicious assortment of pies for the staff to enjoy during the day. Thank you so much for your involvement in these types of gestures to make teachers feel appreciated! Mr. Sloffer really enjoyed his pie :-)

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEAR

IF YOU'D LIKE ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR AS A HOLIDAY GIFT, YOU CAN STOP BY THE SCHOOL STORE AND CHECK OUT OUR INVENTORY. WE STILL HAVE A NICE SELCTION OF T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, BLANKETS AND HATS IF YOU'D LIKE TO CHECK THEM OUT.



FINAL FORMS™

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Remaining Basketball Schedules

Girls

12/9	Sat.	9:00	7 th /8 th DeKalb Tournament
12/6	Wed.	5:00	St. Joe (8 th grade only)
12/11	Mon.	5:00	Woodside
12/14	Thur.	5:00	Summit
12/19	Tues.	5:00	DeKalb
1/9	Tues.	5:00	Blackhawk Christian
1/10	Wed.	5:00	New Haven
1/11	Thur.	5:00	@ CHS vs. CMS
1/16	Tues.	5:00	St. Paul (8 th grade only)
1/18	Thur.	5:00	@ St. Vincent
1/24	Wed.	5:00	@ Angola

1/29	Mon.	5:30	7 th /8 th NHMLC
1/30	Tues.	5:30	7 th /8 th Semi-finals
2/1	Thurs.	5:30	7 th /8 th Championship

Boys

12/6	Wed.	5:00	St. Joe (8 th grade only)
12/7	Thurs.	5:00	@ CHS vs. CMS
12/9	Sat.	9:00	Lakeview Tournament (Warsaw)
12/11	Mon.	5:00	@ Woodside
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1/23	Tues.	5:30	7 th /8 th Semi-finals
1/25	Thur.	5:30	7 th /8 th Championship



Thanks to "Bruiser the Bobcat" and the Cheerleaders for helping to make our home ball games memorable for everyone.



Maple Creek
Middle School

CURRENT CLUBS

Maple Creek Middle School



TRADING CARD CLUB

DO YOU COLLECT/TRADE


- Basketball Cards
- Baseball Cards
- Football Cards
- Pokemon Cards
- Hockey Cards
- Others???

Starts October **26** | MRS. BURROUGH'S CLASS A111 | Start At **8:00 AM** — **8:30 AM**

The Club Meets Thursday Mornings from 8:00-8:30 AM until Christmas Break

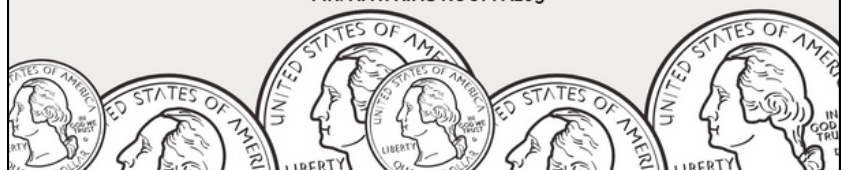



COIN COLLECTORS CLUB



WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:45-4:45

MR. HAWKINS ROOM A109



Maple Creek


FCA

CLUB



Every Friday Morning
6th Grade Multipurpose Room
8:00-8:30a.m.

HARRY POTTER CLUB



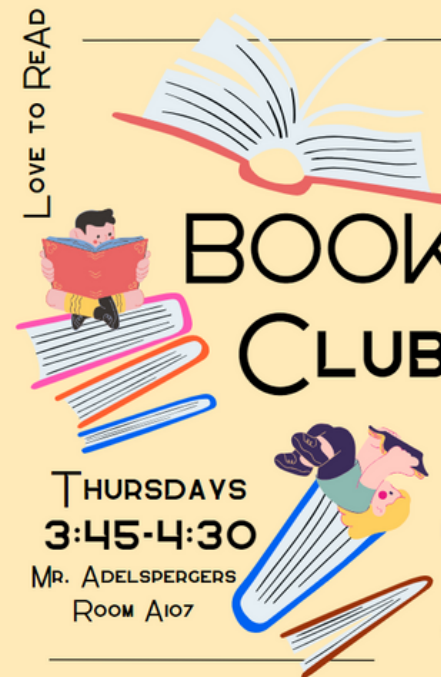
All students will report to
Professor Elliott's room A113
Thursdays after school till
5:00

Playing trivia games, and quidditch,
watching movies, and eating snacks.
All things Harry Potter.
Muggles Welcome

RSVP by owl or sign up at the office

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LOVE TO READ



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAYS 3:45-4:30

MR. ADELSPERGERS
Room A107

ANYONE AND EVERYONE ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND

M.S. LUNCH MENU

Lunch = \$2.35, Milk = \$.60, Adults = \$4.60

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>Deluxe Hamburger W/ Pickle Spear OR Chicken Queso Penne Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Apple Slices W/ Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Cheese Pizza OR Italian Grilled Cheese W/ Warm Pizza Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pepperoni French Bread OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Curly Fries Cowboy Beans Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pizza Crunchers OR Pancakes W/ Syrup Sausage Links (4) Crispy Cube Potatoes ½C Fresh Banana 100% Fruit Juice Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pizza Stuffed Sandwich OR Italian Pasta Garlic Breadstick Caesar Salad California Blend Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>BBQ Chicken Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Baby Carrots & Grape Tomatoes W/ Dip Rosy Applesauce Milk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Buffalo Chicken Pizza OR Homemade Mac & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Red Pepper & Carrots W/ Veg Dip Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pepperoni French Bread OR Beef Soft Taco Refried Beans Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Chilled Fruit Cocktail Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pizza Crunchers OR Mini Corn Dogs Roasted Cauliflower Seasoned Corn Fresh Pear Wedges Baked Chips Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Roasted Chicken Wings OR Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Chilled Fruit Fortune Cookie Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fiestada Pizza OR Chicken Drummie Fresh Baked Yeast Roll W/ Margarine & Jelly Roasted Baby Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans W/ Bacon Fresh Clementine Christmas Cake Milk</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Cheese Pizza OR Baja Fish Tacos Refried Beans Seasoned Corn Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mini Chicken Corn Dogs OR Chick Filay Sandwich W/ Chick Filay Sauce Fresh Vegetable Waffle Fries Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breaded Pork Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Oven Potatoes Vegetable Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza Rippers OR Chicken Tenders Choice of Veg (2) Chilled Fruit Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ENJOY YOUR BREAK!</p> 

Yogurt & Chef Salad offered daily as an additional choice to the main dish. Menu is subject to change when necessary.
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DEPOSIT FORM

DATE OF DEPOSIT _____

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ _____

STUDENT NAME _____

FAMILY DEPOSIT ☐ CHECK NUMBER _____ CASH ☐



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023
ON THE MCMS STAGE
6:00PM

HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

FEATURING THE VOICES OF:

- ★ MCMS CONCERT CHOIR
- ★ MCMS MC SINGERS

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO
WEAR:
HOLIDAY CLOTHING



HOLIDAY BAND

CONCERT



DECEMBER
20TH
@ 6:00 PM

MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

BANDS PERFORMING INCLUDE:

6TH GRADE BAND (5TH/6TH PERIOD),
7TH GRADE BAND, 8TH GRADE BAND,
JAZZ BAND AND STEEL DRUMS

Maple Creek Wrestling Optional Conditioning



6TH-8TH GRADE WRESTLING Conditioning

When: Dec 5,7,12,14,19

Time: 4:00-5:30

Where: Maple Creek Middle School Wrestling Room

Fee: Free

Hello Wrestlers! It is that time of year when we need to dust off the head gear and get ready to rumble.

Wrestling optional conditioning will start on Nov 7th and run every Tuesday and Thursday until winter break. You must have your physical on file with the school to participate. We will be working on conditioning, athletic ability, games, and basic wrestling skills. I can't wait to see you there.

Coach Raypole



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OUR FAMILY SERVING YOURS

Dine & Donate

Tuesday, Dec. 5

***Support Maple Creek
Middle School!***

 **717 W. Washington Center Rd.**

- ✓ 10% of all purchases goes to the Maple Creek PTO
- ✓ Dine-in and takeout
- ✓ Make sure to mention Maple Creek when ordering



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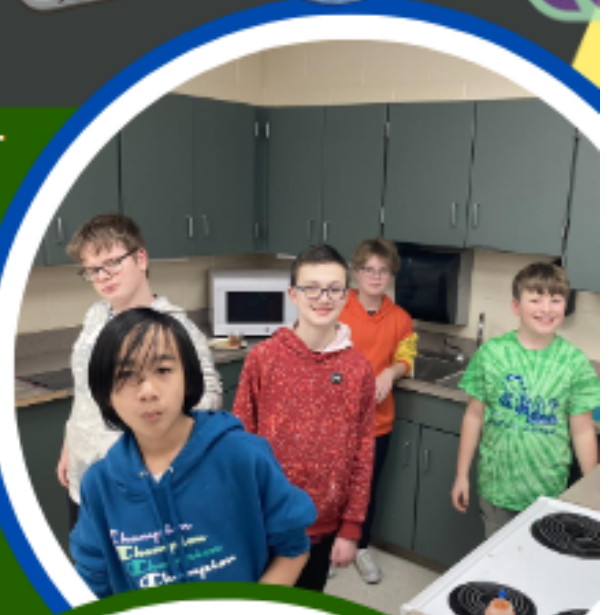


WHOLESOME ROOTS COOKING Class



Master the art of cooking with our six week immersive cooking enrichment classes! Join us now and unlock your culinary potential.

3:45-5:15 p.m.
\$150 for all six dates
\$30 for one date



Class Dates:

January 10, 18, 22, 30
February 5, 13

REGISTER ONLINE



<https://www.wholesomerootscooking.com/event-info/maple-creek-enrichment-2024>

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I call if my student is sick?

Please call the school (338-0802) by 9:00 am to report a student absence. You may also leave a message outside of office hours at 338-0802 ext. 7001. Be sure to leave your name, the student's name, and reason for absence. We encourage students to check Canvas and/or email their teachers for homework missed while absent. Official homework requests can be made to the office once the student has been absent three consecutive days.

What if I need to pick up my student during the school day for an appointment?

If your student needs to miss school for an appointment, please send a note to the main office with the following information: student's name, date, time to be released, and your signature. Students are allowed to sign themselves out, however, we do not allow students to leave the building until they see their ride. The carpool line at the end of the day makes this very difficult so if you will need to pick them up between 3:30 pm and 3:40 pm please call or come into the office to let us know you have arrived. Please provide official documentation from the doctor's office immediately upon returning to school.

Dr. Note must be provided within 3 School Days to be considered "Documented"

What if we are going on vacation during the school year?

Please notify your student's teachers as well as the main office (in writing) at least one week prior to your scheduled vacation. Students should talk to each of their teachers regarding make-up work during their absence. Assignments are due the day they return to school.

Before/After school drop-off/pick-up procedures.

Please join the parent pick-up line that extends from the driveway to the parking lot closest to the football field (west lot). Students can load into cars at any point along the green line in front of the building; please continue to pull forward to the end of the sidewalk. For the safety of students, we ask that parents do not park in the lot as students are not to walk through the parking lot without an adult. If you need to pick your child up between 3:30 and dismissal, please call or come into the office to let them know you have arrived.

*Please see the student handbook for the official attendance policy.

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING EAS

1. Why are we moving from eLearning to synchronous learning during inclement weather?

In the event that inclement weather prevents onsite attendance, synchronous learning will provide real-time instruction and interaction between staff and students. This format will also better support the flow of learning for the content and concepts being discussed in the classroom within that specific window of time.

2. How will students access instruction during synchronous learning days?

Students will attend live class sessions through Google Meet. Teachers will post their Google Meet links on their Canvas pages along with all other applicable information for the day of virtual instruction.

3. Will the number of synchronous learning days be unlimited?

No. Should we experience severe inclement weather causing us to miss extended days of school, we will utilize traditional make-up days in conjunction with the synchronous learning days. For this reason, make-up dates have remained on our school calendar.

4. What about children whose parent(s) must attend work during the day or who have limited access to the internet?

Synchronous lessons/activities will be recorded and posted so that students who are unable to attend live sessions may access this information at a later time. Flexibility and extended time will be provided to students who are unable to access the live instruction.

5. What are the times for accessing live sessions?

Elementary School: 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Middle School: 9:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
High School: 9:00 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.

(Middle and high school students will follow class schedules that mirror their normal daily schedules.)

6. How will students with IEPs and/or ILPs be supported?

Special education and ELL staff members will attend live sessions to support students much like they do during a day of onsite learning. Students will receive the support and services in their IEP/ILP as appropriate for the synchronous environment. Additionally, office hours will be provided in the afternoon of synchronous learning days to provide additional support to students. Students with more intensive services or modifications may be provided with alternative options for accessing services/support.

7. Will there be additional assignments outside of the live class session times?

It is possible that students will be assigned homework as they would during a normal day of onsite attendance. At the elementary level, instruction from missed related arts classes will be provided through short videos and/or activities.

8. What if my child faces technical difficulties during synchronous learning?

Parents can access technical support information through our website at <https://www.nacs.k12.in.us/parents>.

If the website does not provide the support that you need and/or you do not have an internet connection, then please call our tech office at 260-338-5320.