



The Bobcat Beat

NOVEMBER 2023



MEMBERS OF THE MC SINGERS PRACTICING CHOREOGRAPHY FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE COFFEE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings,

November is here, and I'm excited to share some updates with our school community. Our fall athletics teams had lots of success, and we are currently transitioning into our basketball and (soon to be) wrestling seasons. As we dive into this month, I'm pleased to see our students' enthusiasm and dedication to their studies. Please encourage your child to regularly check PowerSchool to make sure they don't have any missing work.

In the spirit of the season, we are in the middle of our annual charity drive, a chance for our students to make a positive impact in our community. I'm proud of the generosity and compassion our students show every year.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make November a month of growth, kindness, and academic achievement.

Best wishes,

Carter Jones, Principal

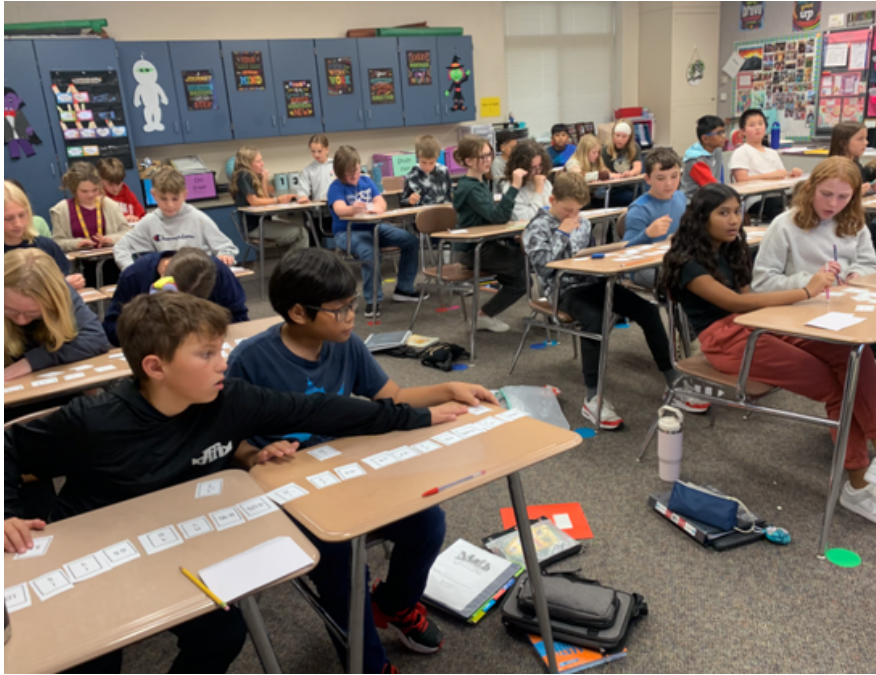
IMPORTANT dates and events

"Lunchroom" School Play
November 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
Admission \$5.00

RAT Lock-In Friday
November 17th from
6pm- midnight

Thanksgiving Break
November 22-24
No School

VOLUME 3



6TH GRADE MATH

Mrs. Boroff's math class work on putting rational numbers in order. Our math teachers do a great job of helping make math more tangible and easier to learn.

8TH GRADE HEALTH CLASS

Students in Mrs. Roush's health class participated in a "Mindful Movement Moment with Michele". Students were taught some new stretching techniques and plyometric motions to help get their heart rates up and brighten their day.



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER- ADHD WEBINAR

Julie Goetz, school counselor

For parents of students who have ADHD symptoms, here is a free parenting webinar that gives insight into strengths based parenting tips. Parents will learn how to use a strengths-based approach to parenting, with the goal of helping neurodivergent kids flourish and build confidence by understanding how their brains are wired differently and seeing their own strengths.

Parents can view any time if they are not able to attend the live session.





7TH GRADE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

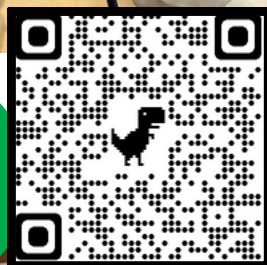
Students in Mrs. Munger's PLTW use a PVC catapult to launch foam pumpkins in the class. They will be making their own versions of catapults over the next few days following the design process.

8th grade Art Students in Mrs. Asplund's class work on their organic clay creations.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEAR STORE

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR AS A HOLIDAY GIFT, SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE ONLINE STORE THAT WILL CLOSE NOVEMBER 22ND TO GET BACK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. BLANKETS AND HATS ARE HERE AT SCHOOL IF YOU'D LIKE TO CHECK THEM OUT.



Athletics Information

Coming up in late December wrestling season will officially start, and then in February Swim/Dive will begin.

All athletes MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL COMPLETED and UPLOADED to Final Forms account. Your child cannot tryout/participate if this is not done.



Girls Basketball

11/14	Tues.	5:00	Norwell
11/16	Thurs.	5:30	Edgewood
11/27	Mon.	5:00	@ Indian Springs
11/29	Wed.	5:00	@ St. Charles
11/30	Thurs.	5:30	@ Lakeview
12/2	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 Basketball

11/14	Tues.	5:00	@ Norwell
11/16	Thurs.	5:30	@ Edgewood
11/18	Sat.	9:00	7 th /8 th DeKalb Tournament
11/27	Mon.	5:00	Indian Springs
11/30	Thurs.	5:30	Lakeview
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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Want to be "Bruiser the Bobcat" for one of the home basketball games?

Check the schedule above and fill out the Google Form. Mr. Bushong will contact you and let you know.



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

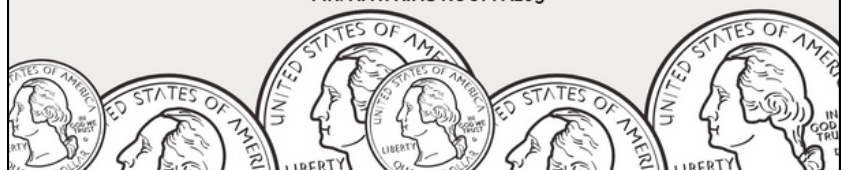



COIN COLLECTORS CLUB



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



HALLOWEEN FUN

AT THE CREEK

M.S. LUNCH MENU

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

NOVEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		Nov 1 Pizza Crunchers OR Mini Corn Dogs Roasted Cauliflower Seasoned Corn Fresh Orange & Kiwi Wedges Baked Chips Milk	2 Roasted Chicken Wings OR Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie Milk	3 Fiestada Pizza OR Chicken Drumstick Homemade Yeast Roll W/ Margarine & Jelly Mashed Potatoes W/ Chicken Gravy California Blend Vegetables Fresh Grapes Milk
6 Cheese Pizza OR Baja Fish Tacos Refried Beans Seasoned Corn Chilled Fruit Milk	7 Chicken Corn Dog OR Chick Filay Sandwich W/ Chick Filay Sauce Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Waffle Fries Chilled Peaches Milk	8 Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Cucumbers With Veggie Dip Chilled Pears Milk	9 Pepperoni Pizza Rippers OR Chicken Tenders Broccoli Salad Smiley Potatoes Sweetened Strawberries Angel Food Cake Milk	10 Breaded Pork Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Fresh Veggies W/ Dip Cinnamon Applesauce Milk
13 Taco Max Snacks OR Cheeseburger Romaine & Tomato Salad w/ Dressing Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Milk	14 Cheese Omelet OR Chicken Bites Maple Waffle Crispy Cubes Fresh Red Grapes 100% Fruit Juice Milk	15 Pizza Crunchers OR Cheesy Dog Baked Beans Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Petite Banana Whole Grain Cheez-its Milk	16 Roast Turkey Slice Or Salisbury Steak Homemade Yeast Roll W/ Margarine Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Strawberries Orange Sherbet Milk <i>Thanksgiving Feast</i>	17 Sriracha BBQ Boneless Chicken Wings (6) OR Walking Taco Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Seasoned Corn Pineapple Mandarin Salad Milk
20 Cheese Pizza OR Taco Salad Cowboy Beans Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Chilled Applesauce Milk	21 Roasted Chicken Wings W/ Garlic Breadstick OR Cheesy Italian Pull-aparts Oven Fries Choice of Veg Chilled Fruit Cocktail Milk			
27 Fiestada Pizza OR Walking Taco Spanish Rice Mexicali Corn Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Salsa Chilled Fruit Milk	28 Pepperoni French Bread OR Chili Dog / Hot Dog Baked Beans Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Frozen Treat Milk	29 Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken Smackers W/ Slice of Bread Seasoned Green Beans Romaine & Tomato Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	30 Potato Crusted Fish Sandwich OR Honey Sriracha Chicken Ginger Carrots Crinkle Fries Chilled Berries Milk	1 Deluxe Hamburger W/ Pickle Spear OR Chicken Queso Penne Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Apple Slices W/ Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk

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. THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT IS \$25.00. Checks will be accepted for the amount of deposit only. Please make checks payable to THE (Your child's school) FOOD SERVICE DEPT. Deposits also accepted online at: <https://nacs.familyportal.com>

DEPOSIT FORM

DATE OF DEPOSIT _____

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ _____

STUDENT NAME _____

FAMILY DEPOSIT ☐ CHECK NUMBER _____ CASH ☐

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 EADS

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.



MCMS RAT LOCK-IN

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023

The RAT Lock-In is back! The MCMS RATS (Related Areas Team) will be holding the annual Lock-In on Friday, November 17th, from 6:00pm – 12:00am. This will be a fun-filled evening of music, activities, and friendship for any Maple Creek student. There will be concessions for sale and a special “RAT Pack” deal that includes admission, food, and a T-shirt. Fill out the registration form in the newsletter or get one from school and have it back to the MCMS office or any RAT Teacher before **November 3rd Deadline**. Hope to see you there!



'23 MCMS RAT Lock-in Registration Form

<u>Step #1</u>	<u>Step #2</u>
<p>What: Dance, Games, Adrenaline Rush, Basketball, Game Room, Volleyball, Photo Booth, and Concessions, (Bring extra money)</p> <p>When: Friday, November 17th, 6:00pm – 12:00am.</p> <p>What to Bring: Just yourself and some extra spending money. No overnight bags, pillows, etc. All coats and bags, phones, etc. will be locked up until 12:00am, and you will not have access to them until then.</p>	<p>Fill out the information in each box and return with your check or money by <u>Nov. 3:</u></p> <p>Student Signature _____</p> <p>Student Grade _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Sign. _____</p> <p>Emergency Contact _____</p> <p>Phone Contact _____</p>
<p><u>Step #3</u></p> <p>PUT A CHECK IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Admission Fee Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 RAT PACK, Includes, Slice of Pizza, Drink, and a T-Shirt.</p> <p>Circle T-Shirt Size: (Adult sizes)</p> <p>S M L XL XXL</p>	<p><u>Step #4</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>(STUDENT NAME)</p> <p>Has my permission to attend the RAT Lock-In, November 17th, 2023 from 6:00pm – 12:00 am at Maple Creek Middle School. I understand that all MCMS rules and policies apply. If my son/daughter misbehaves, I am responsible to come to the school and take him/her home without refund.</p> <p>*PICK-UP WILL BEGIN AT 12:00am.</p>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CHAPERONE!

I, _____ would be willing to chaperone the Lock-In.

Please Select three different times and number them from 1 (first choice) to 3 (last choice) of when you would be willing to chaperone:

☐ 6 – 8 pm ☐ 8 – 10 pm ☐ 6pm – 12am (all evening)
☐ 7 – 9 pm ☐ 10 – 12 pm * email: _____

IMPORTANT CHAPERONE INFORMATION!!

NACS policies require a chaperone background check. The online volunteer background check application link can be found on our school website under "parents. Chaperones for the Lock-IN must be over 21 years old. There is a cost of \$15.00 to submit a national background check with Raptor Technologies and once approved, the check is valid for 3 years.

You will receive a confirmation email after submitting your application and a follow up email after the application has been approved. If you have already completed a background check for one of the other schools in our district, then you do not need to complete the background check a second time. If you have any questions, contact the MCMS office.

Maple Creek Wrestling Optional Conditioning



6TH-8TH GRADE WRESTLING Conditioning

When: Nov 7,9,14,16,21,28,30,
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