



Maple Creek School News

Winter Performance Set to Delight You

Maple Creek School invites you to attend its annual Winter performance on Friday, Dec. 20. A potluck lunch will be held at noon with the performance to commence at 1 PM.

Come learn how conflict is handled at the North Pole and watch the Gingerbread Baby escape the clutches of hungry people and animals. The students will also delight you with several winter songs.



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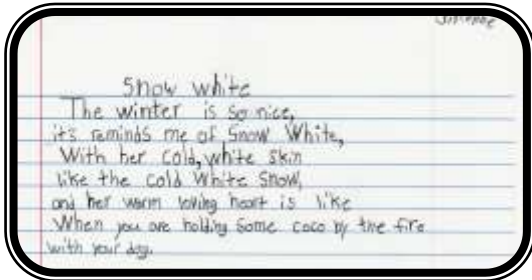
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The Gift Of Giving

By Aria W.

Oh, the gift of giving,
Makes life worth living,
Your heart glows,
Happiness grows,
Your eyes shine,
And finally you find,
Love.

 ❄️ Snowflakes
 ❄️ By Malia W.
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 ❄️ Abstract, cold, beautiful,
 ❄️ Fall from the sky,
 ❄️ Small, medium, big,
 ❄️ Different shapes,
 ❄️ White, sparkly, gray
 ❄️ Snowflakes fly away,
 ❄️ But I know they will come back some day.
 ❄️

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Fall Fundraiser Earns \$125



About 15-20 people attended the 2nd annual Café fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 22.

After a heart-warming lunch of Curried Pumpkin soup, salad, and bread, the students led their customers on a lantern walk to help bring light to the darkening days of winter.

Maple Creek School students and staff thank Folie Douce for the delicious Curried Pumpkin soup it tastefully provided and the North Coast COOP for its generous donation of \$20, which was spent on salad fixings to go with the soup.

News from the Fundraising Committee

Please mark your calendars—on February 1, 2014, the fundraising committee will have a craft and baked goods sales booth at the Arcata COOP. Jen May is graciously leading this venture and would love for people to call her with ideas regarding what to sell. Currently, some students are making crafts, such as earrings, hair clips, headbands, and bracelets. They would love donations of jewelry supplies to help create these items. Please watch for the bake sale donation sign up that will come out in January.

For more information, to make suggestions, and/or to help, please call Jen at 707-668-0129.

TK—2nd Grade Monthly Share Day Begins in January

Jen May is also volunteering her time to lead a share time for the TK—2nd grade students every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 PM—3 PM. Each week will have a **different theme. Here's the list for the month of January:**

1. Jan. 9—Something Special
2. Jan. 16—Something from Far Away
3. Jan. 23—A Gift from Someone Special
4. Jan. 30—A Special Photograph

Science Fair Projects

While the Younger group shares, the Older group will work on science fair projects. Each of the seven students has chosen a specific topic of interest to study and is currently working on the research phase of the scientific process.

The *Humboldt County Science Fair* is set for *March 20-21*. Maple Creek School will hold its science fair on Feb. 28. We will need volunteers to serve as judges. Please contact Gwen for more information and/or to volunteer.



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This project was designed to answer **every math student's favorite question:** *When will I ever use this?* Students learned **how math is used in the "real world."** They learned about how architects, contractors, carpenters, interior designers and landscape designers use math as they plan, construct, and create a variety of buildings for a variety of purposes.



The math used to plan and build these very creative model clubhouses **included (but wasn't limited to)** calculating area and perimeter, drawing to scale, determining total price from unit price, keeping track of money earned and money spent and symmetry.




Letters to Santa

12/10/13
Dear Santa,
 Here is my Christmas List
 I want a paint ball gun to go out
 in the wilds and play army with my dad.
 I also want a lifeboat LEGO set
 it cost \$70, I also want a camouflage show
 suit. I also want a tablet so I can play
 angry birds.

From
 Bobo

DEAR SANTA
 Dear Santa,
 I want a lizard and a fake fuzzy animal bear.
 I want a fake polar bear. I would play with
 them. I would love them. I would
 play with them with Mella or
 Savannah or Rachel. For Christmas
 I want a rubber duckie.



I am excited that you are
 bringing us presents.

Sincerely,
 A E Milk



Christmas is coming soon,
 I can't wait to see you,
 with your red velvet coat
 and your big fat belly,
 It makes me so happy
 that I'm getting the cookies ready,
 and the presents under the Christmas
 tree oh, I'm excited for that...
 The last time I was this excited
 is when Jack got married to
 Merry Joe Cat,
 and I hope you know what I'm wishing
 for, I'll give you a hint; it has four legs,
 and a big fat belly, and black and white.
 I hope you'll be able to give it to me
 on Christmas night.

Jaylenne

12/11/13
 Dear Santa,
 I want an iPad for Christmas
 a toy rocket ship, a new pair of
 pajamas, stamps, fuzzy stuffed,
 glow pet, and pillow pet.
 I want a great Christmas where
 no one is crying because
 they wanted a toy, but someone
 else got it.

Love
 Rachel



Letters to Santa

Dec. 6, 2013

Dear Santa,
 for christmas I want an iguana. I also want a Nintendo DS and games. My mom let me borrow hers for a week. I also want a Coast Guard legs with a big boat. There is a big first order lego set with a big boat too. I hope I get a the things I ask for.

Sincerely,
 Shawn.

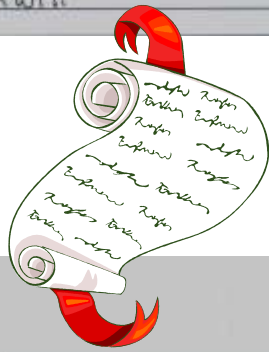


Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, how are you? It has been really cold and even snowed where I live. I bet it snows A lot at the North Pole. Are you excited for Christmas? I am excited for christmas!

for Christmas I can't think of one thing I want in particular. I just would like anything you would think I would like because I like being surprised.

What is your favorite type of cookie? Have a merry Christmas!



12/11/13

Dear sunta,

I would like a Barbie with a green, pink and blue gress and blond hair with gold highlights. I also would like a stuffed animal that is a green cheeta with a pink bow to talk to. Can I have a Polly Pocket, also? I hope the best wishes for you; Drive here safely!

Love,
 Malia

My Barbie
 My polly pocket
 My cheeta



Dear Santa,

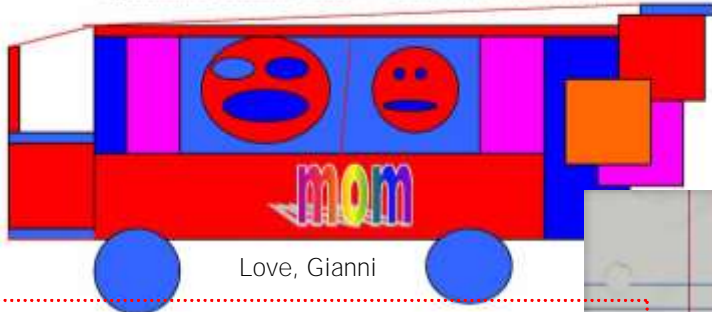
What I want for Christmas is a touch screen phone, iPad or Kindle Fire. If I get one of these devices, I will be very thankful. The reason I want one of these is so I can play fun games on it. If you get me one, I will do more of what Aunt Stacy tells me, and I WILL NOT ask to play a game on her phone.

Love,
 Shyanna

P.S. I love Aunt Stacy!

Letters to Santa

Dear santu clozu I want white, black, brawn, orange purphul paint and red paphur 10 2 20 feet wide and spiderman little legos and a spiderman costume that is 7-8 size. I love santucloz.



12/10/13

Dear Santa,

How cold is it up there? Nice and chilly?

I'm not here to ask for presents, but I realized you probably don't get thank you letters very often, so I decided to send one myself.

Thank you so much for brightening children's lives! Thank you for taking time just to bring joy. Thank you for sacrificing your sleep on Christmas Eve to travel all over the world. Thank you so much for smiling and being jolly!

Hugs,

Aria

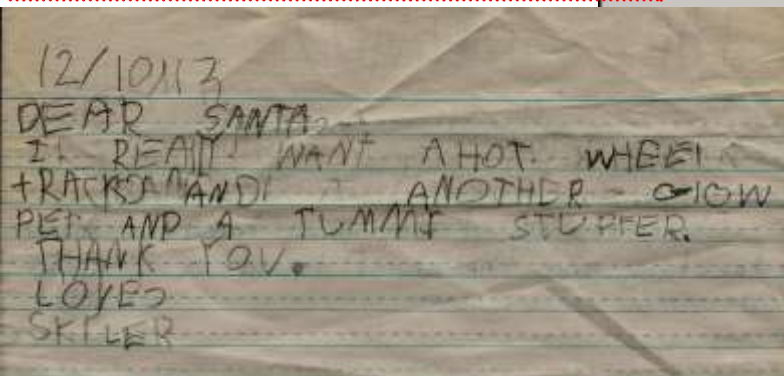
P. S. A hug for the Mrs. , too.

P. P. S. And the elves!

Dear Santa, (or Chris Kringle),
 What's your favorite cookie? Do your elves deliver the presents or do you deliver them all yourself? Do you have kids? For Christmas, I would love a camera. Oh, Santa I wanted to tell you our chimney leads into my stove so I'll leave the door unlocked to make it easier. I hope this will be a Merry Christmas. This year I'll leave YOU a Christmas present. Hope you have a very merry Christmas. I also wanted to ask for some dog toys this Christmas. My dog chewed up all her toys. Willow would love that. (Willow's my puppy!)

from: Savannah

P.S I also want a rubber Ducky.



Dear Santa,

Maple Creek School desperately needs three good-quality, child-friendly brooms and dust pans to help keep the floors clear of food and outdoor debris.

We would be so very grateful.

Sincerely,

Gwen

Difficult Road Conditions

Maple Creek School does not take a stance on the condition of county roads. However, if you would like to express your opinion, the number to call is:



Humboldt County
Roads
707-445-7421



Bus Driver Update

Wendy is actively searching for a bus driver. If you have any ideas or recommendations, please contact her as soon as possible.

Recycling at Maple Creek School

In an attempt to raise money for educational needs and environmental awareness in one project, we have set up recycling bins for your beverage containers. We request that you bring ONLY plastic and glass beverage containers and aluminum cans that have the CA CRV symbol for recycling. We can only handle these ones redeemable for cash.



Please bring your donations to the school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bill Carlson will direct you to the recycling area where you will sort your items into the appropriate garbage cans:

- ◆ Aluminum
- ◆ Plastic #1 (water and soda bottles)
- ◆ Plastic #2-7 (these are less commonly accepted for redemption, but if you see the CA CRV symbol on the bottle, donate it!)
- ◆ Green glass
- ◆ Brown glass
- ◆ Clear glass

The MCS Fundraising Committee, students and staff thank you for your participation in this new program.



www.calrecycle.ca.gov

DECEMBER 2013

Schedule of Events

Happening in Dec.

- ☺ Dec. 3&4: Parent Conferences
- ☺ Dec. 11: School Board Meeting
- ☺ Dec. 13: Winter Craft Workshop
- ☺ Dec. 20: Winter Performance
- ☺ Dec. 23-Jan. 4: No School, Winter Break

Looking Ahead:

- ☺ Jan.9, 16, 23, 30: TK-2 Share Day
- ☺ Jan. 20: No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ☺ Jan. 15: School Board Meeting 2 PM
- ☺ Feb. 5: School Site Council
- ☺ Feb. 13: Friendship Day Party
- ☺ Feb. 17-21: No School-**Presidents'** Week
- ☺ Feb. 28: MCS Science Fair 2 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Please attend the school board meeting on Jan. 15 to hear the latest school news. It begins at 2:00 PM **in Wendy's** classroom.

School Site Council Meeting
Please join the School Site Council as it discusses issues important to the smooth operation of MCS. The next meeting is Feb. 5.

Christmas Eve
By Aria W.

Frost bites,
Winter's white,
Ice glitters,
Flakes flitter.

Family visits,
Hugs and kisses,
Gifts 'round the tree,
Cookies and tea.

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Providing exemplary education that fosters
communication, trust, and respect.

Maple Creek School is a necessary small school with an approximate enrollment of 12 students (K-8). The school is nestled in the Maple Creek and Mad River Valleys east of Arcata, surrounded by pastureland, forest, and mountains. The area is sparsely settled and accessible from Blue Lake, about a 35-minute drive and from Eureka, about a 50-minute drive. The Maple Creek School teachers are a committed and dedicated staff that provides a quality instructional program for the students. The secretary, custodian and bus driver all take an active interest in the students, which adds to the close, personal relationships among the kids, school and the community.

