



Maple Creek School News

Maple Creek Celebrates Spring With Its May Day Café
May 1, 2018



After the patrons were full from the tasty food, the students entertained them with a May Pole dance.



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Attendance Matters

"Successful schools begin by engaging students and making sure they come to school regularly. That may seem obvious. What's less obvious is that the consequences of low attendance are serious for all children and for the community, not just the students who miss school," according to GreatSchoolsStaff in the June 2016 edition of their online newsletter. They continued, "It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent."

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/school-attendance-issues/>



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Many thanks to our community members who attended and donated!

You are cordially invited to
Maple Creek School's **End-of-Year Celebration**
on **Thursday, June 14, 2018**

Potluck barbeque lunch at **12:30 pm**

(The school provides hamburgers and all the fixings.
Please contact Wendy or Gwen to determine your lunch contribution.)



Poetry Slam starring
Maple Creek School Students
At 1:30 pm



Recognition of Achievements and Honors
follows the entertainment.



Gianni Orlandi Represents Maple Creek School at Battle of the Books



The Battle of the Books on April 27, 2018 was an extraordinary time, and I would definitely want others to try it. Here are some reasons why I loved the experience.

One, when I got to the Sequoia Conference Center at HCOE, I went inside and received a nametag with a number. I found my team in a big room with large monitors listing the schools participating in the battle and the schedule of the day. When I got to my team, there were three girls and one boy. We made friends almost immediately.

Then the first event happened; we participated in some icebreakers. We then drew a battle shield and created a team name. Our shield had our favorite book and name, along with our team name, The Eighth Chapter, because we were team number eight of the eight teams.

Two, the first battle was a relay; the eight teams lined up and ran back and forth one at a time answering a question about one of the 30 books read for the 2018 list of books for the battle. After that, there were four rounds of a game called "Family Feud," which included answering questions to earn points for Grand Battle qualification. After that, there was a surprise relay, my team won all the relays and won all our "Family Feud" rounds, too. Then came the Grand Battle, my team and team #4 made it. In the end, my team won.

The entire battle was fun and a great way to make friends. That's why I'm recommending it to others, so they can have a fun and make new friends. Plus, it is an amazing reading opportunity; there were so many fantastic books I would never have read but now love. I think that more students should do Battle of the Books.



**Ukulele Lessons at Ferndale Music Company, Playing at Fireman's Park,
and Living the Dream**
April 27, 2018



A Hike in Headwaters Forest Reserve
May 21, 2018



Maple Creek Students Argue Their Opinions

According to Merriam-Webster.com, an opinion is "a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter." The Google dictionary specifies that an opinion is "not necessarily based on fact or knowledge." An argument, on the other hand is "a coherent series of reasons, statements, or facts intended to support or establish a point of view (Merriam-Webster.com)." On the next few pages, you can read arguments regarding a variety of topics. Maple Creek Students have many opinions about the world around them. They learned to give their opinions credibility by using detailed reasons to support their ideas. Be careful as you read these well-crafted pieces, or you just might find yourself seeking out new friendships, becoming a foster parent to a furry animal, spending too much time playing with Legos, taking up a new sport, or enrolling in college to start a new career.

Friends

By Dakota E.

Are your friends nice? I think friendship is important. I appreciate friends. I like friends because they can help. They help us achieve goals like solving difficult math problems. I also help my friends. Do you?

One reason I like friends is because they keep me out of trouble. For instance, my friends help me calm down by counting to three.

I like friends because they tell jokes. My favorite joke is banana mixed with hot dog is called banana hot dog.

I like friends because they play. My favorite games are tag games. One tag games is banana tag. We play that when everybody is it, we tag each other. If you get tagged, you have to sit down. When only two people are down, they have to tag each other before anyone can get up.

I help friends with their math. I help younger friends stay on track while they do the calendar. I sing the days of the week song with them. I also help the youngers feel better by reminding them to breathe when they need to calm down.

As you can see, friends are good to have. They can help me make thoughtful decisions. They can make jokes and play games. You can find a neighbor that is a friend.

LEGOS

By Kai E.

Why are LEGOS fun to play with? LEGOS are plastic bricks that you can build with. In my opinion, LEGOS are easy to play with if you are not under three years old.

To begin with, you can build with LEGOS. For example, you would need lots of Lego bricks to build a tower. Next, you can build monster trucks, vans, cars, regular trucks, planes, and helicopters. Finally, you can form houses with chimneys and lots of LEGO bricks.

My second reason LEGOS are easy to play with is you can snap them together and take them apart. (LEGO bricks have bumps on one side and an empty space on the other side. The tips on top of one LEGO connect to the empty space at the bottom of another LEGO.) You can push them together with your hands. Also, you can take them apart with LEGO tools from LEGO sets. (LEGO tools are great because you DON'T have to pull them apart with your hands.) In other words, you can make new things with the same pieces.

My third reason LEGOS are easy to play with is you can add LEGO figures. You can build adults running or holding things, such as food, weapons, and other people. You can build kids scaring other kids or eating ice cream. You CAN'T build babies, but you can put them in cribs, in figures' arms, or put them in a stroller.

Finally, you can act out with LEGOS. You can make fairy tales, such as The Three Little Pigs. Also, you can act out Super Hero Stories like the Incredibles, Batman, and Captain Underpants. My favorite is mix-ups! Mix-ups are when you use LEGO bricks from other sets to make mix-up things. For instance, use BATMAN, HARRY POTTER, and TEENNAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES to make one mix-up.

As you can see, LEGOS are lots of fun. You can build by snapping them and taking them apart, then you can add LEGO guys and act out LEGO adventures. LEGOS are my favorite toys. What is your favorite toy?

Taking Care of Kittens

By Aviva O.

If you are going to get a kitten, you might think of the responsibilities. For being responsible, in return you get something big.

First you have to get them supplies, so they don't wreck your house. One thing you have to get them is a litter box so you don't have to take them outside, and so you don't have to clean up your household all the time. Another suggestion to buy in is a cat scratch post so they don't rip up your curtains or clothes. If you don't you're going re think that.

Finally, you might want to get them a bed so they don't get cat hair all over the place and so they don't sleep on your belongings.

Second of all they hurt you a lot. To start, they like to play attack the person's feet from under the sofa. Second, they bite you and they also attack what you're holding. Next, they scratch and I don't mean just you. I mean your walls, pillows, your sofa and further more.

Besides that, they make a lot of noise no matter what it is that they're doing. To begin with they make a lot of nocking stuff over like a vase or a pot. There are loud when they play with other cats and with other toys. One last reason is they play I want you to feed me and then don't eat it. I don't know why? But they do it. You might try this if they do that game go ahead and take the food from them. That's what I do.

A final reason is that they are crazy and annoying. To start with, they sleep. Now you might think why is that crazy or annoying? Well, they sleep on you so you can't get up or move. Second of all there loud when they play. Such as get the ball of yarn or get the other cat and the other cat bite and scratch, there noisy, and there are craze and annoying. They're a big responsibility but they give you lots of love.

Fostering Kittens

By: Alejandra G.

Do you have a little extra room in your house or apartment? If so, you should consider fostering kittens. Fostering animals is when you take care of a pet until it finds a permanent home. I think that fostering kittens is a great idea because during kitten season, shelters are overflowing with baby cats and there could still be little felines out there that need assistance.

To begin with, abandoned kittens need human help. For example, kittens could be underage. When kittens are young, they can't survive without their mother because mothers teach them many cat behaviors, such as bathing themselves and going to the bathroom, so they need someone to care for them as well as their mother can. Second, kittens could be awfully sick. When a kitten gets a sickness, it is really rough on them because they don't have a very strong immune system. Therefore, it is important to get them in good care at a fostering home. Next, tiny kittens need comfort. When a kitten is really young it is very important to keep them at ease. It is important to keep kittens comfortable, so they can feel safe and secure.

Next, it doesn't take a lot of time. For instance, you can still have free time. The perfect time to have your free time is when the kitten or kittens are sleeping. These kittens will be asleep a lot because they are going to be tiny, and when kittens are tiny, all they do is eat, sleep, and use the bathroom. Next, you can still have a full time job. While you are at work, you can have somebody take care of the kitten or kittens, which won't be much because, like I said, they sleep a lot. Another reason is that the kitten or kittens will be adopted in no time! No one can resist a cute little kitten in need of a home.

Besides, you can learn a lot of responsibility from handling a tiny kitten. For example, the kitten will need a lot of attention. A little kitten will want a lot of snuggles because it doesn't have a mother for nestling into. Another responsibility is learning how to feed the kitten. It may not seem like a kitten needs to be taught to eat, but they do. When kittens are really tiny they drink milk from their mother, but since they don't have their mother they can't. So since they can't, you need to give them formula. All you need to do to set up the formula is, mix the formula powder with water. Then you will also have the accountability of cleaning a litter box or stimulating the kitten to use the bathroom. This is an importance because you will have to clean the litter box at least once a week. When you stimulate the kitten, you will have to stimulate them every couple of hours.

Also, you have advantages. In fact, if the kitten is too much work it will just get adopted. The longest you will probably have the kittens is for two weeks. Another reason is that you get a kitten, and then it is adopted; before long, you get another kitten. In other words, you will always have a little buddy. One more reason is, if you have a place that doesn't allow cats or kittens you aren't keeping the kitten anyway. Kittens are very easy to sneak in a house or an apartment. If you are caught you might get kicked out, but it's worth it.

Some people might say, "If you are going to foster a kitten you won't have the space." This is not actually true. Taking care of a kitten does not require a lot of space; in fact, all the kitten really needs is a corner or small area for food, water, a bed, some toys to play with and a litter box. This little space could be put together in your bathroom, living room, your room, and you could even clear out a closet to have the kitten stay in.

As you can see, fostering a kitten can be a great idea. While nurturing kittens, you learn that there are so many abandoned kittens that need our help. It doesn't take a lot of time. You can learn responsibility, and there are many positive rewards. Other people might like fostering because of all the things you learn. So, would you consider fostering a kitten?

FOSTERING KITTENS

By Kanela .E

Do you have a little extra space? Maybe a little love to share? Try fostering kittens! I think it is a great way to help motherless kittens until they're old enough to be adopted.

To begin with, kittens need a lot of help because, like I said, a lot of them don't have moms. They also can't eat or drink by themselves for a few weeks. You might even need to teach them how to use the litter box and learn to clean them. Additionally, you need to take them to the vet to make sure that they are healthy. All these things can help you learn responsibility by giving you something to look after.

Second, shelters can't provide everything for them. The shelters that take the kittens in sometimes have to put them down because they don't have enough room. Sometimes they don't have the right supplies to take care of these cuties, such as bottles, heating pads, and formula. However, you can buy these things at your local pet store. Why can't they do that? Shelters don't always have the money to buy all of their equipment.

Another reason is that almost everyone can do it. I think a good age range is 9 - 90. My point is there is a big age span when it comes to fostering kittens. One reason that it is so easy to foster is that it's not very messy and their supplies are not very big. This makes it so that in the end, it doesn't take up too much space. If you still live with your parents or a roommate, it won't be too much of a bother.

Some people claim that you lose sleep. Other people say it takes too much time. Yes, you do have to feed kittens 0-3 weeks old at night. Nevertheless, there are two ways to fix that. One, you could foster an older kitten that doesn't need to be feed at night, or two, you could go to sleep early, so you could wake up and not be too tired. In addition, about it taking too much time, you could do it on a long span of free time like summer break.

In conclusion, I think that fostering kittens is a great way to help your community. You can learn responsibility, you can help your local shelter and it does not matter how old you are. Kitten season is right around the corner and the kittens need help. Would you foster a kitten?

My Kitten

By Azzurri O.

I like my kitten. Her name is Sherara. She has cute eyes. They are really big and green. She is playful. I have a big cat. Her name is Molly. I like when the kitten jumps on the cat's back and rides piggy-back. She walks around the house meowing. I think that's adorable, but she's asking for food. The kitten is my favorite animal in the house.

Basketball

By Riley E.

Have you ever played a sport? There are many athletic opportunities. Have you ever try sports like basketball, baseball, soccer, American football, or lacrosse? My favorite is basketball.

In my opinion, I learn new skills, such as dribble. Dribbling is when you bounce the basketball. Next, you have a coach, and he is always coaching. For example, he might teach you to dribble the ball. Most importantly, learning to assist your team can help with gaining expertise in basketball.

I also get exercise. For instance, we do a lot of drills that involve running. Running is a good exercise. Additionally, we do jumping drills, such as shooting the ball. They hurt your legs, but, boy, they're good for them. Also, we do a lot of throwing drills. I like hot shots - a game we play at practice; I find it amusing. In hotshots, you are competing against your team to win. You shoot from the free throw line and try to make it first.

Another reason is it's competitive. Basketball is competitive; for example, there are two teams. Because they keep score, some players stress out. In some situations, people foul you on purpose to try to get you out of the game and win, especially the team's best players. Some people say it's too rough; it's competitive, and too loud and obnoxious.

I like the noise. I like the sound of squeaky shoes because it soothing, which makes me sleepy. I also like the sound of the clapping; my personal favorite is the crowd yelling and clapping for you when you make a basket. It makes me feel warm inside.

Basketball is my favorite sport because there are so many reasons to like it. When I play basketball, I learn new skills and get exercise. I like to win but not all the time; that's why I like the competitiveness. The sound is like music, elegant but loud. Basketball is my favorite sport. What's yours?

The Wonders of Commercial Architects

By Gianni O.

Sometimes someone might say, "Creativity is not a job," but what if there is a creative job? It's called architects, people that design buildings to be made. Now, that is a job. Sure, there are hundreds of jobs, but I want to be an architect, but there are different types of architects. For me I want to be a commercial architect. A commercial architect is an architect who designs non-residential buildings like offices or public buildings. There are other architects like urban architects who design cities and then there's a residential architect who designs homes for people, and there are many more (trust me there are a lot of others) but what do you think you'd be? It is probably hard to decide but that is why I am going to tell you about the job of an architect. So get ready for the world of magnificent architecture.

To begin with, I give you the interesting parts of architecture. One, the creativity where you are the one drawing the building that is to be made, such as if there is an expanse of land that is needing a one floor coffee shop using 300 feet squared of wood then you would design a one floor building made of 300 feet squared of wood. As you can see, being an architect is very creative. Second, the math, for people that like math this another great job for math lovers. Third, you need at least a three-year training period. Fourth, you are designing a place where something amazing could happen; you could house a genius that discovers a new galaxy and other life forms because an architect designed his home or work building so it was built perfectly. According to lifeofanarchitect.com, it is also amazing to hear that architects love their jobs and that is amazing to design homes, buildings, and other places that are desired.

Now, you get to know how an architect is much better than being a businessperson because a businessperson makes up to 90,000 dollars while an architect gets up to 100,000 dollars without sitting in big stuffy building, and a business building is designed by architects, so no architects, no business building for business people. Second, a businessperson works around eight hours a day, and an architect works seven hours a day, so an architect is paid more than a businessperson and works less. Business people also receive more stress from phone calls and work hours plus the amount of work they have to do.

I can tell you another great thing, architects have great pay. Now I know I told you they are paid around 100,000 dollars, but now I will tell you about some of the greatest places to work as an architect. In the number five spot, we have Framingham, Massachusetts. This place pays an average of 170,740 dollars. Then in fourth, there is Dutchess County-Putnam County, USA with an average of 170,900 dollars, and that's number four. Up next is the three in Texas with Houston, Sugar Land, and Baytown with an average of a big 173,040 dollars, whoa! Hitting the top soon, but in second is Vallejo, California and Fairfield, California with an average of 173,300 dollars. Now the number one area contains San Jose, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara all in the western state of California with 174,650 dollars. Now there is a list of the top 100 places in the US and the 100th spot is Greeley, Colorado with 106,250 dollars - still big. Although, the degree you have depends on how you get paid this is for a bachelor's degree. Equally important, there are many job openings because if you are paid 100,000 dollars for this one spot and there are only two job openings you have a huge competition with others that want the job. Now if there were 60 openings, then you would have little competition or a better chance of getting the job. So far you might think this is a little complicated, so I can sum it up with seven words and these words are the job of an architect is amazing. But, don't get excited yet, because (if you still aren't clear, listen closely) it gets better.

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Now that you know about these huge paying places, I will tell you about the qualities you have to have to be an architect. First, you need to interact in a three or more year training program or internship in architecture. Second, you need to have a B.Arch (bachelor's degree in architecture), M.Arch (master's degree in architecture), and PH.D. in architecture, or a D.Arch (doctor of architecture). Third, you need to pass the ARE or Architecture Registration Exam. However, you need the test and a degree to be an architect but doing all these things will land you a higher pay. ARE 5.0 features six divisions organized around the progression of a typical architecture project. The divisions can be taken in any order and include a combination of multiple-choice, check-all-that-apply, fill-in-the-blank, and drag-and-place questions, as well as case studies. To get a BArch it can take up to five years, a D.Arch takes about 7.5 years, an M.Arch takes about 7 years, and a PHD take about 7.2 years.

Learning and math are part of architecture. The math part is said to be important, but architect Lee Calisti says, "One's math ability should never be the factor that keeps them out of architecture. However, one needs to be adept at math, namely algebra, geometry and trigonometry, to deal with the array of dimensions, quantities, area, volume and other geometric relationships. This plays into spatial thinking and patterns. The higher, more complex areas of math such as calculus hinder many students, but it is the logic pattern of math such as this that is a critical tool in the mind of an architect. I've never used calculus in my job, but developing logical patterns to solve problems is a daily event."

Jes Stanford says, "Architects should be math ninjas. The aspiring architect should rush headlong into math as if charging into a field of battle. Math is an education in problem solving and of knowing what is asked. There are few stronger parallels to all the variables in the Builder-Architect-Client dynamic. All math puns intended."

Finally, Jeremiah Russell says, "Would-be architects should understand the principles and concepts of math - mostly geometry, trigonometry and basic physics. It is not necessary to be a math genius (we all have calculators) nor is it necessary to master or memorize complex load calculations and diagrams, etc. That's what reference materials are for. Ultimately, do not be swayed if you are not strong in math. It's a body of knowledge that can be learned and should not be a source of stress."

Architecture helps the brain learn to make complex ideas simple. Tim Parsey says, "Our opportunity, as designers, is to learn how to handle the complexity, rather than shy away from it, and to realize that the big art of design is to make complicated things simple," Henry David Thoreau said, "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."

Now, some people might say "teaching is better," but it is not because a teacher is paid an average salary of 46,340 dollars and an architect hits 100,000 dollars. Also, the job of a teacher is stressful because around 30 kids plus 6 hours of school equals a headache, if you're lucky. In addition, the job of teaching involves getting a teacher's credential too as well as a Bachelor's degree or better. Teaching can also be fun because you are almost always with kids and who doesn't like kids (don't answer that) and you get a teacher's lounge and a pile of work to do at home (but you should call it the stuff to do when you don't have anything to do but watch paint dry). It takes many hours to grade all the papers from one week of teaching, and an architect typically doesn't take work home.

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It is amazing to see how good it is to be an architect, and if you do want to be an architect but have no idea what type you want to be, I can tell you. We will start with a residential architect. A residential architect gets an average of 81,460 dollars. Residential architects to Bob Borson an actual architect said, "They deal with clients who would like to have their own customized houses designed. They take note of their spatial and functional requirements; then they start to design the plans, layouts, and elevations. They estimate the costs of materials and services, as well as the time needed to complete the construction and finishing," now that you know about residential architects I will tell you about one more and that is an interior designer. An interior designer according to arch2o.com is "Designing and styling the interior of an apartment, an office, or a restaurant requires artistic sense and technical knowledge. Interior Designers have deep knowledge of materials, fabrics, colors, and basics of furniture design. Some architects prefer to work on the large scale and not to get involved with such details, while others, like the pioneer Frank Lloyd Wright, prefer to do the interior design for their own projects." an interior designer gets paid around 60,000 dollars.

Isn't it amazing how much money an architect can earn doing something so creative? I hope you can see that an architect is a great job. Hopefully, you will want to be an architect for the sake of the future, because without architects, buildings will become poorly made and they will crumble in earthquakes and tornados, instead of standing like America's flag, so become an architect. Create buildings worth being made and let your math, art, learning, and creative mind create. So, what are you waiting for? Look for your job as an architect, which type would you choose?

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:

We are looking for a volunteer (or two or three) to help make props for a short end-of-the-year performance. The performance may be short, but it requires a lot of food and other items made from cardboard to enhance the entertainment value. If you can help in any way or for any amount of time, please contact Wendy at 668-5596.



DONATIONS REQUESTED:

We need large pieces of cardboard and at least nine empty tea boxes as soon as possible.



June 2018

Schedule of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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

Happening in May:

- ☺ May 1: Café Fundraiser Noon
- ☺ May 5: Tooth Lesson
- ☺ May 25: Board Meeting 1:30 pm
- ☺ May 28: No School—Memorial Day
- ☺ May 29-31: CAASPP Testing 3rd–5th Grades

Happening in June:

- ☺ June 5-6: CAASPP Testing 3rd-5th Grades
- ☺ June 5: SSC/FC Meetings 1:15 pm
- ☺ June TBD: Field trip to Bill Carlson's Ranch after students have completed participating in the CAASPP
- ☺ June 8: Board Meeting 9:00 am
- ☺ June 13: Board Meeting 9:00 am
- ☺ June 14: End-of-Year Celebration 11 am
- ☺ June 15: Last Day of School Field Trip

Please attend the school board meeting on **May 25 at 1:30 PM** to hear the latest school news and to give your voice to the LCAP process.

Important June Meetings:

June 8 at 9 am
June 13 at 9 am



	SSC:	FC:
	Thursday, June 5, 2018 1:15 PM	Thursday, June 5, 2018 2:00 PM

Maple Creek Elementary School Needs You!

The School Site Council (SSC) and Fundraising Committees (FC) need active community participation to function properly. Members of the SSC meet three times per year to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. Members of the FC meet at least three times a year to plan and implement fundraising activities that bring in extra funds for school program improvement.

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

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 on them to the school 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 and 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

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

The mission of Maple Creek Elementary School District is to provide an exemplary educational program for the students of Maple Creek School. The high teacher-to-student ratio provides personalized instruction to foster the development of each student's talents, academic performance and social/emotional growth. We provide a solid foundation for our students to enter high school, college and chosen career paths.

Emphasis on promotion of literacy in language arts, mathematics and technology skills:

High expectation and an optimal learning environment produce proficient and advanced academic skills;

Students, teachers and parents cooperate in a nurturing and interactive educational setting that enhances the learning experience;

Global literacy and digital citizenship are promoted with the use of digital devices for the students and professional development for the staff to remain updated on innovative technologies.

Emphasis on communication skills:

Classroom environment promotes the development of personal responsibility, positive social skills, effective self-management strategies, tolerance and respect for both self and others;

Collaborative projects provide opportunities to think critically, be creative, solve problems and work as a community;

An outstanding visual and performance arts program provides a stage for students to demonstrate these skills.

