



A Year at Maple Creek School

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The theme at Maple Creek School this year was "Communities." From the first day of school in August until the last day of school in June, the students and staff studied communities—both human and natural. They worked all year to build a healthy, loving school community.

Enjoy your trip down Maple Creek School's memory lane as you browse the pages of this yearbook.

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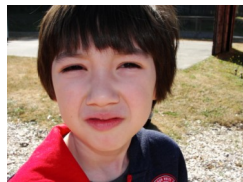
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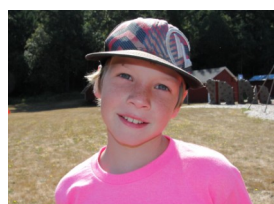
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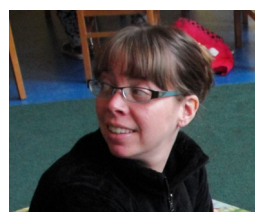
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August / September



"Breaking bread" together is a time-honored tradition for developing human bonds. At Maple Creek School, we ate snack and lunch together everyday to enjoy the company of our friends

Our study of communities began with creating "Maple Creek Island". First, we created several small islands, and then we worked together to incorporate the best ideas into one large island. Through this process, we learned about the importance of rules agreed upon by all the inhabitants of the island for the safety and best learning environment for everybody.

Our idea of community expanded from Maple Creek to Humboldt County and from the human community to the environmental community. We learned to care for all those beings that exist in our larger community.



We played together.



October

is always a busy month at Maple Creek School. We sunk our teeth into academic studies and enjoyed the tasty treats of field trips and performances and the sweetness of Halloween. We continued our development of community as we worked together to produce a play for members of the Maple Creek Valley, and we learned how the Arcata Coop and Warren Creek Farm help the people of Humboldt County.



November

We filled November with a variety of community activities.

We were a community of artists.



We learned how Los Bagels serves the community by providing it with an assortment of bagels and other goodies.



We learned about ballet and saw behind-the-scenes of *The Nutcracker*.



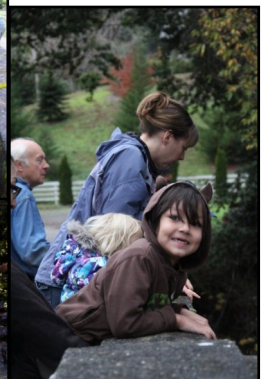
We made Stone Soup and served it to the Maple Creek Community, including a sheriff's deputy.

December

We toured the North Coast Co-Op and learned its history and how it serves the community. We also made a trip to the library—one of our favorite places in the community.



Santa delivered presents to a group of very good children.



We worked together to perform Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* Maple Creek style.



We are lucky to live and go to school in such a magical place. We witnessed a nature in action — salmon spawning in Boulder Creek.

January

We shared our History Day projects with our friends and family.

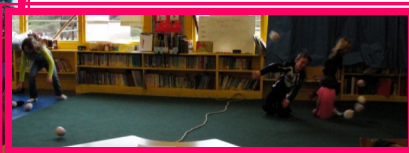
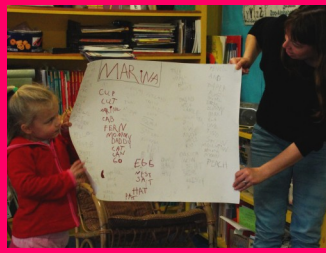


We toured the Arcata Marsh after another visit to the library.



February

We celebrated our 100th day together as a classroom community.



We had a party to honor our friendships.



The 6th graders participated in the county History Day competition and had lunch and frozen yogurt with Gwen and Leslie.



March

Enjoying St. Patrick's Day

was a very busy month:

Learning about the 48-star flag



Working together as artists



Caring for the natural community



Applying math skills



Supporting each other as writers



April

April was as busy as March.



We worked together to find hidden eggs and other surprises.



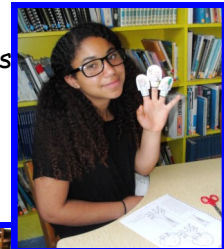
We learned how to reduce, reuse, and recycle to become good community members.



We enjoyed our community library.



We celebrated the earth and its trees for Earth Day/Arbor Day.



We explored a rehabilitated wetland to understand how people can heal the wounds they created.



Bill taught us a lot about the history of the Maple Creek community during our fabulous trip to his homestead.



We went swimming.



May

We enhanced our salmon studies by connecting with a park ranger through a video conference.



Jaylenne received a bike donated by a retired CHP officer and a local bike club.

We put our art skills to use by drawing animals at the Sequoia Park Zoo. We also spent time up close and personal with the farm animals.



We hosted a community May Day celebration that included a distinguished guest—Supervisor Ryan Sundberg. We served soup and salad to friends of MCS, and then we danced for them.



We toured Kotatat, a local manufacturing company that makes paddle sports apparel and gear. We learned how the clothes and gear are designed and then constructed each step of the way.

We joined almost 1,000 other students from Humboldt County to pull invasive weeds from the dunes and sit for an Ocean Day photo.

June



On a clear, hot June day, we said goodbye to a very busy school year by holding a poetry slam, a potluck barbeque, and a water fight.



Summer Field Trips



We continued to build our community relationships through four summer field trips, all of which began with swim lessons at Health Sport. We worked on our social skills through playing at a variety of parks, building sand castles at Moonstone Beach, and engaging with the larger Humboldt County community.