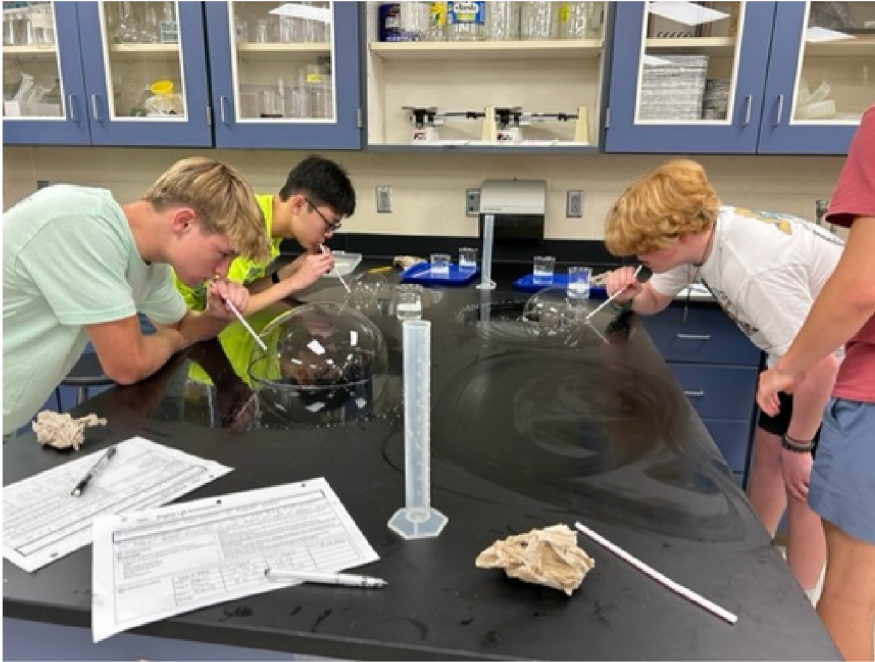




The Bobcat Beat

OCTOBER 2023



8TH GRADE SCIENCE STUDENTS TEST VARIOUS BRANDS OF DISH SOAP TO SEE WHICH MAKES THE BIGGEST BUBBLES.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We are closing in on the end of the 1st nine-week grading period. Parent/teacher conferences are on Friday, October 20th. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and address any questions or concerns you may have. In the coming days, your child's teachers will be reaching out to schedule these meetings as necessary. If you have any major concerns, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher.

Your involvement is crucial in helping your child succeed. We look forward to productive discussions and strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Best wishes,

Carter Jones, Principal

IMPORTANT dates and events

Fall Band/Choir Concert
Oct. 9
(see info at the bottom)

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
Friday Oct. 20
(teachers will set these up as
needed)

Fall Break (No School)
October 23

School Spelling Bee
Oct. 26 after school

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8TH GRADE SPANISH

Students in Mrs. Sorg's Spanish class created puppets to perform a skit they created using Spanish greetings, introductions, time, goodbyes, and more.



6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Science Students completed a Build a Boat STEM project where they were given the task to construct a boat powered by a propeller or balloon. Students researched, planned, built, tested, and troubleshooted their designs until they were able to move at minimum 40 cm.



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER- KINDNESS

Julie Goetz, school counselor

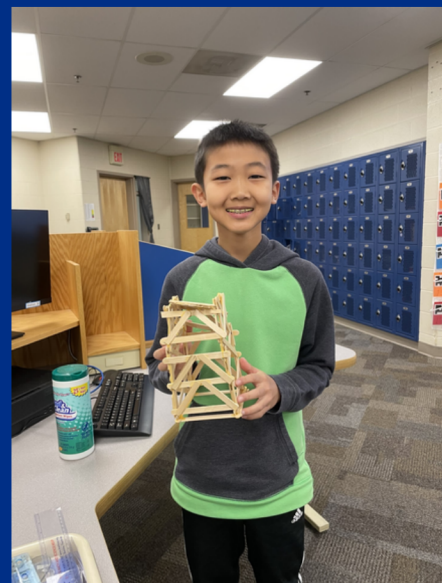
Is kindness still a relevant trait? Does it have any value? It seems to be missing in much of our interactions, especially on social media. In an article titled: A range of kindness activities boost happiness, the authors sought to see if acts of kindness improved an individual's own happiness. They also examined whether it mattered to whom the kindness was given. The researcher wondered if it makes a difference if the kindness was shown to individuals with strong ties such as a family/friends versus a stranger who has no relational ties.

Interestingly, the results showed that when an individual performed acts of kindness, they reported that their own level of happiness increased. It didn't seem to matter if the kindness was directed toward those with close ties, weak ties, or even one's self. Surprisingly, it seems that even simply observing others showing kindness increased an individual's happiness.



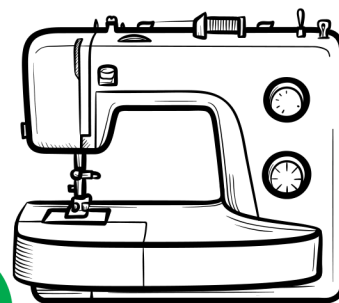
As a school counselor, I was curious if research had anything to say about kindness in schools. Several studies found that performing acts of kindness in school was associated with increased levels of psychological well-being, higher levels of peer acceptance, and lower levels of social avoidance for students. A study conducted of 4-8 grade students showed a positive link between school kindness and life satisfaction, prosocial goals, classroom supportiveness, and academic self efficacy.

So how can educators team up with parents to improve kindness in our students? Let's start with defining kindness. What if we say, "Kindness is the act of seeking out or looking to fulfill the needs of others?" Let's encourage students to have the courage to be kind and see what a difference it can make!



7TH GRADE TECH ED AND PLTW

Students in Mrs. Munger's PLTW and Mrs. Moreno's Tech Ed classes created a prototype of a foot/ankle prosthesis for a person with Cerebral Palsy, and made a popsicle stick tower testing for structural integrity



8TH GRADE FINE ARTS ROTATION

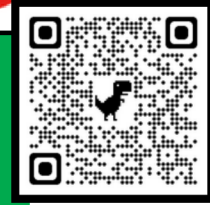
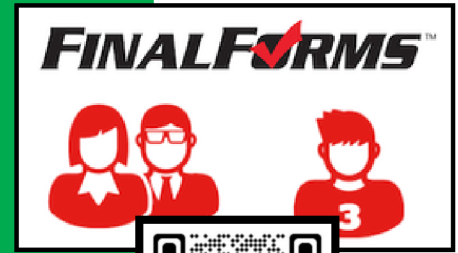
Mr. Teeple's Fine Arts classes learned how to use a sewing machine and created their own pillows.



Winter 1 Athletics Information

Coming up very soon will be tryouts for our winter 1 sports teams. 7th and 8th grade students have the ability to tryout for the Basketball team, or the Winter Cheerleading squad.

All athletes MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL COMPLETED and UPLOADED to Final Forms account. Your child cannot tryout/participate if this is not done by October 19th.



Boys/Girls Basketball Tryouts **NOVEMBER**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31	01	02	03
BASKETBALL TRYOUTS WEEK			
BOYS- 7:00-8:15 AM	GIRLS- 4-5:30 PM BOYS- 5:30-7:00 PM	BOYS- 4-5:30 PM GIRLS- 5:30-7:00 PM	GIRLS- 4-5:30 PM BOYS- 5:30-7:00 PM

Winter
Cheerleading
Tryouts
**November
1st, 2nd, and 3rd
4-5:30 p.m.**

Thank you to the MCMS PTO for providing a Taco Bar Lunch for teachers and Staff



JOIN THE PTO - PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- Sponsor your Student Fundraiser
paypal.me/sponsoryourstudent



**Maple Creek
Middle School**

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.

M.S. LUNCH MENU

Lunch = \$2.35, Milk = \$0.60, Adults = \$4.60

OCTOBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Taco Max Snacks OR Cheeseburger Romaine & Tomato Salad w/ Dressing Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Milk	3 Cheese Omelet W/ Pancakes OR Chicken Bites Crispy Cubes Fresh Red Grapes 100% Fruit Juice Milk	4 Pizza Crunchers OR Cheesy Dog Baked Beans Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Petite Banana Whole Grain Cheez-its Milk	5 Pork & Vegetable Egg Rolls (2) OR Tangerine Chicken W/ Chew Mein Noodles Brown Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Red Apple Slices With Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk	6 Sriracha BBQ Boneless Chicken Wings (6) OR Walking Taco Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Seasoned Corn Pineapple Mandarin Salad Sunshine Bar Milk
9 Cheese Pizza OR Taco Salad Cowboy Beans Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Chilled Applesauce Milk	10 Roasted Chicken Wings W/ Garlic Breadstick OR Cheesy Italian Pull-aparts Seasoned Crinkle Fries Baby Carrots With Dip Farm Fresh Apple From Metzger's Orchard Milk	11 Pizza Crunchers OR Mini Corn Dog Roasted Brussel Sprouts Seasoned Green Beans Blushing Pears Baked Chips Milk	12 Salisbury Steak W/ Roll Margarine & Jelly OR Breaded Chicken Sand Mashed Potatoes W/ Brown Gravy Chilled Fresh Fruit Graham Cracker Treat Milk	13 Chili Con Carne W/ Cornbread Poppers OR Mozzarella Breadstick Bites W/ Pizza Sauce (4) Baked Potato With Toppings Broccoli With Cheese Sauce Chilled Fruit Milk
<div> </div> <div>NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK</div>				
16 Fiestada Pizza OR Walking Taco Spanish Rice Mexicali Corn Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Salsa Chilled Fruit Milk	17 Pepperoni French Bread OR Chili Dog / Hot Dog Baked Beans Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Frozen Treat Milk	18 Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken Smackers W/ Slice of Bread Seasoned Green Beans Romaine & Tomato Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	19 Potato Crusted Fish Sandwich OR Honey Sriracha Chicken (6pcs.) Ginger Carrots Crinkle Fries Chilled Berries Milk	20 No School Fall Break
23 No School Fall Break	24 Pepperoni French Bread OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Curly Fries Fresh Carrots & Red Pepper Strips W/ Hummus Dip Chilled Fruit Milk	25 Pizza Crunchers OR Pancakes W/ Syrup Sausage Links (4) Crispy Cube Potatoes Fresh Banana 100% Fruit Juice Milk	26 Pizza Stuffed Sandwich OR Italian Pasta Garlic Breadstick Caesar Salad California Blend Chilled Fruit Milk	27 BBQ Chicken Sandwich OR Bacon Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Baby Carrots & Grape Tomatoes W/ Dip Rusky Applesauce Wacky Cake Milk
30 Buffalo Chicken Pizza OR Homemade Mac & Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Red Pepper & Carrots W/ Veg Dip Chilled Fruit Milk	31 Pepperoni French Bread OR Beef Soft Taco Refried Beans Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Chilled Fruit Cocktail Pumpkin Cookie Milk	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

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.

M.S. LUNCH MENU

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OCTOBER 2023

DEPOSIT FORM

DATE OF DEPOSIT _____

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ _____

STUDENT NAME _____ FAMILY DEPOSIT ☐ CHECK NUMBER _____ CASH ☐

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.familyportalcloud>

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.

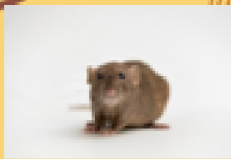
7. Will there be additional assignments outside of the live class session times?

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.



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. 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>_____ (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 Middle School

Spelling Bee

**PLEASE SEE
MRS. TOPP WITH
ANY QUESTIONS**



**WHO WILL BE THE SPELLING BEE
CHAMPION?**

**Thursday | After School- 4:30 ish
October 26th | 8th grade Multipurpose Room**

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



MAPLE CREEK

FALL

BAND

CONCERT



MON
9 OCTOBER

BAND PORTION
6:15-7:00 PM
IN THE GYMNASIUM

BAND FUNDRAISER

COLLECTION BUCKETS WILL BE IN THE GYM FOR EACH BAND CLASS.
THE PERIOD THAT COLLECTS THE MOST WILL RECEIVE A DONUT PARTY.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE MCMS BANDS, IF YOU ARE ABLE.

ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL BE USED FOR CONTEST FEES, NEW
MUSIC, END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AND MUCH MORE





FALL Concert

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

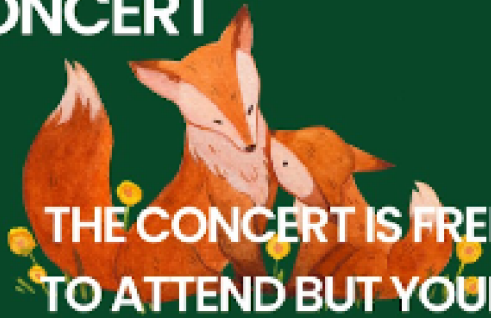
5:30PM

CONCERT CHOIR AND
MC SINGERS

THE CONCERT WILL OCCUR
ON THE MCMS STAGE.

REPORT TIME FOR
BOTH GROUPS IS:
5:15 P.M.

STUDENT ATTIRE:
STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR NICE CASUAL
CLOTHES FOR THE CONCERT



THE CONCERT IS FREE
TO ATTEND BUT YOUR
PRESENCE IN THE
AUDIENCE IS
PRICELESS!!

BASKETBALL

CARROLL BASKETBALL

JOIN OUR SKILL SESSIONS 3RD-6TH GRADE

*LED BY COACH ABBOTT AND THE HIGH
SCHOOL COACHING STAFF*

THESE SESSIONS ARE PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SKILLS, BUT ALSO TO EVALUATE PLAYERS FOR THE
POSSIBILITY TO PLAY ON A CARROLL CLUB 1 TEAM.

SESSIONS

- Mon. Oct. 16th 6:00-7:30PM
- Mon. Oct. 23rd 6:00-7:30PM
- Thur. Oct. 26th 6:00-7:30PM
- Mon. Oct. 30th 6:00-7:30PM
- Thur. Nov. 2nd 6:00-7:30PM

DEADLINE

SEPT
15TH



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LOCATION

CARROLL FIELDHOUSE



REGISTRATION

[EVENTLINK.COM](https://eventlink.com)

QUESTIONS?

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