



Maple Creek School News

Maple Creek History Day Presentations

By Shawn Giuntini

The students of Maple Creek School recently made history projects for History Day. The 6th graders did their project together, and the 1st and 3rd grade kids did their projects together. **This year's theme was "Leadership and Legacy."** Both groups of students made websites as their project category.

The 6th graders put a lot of effort into the website. Their topic was about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). **This league's legacy helped girls and boys be equal.** Shawn helped with the leadership pages and Jaylenne and Shyanna (the other 6th graders) did the legacy, background, and process paper pages. Shawn also helped with the home page and the bibliography.

The 1st and 3rd grade kids worked hard on their website, too. They did a good job on their project about Abraham Lincoln. **They studied Lincoln's leadership and legacy. His legacy was that he wrote and signed the Emancipation Proclamation and signed the 13th Amendment, both helped free the slaves. He kept the Union together by leading the Union Army to defeat the Confederate Army in the Civil War.**

The Younger groups didn't go to HSU to talk about their project, but they did get to talk about their project in the school history day. The 6th graders got to talk about their project at the school and at HSU.

The TK and K students learned about the flag of the USA and performed several flag songs at the school History Day. They were adorable.

After all the effort they put in their project, the 6th graders **didn't win at the county competition, but they had fun and learned a lot while completing the project.**

See page two for photos of Maple Creek School's History Day and special guest presentation.

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During the research process, the sixth grade students became friends with local author Merrie Fidler who wrote a book about the AAGPBL. Not only did she drive from Trinidad to Maple Creek to share information and be interviewed, she **sent the kids official league player's association calendars.** We thank Merrie with all our hearts.



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Merrie Fidler, author of *The Origins and History of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*, came to MCS to present information to its 6th grade researchers. She allowed them to videotape an interview, clips of which they used on their website. They look forward to her return for another conversation around the lunch table.



Jan. 30, 2015

Maple Creek School hosted a local History Day event. Aviva, Dakota, Emily and Kai performed songs about the flag of the USA. Rachel and Gianni presented **their website on Abe Lincoln's Leadership and Legacy**. Shawn and Shyanna presented their website on the **Leadership and Legacy left by the nation's first all-women's baseball team**. (Jaylenne was terribly ill that day and couldn't attend.)



Feb. 7, 2015

Humboldt County History Day was a special day for Maple Creek School's three 6th grade students. They shared their project with the judges, had lunch at Stars and frozen yogurt on the plaza and then attended the awards ceremony.



A History Day Story

By Gianni Orlandi

History Day was coming up and two kids were making a website about Abraham Lincoln.

"I read about Lincoln and MLK," said Gianni.

"I read about Sacagawea," said Rachel.

"Who should we pick?"

"What about Lincoln," said Gianni.

"Yeah, Lincoln," said Rachel.

They thought about where to research.

"What about reading books and looking on the Internet?" asked Gianni.

"Ok," said Rachel. "Come on! The library closes soon."

They ran to the library.

"Phew! We made it," said Rachel between breaths. Then she ran inside.

"Hey, wait up!" yelled Gianni.

They looked at book information to find books on Lincoln.

"Hurry up," whispered Gianni.

Rachel said, "We have plenty of time..."

"The library closes at 5:30, and it's 5:29,"

Gianni whispered loudly while also interrupting Rachel right when...

"Library's closed," shouted the librarian.

"I told you to hurry up," said Gianni.

"I know, I know," said Rachel.

"Then why didn't you hurry up?" yelled Gianni.

"Whoa," said Rachel, who was kind of mad until she saw a suggestion box on the wall next to the door.

"Come on," said Rachel. "Quick!"

"What!" yelled Gianni.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa! Calm down!"

"You want me to calm down? Are you kidding

me? I'm about to have a heart attack!" said Gianni.

"Ok, ok, ok!" said Rachel, so while Gianni ran in circles, Rachel wrote a suggestion that the library should close at 7:30 PM."

She put it in the box right when Gianni ran out the door.

"Wait up!" yelled Rachel.

After three weeks of research, they started making a website.

"I don't want to make a website," complained Gianni to the teacher.

"You have to make a website," yelled the teacher.

"But..." started Gianni.

"No buts," said the teacher, so Gianni and Rachel made a website.

Then one day a few weeks later, the teacher yelled, **"The performance is in one minute!"**

But the computer wasn't working. Gianni and Rachel tried anything they could think of, but the computer still wasn't working.

While Rachel was trying to fix the computer, Gianni was trying to mess with the cord.

"Uh, maybe later," Rachel murmured.

"We don't have later. It's been more than a minute. People are coming, and we're not ready," Gianni told Rachel.

So while Rachel went to ask the teacher for help, Gianni messed with the cord. The computer worked! When Rachel came back in, her mouth dropped open.

When the presentation started, everything worked right. At the end, everyone clapped loudly.



Friendship Day

By Rachel McGaughey

"It is Friendship Day at school. We're going to have a dance party," said the teacher.

The students were so happy they jumped up and down!

The teacher set up the projector, and she said, **"We are going to dance to some music videos."**

They danced to a music video and then the projector froze. The music stopped. The kids stopped dancing and **said altogether, "What happened to the music?"**

Two kids named Rachel and Gianni messed with the projector and the **cord. The found the projector cord's** happy place. They let it go; the projector stopped again. They found out that the cord had to stay in the same spot. They put a book on to the cord. They music started to play again.

The kids happily danced to the music.



The Day it Rained Hearts

By Emily McGaughey

Once upon a time a little girl named Mary went outside. It started to rain. It rained hard. Suddenly, Mary saw redness up in the sky. Then there were hearts. She caught one and another one and another one. She went back to her house and took the hearts with her. She had a great idea; she would make **Valentine's cards with** the hearts.



Valentine's Day

By Aviva Orlandi

Today is Valentine's Day. This family loves Valentine's Day, but today they are going to the doctor to get shots. The whole family is crying and screaming; they are scared. They give each other hearts to make them feel better. Once they are done getting their shots, they will go home **and make more Valentine's hearts.** They will have a party with their friends and give all their **Valentine's hearts to their friends.**



Valentine's Party

By Marina Dodge

This is the Valentine's Day party. We give Valentine's to everybody. We have treats like cookies. We dance. The party is fun.

I think This is Why We Have Valentine's Day

by Jaylenne Harris

I think the reason why we have Valentine's is that America has liked money since the beginning. Probably in the old times, someone came up with Valentine's Day because he or she wanted to get money. Therefore, he or she made up a holiday. Then he or she probably made hearts, got flowers, or made goodies that would sell for the holiday. Then everybody started to make things that would sell for Valentine's Day.

Now I did my research on Valentine's Day and I was wrong, I think. Well, there was this on History.com: "Approximately 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second most popular card-sending holiday." I guess this supports my theory.

There was this website called primarygames.com that told me about legends that may have happened. It was the most useful of the three sites I looked at. There was this legend that the Romans had a festival called Lupercalia that was on February 15. The festival was held to ward off wolves and to honor the god Lupercalia. Some people think that Valentine's Day is based on the festival. The other legend that was on the website was that the Roman emperor, Claudius II, wanted to make the men in his army to be single instead of married. He thought it was better for people to go to war and not miss their kids or wives. The married men wanted to stay home and not go to war, so he outlawed marriage for his soldiers, but a Catholic priest named Valentine did not like that idea, so as a priest, he decided to let anyone who would come up to him and ask to get married, get married. When Claudius found out about this, he was angry, so he sentenced Valentine to death. While he was in jail waiting for death, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. When he left the jail on his way to die, he left a note for the daughter signed, "Your Valentine," which we still use on cards today.

This legend may have happened. This is probably why we give each other cards today. We don't make cards that much anymore; we buy them, so I was right and wrong.

FRIENDS

To: Aviva and Fern
Friends stick together,
Friends are like red and blue,
Friends are forever,
Friends...
are like me and you.
from: Shyanna

Us

To: Gwen and Wendy
We are together,
We are friends,
We are forever,
We never end,
We...
are us.
From: Shyanna

Love

To: Dan and Shawn
love love,
love life,
love hugs,
love your wife,
love your friends.
From: Shyanna

Hearts

To: Marina and Gianni
hearts pump,
hearts die,
hearts bump,
hearts lie,
hearts lead you to dead ends,
hearts dump,
hearts are made to share with friends.
From: Shyanna

You

To: Jaylenne and Hilary
you are amazing,
you are hip,
you are beautiful,
you are loved,
but most of all,
you are my friend.
From: Shyanna

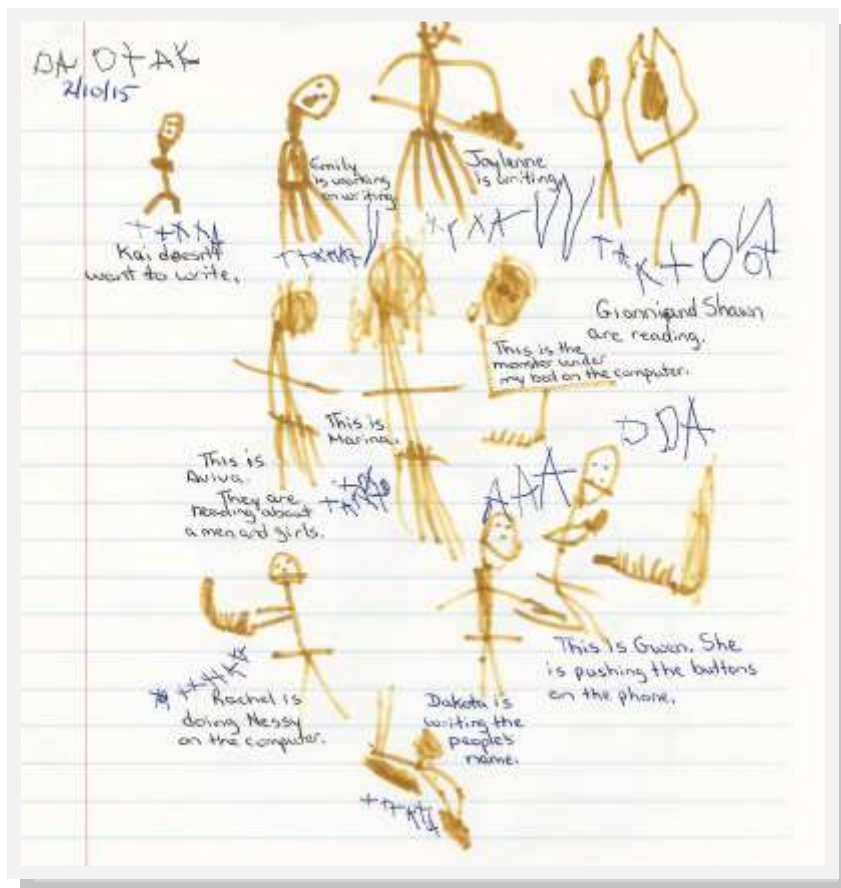
Be Mine

To: Rachel and Kai
Be my valentine,
Be my fun time,
Be my buddy,
Give me a huggy,
Till the end,
Be my friend.
From: Shyanna

Today

To: Emily and Dakota
Today is your day,
Today is my day,
Today is our day,
Today is Valentine's day.
From: Shyanna

A photograph showing three children in a classroom setting. In the foreground, a young boy with dark hair is looking towards the right. Behind him, two girls are seated at a table, working on a project. One girl is wearing a pink shirt and a headband, and the other is wearing a blue shirt. They are surrounded by various materials and supplies on the table.





100th Day of School

By Kai Edmondson

Dakota has 100 toys. Kai has 100 toys. He's wearing the rat shirt. That's Shyanna; she has 100 toys. Shawn has 100 Legos. Aviva has 100 pieces of food. Jaylenne has toys, and Gianni has 100 Legos. Emily has 100 balls. Marina has 100 names on the paper. Fern has 100 dots.



Donations for the "Student Store" Requested

Here are just a few ideas for our student store incentive program. Items should be enticing enough to get the kids to read more at home and to be exceptional students at school but not expensive.

- ◊ Small items from the Dollar store
- ◊ Art supplies
- ◊ Board/card games
- ◊ Movie tickets
- ◊ Zoo/museum passes
- ◊ Gift cards to local stores/restaurants, such as ice cream or frozen yogurt
- ◊ Non-perishable treats

THANK YOU, *Julie Murphy,*

For your generous donation toward the purchase of gift certificates and items for the student store.

THANK YOU, *Leiko Edmondson,*

For your generous donations that helped make our 100th Day celebration a real treat.

THANK YOU, *Krissy Dodge,*

For volunteering your time to sing with the TK and K students.

With a reimbursement from the disbanded Maple Creek Volunteer Fire Department and an anonymous donation, Maple Creek School has \$1,297.63 to purchase books for the classrooms. We are still asking students, parents, and guardians to suggest book sets, genres, or specific titles they would like to have available for our students' reading pleasure. It's time to update the library!

GODWIT DAYS

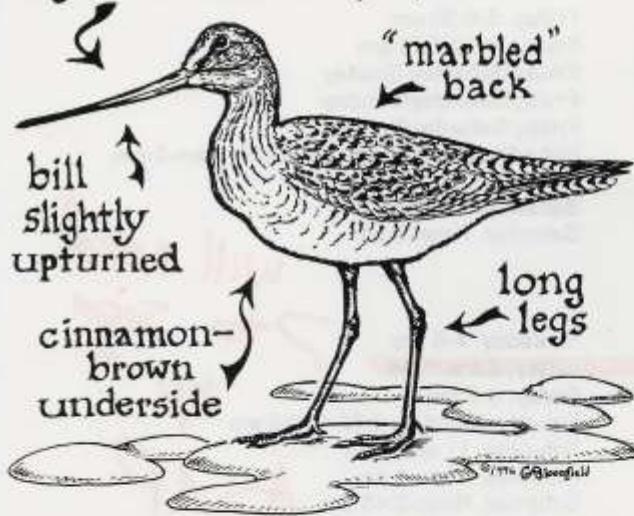
20th ANNUAL SPRING MIGRATION BIRD FESTIVAL

Extraordinary Birding from the Redwoods to Humboldt Bay

Teachers, students, and parents are cordially invited to enjoy the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival April 17-19, 2015 at the Arcata Community Center. Celebrating the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, redwood forests, ocean beaches, fern-covered canyons, rugged dunes, and the west's largest coastal lagoon. Godwit Days is held at the height of the spring migration when thousands upon thousands of birds congregate on the wetlands, river estuaries, and mud flats of Humboldt Bay.

What's a Marbled Godwit?

long, 2-tone (black & pink) bill



Did you know that...?

Humboldt Bay is the main winter home for the population of Marbled Godwits (*Limosa fedoa*) that migrate to the tundra in Alaska in the spring to lay their eggs and raise their young.

Godwits are shorebirds, more closely related to gulls than to herons or egrets.

Godwits, using their long bills, probe the mud for shrimps, clams, and worms at low tide when the mudflats are exposed.

Godwits are the second largest shorebird on Humboldt Bay, after the Long-billed Curlew.

Godwits' bill color changes from pink and black to orange and black during the breeding season.

Free Community Activities Offered During Godwit Days

Bird Fair with commercial vendors and information booths from nonprofit groups and government agencies — Opening reception & lectures by Green Diamond Resource Company and this year's Spotlight Organization, Friends of the Arcata Marsh — Display of Humboldt County student bird art contest entries — Kids' birding walks at the Marsh — Family nature craft activities sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh — Owl pellet dissection & art workshops for kids — Field trips for the entire family to Lanphere Dunes, Patrick's Point State Park, Humboldt Lagoons State Park, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Ma-le'i Dunes/Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, and Arcata Marsh — Native plant walk — Binoculars/scopes lecture

Humboldt Wildlife Care Center (HWCC) — Come see live birds of prey without any barriers at the Arcata Community Center throughout Godwit Days. These raptors, ambassadors of their species, can no longer survive in the wild because of injury. Meet the dedicated professionals and volunteers who care for these birds.

See reverse side for details

For further information, call 707-826-7050 or visit www.godwitdays.org to find the full schedule of events.

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 items as they are the only 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Maple Creek School District

Maple Creek School

15933 Maple Creek Route

Korbel, CA 95550

March 11, 2015

3:10 p.m.

MAPLE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing to gather input on the proposed General Waiver application to the California State Board of Education regarding Education Code 35780 (School District Lapsation). Information on the General Waiver is available for public review at the Maple Creek School.

Individuals wishing to speak at the public hearing regarding the proposed waiver application will be asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

To request information or clarification on the proposed General Waiver application or public hearings, contact WENDY ORLANDI, SUPERINTENDENT, MAPLE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, 15933 MAPLE CREEK ROUTE, KORBEL, CA 95550. PHONE (707) 668-5596.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

The hearing will be opened by the Maple Creek School Board President at 3:10 p.m. The Board will hear public comments, limited to 3 minutes per speaker, on the General Waiver application to waive a portion of Education Code 35780 on school district lapsation.

School Site Council Meeting regarding this General Waiver Application

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 8:45 am

February 2015

Schedule of Events

Happening in Feb.

☺ Feb. 5: 100th Day of School

☺ Feb. 7: Humboldt County History Day

☺ Feb. 13: Friendship Day Party
2 PM

☺ Feb. 16—20: No School, Presidents' Week

☺ Feb. 25: School Board Meeting
1:30 PM

☺ Feb. 27: Bob Garcia Presents
45-star Flag 1 PM

Looking Ahead:

☺ March 11: School Board Meeting 1:30 PM

☺ March 16: SSC/Fundraising Meeting 1:30 PM

☺ March 23—Ocean Day In-class Lesson 11 am

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Please attend the school board meeting on Feb. 25 at 1:30 PM to hear the latest school news.



School Site Council and Fundraising Committees

Please join the School Site Council/Fundraising Committee and/or attend the meeting on March 16 at 1:30 PM.

We invite everyone to give input on our LCAP, SSPSA, Tech Plan, as well as any other advice about the conditions of learning at Maple Creek School. Please contact Wendy or Gwen to request copies of any of the plans under development or to offer suggestions regarding improvement of the education Maple Creek School delivers to its students.

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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.

