



# Maple Creek School News

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## Maple Creek School Café Open on Nov. 22

*(one day only)*

Back by popular demand—the Maple Creek School students and staff invite you to sit, relax and socialize while the kids pamper you with soup, salad, bread and dessert at the **2nd annual Café fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 22**. Food service begins **at noon**, followed by a model clubhouse showcase presented by the upper grade students and a festive lantern walk to fill the darkness of the coming winter months. The students and the fundraising committee will appreciate any donations attendees can make in return for the attentive service they are sure to receive.



*Scenes from last year's Café fundraiser.*

## Fall Leaves

By Shawn G.

Brown, orange, yellow,  
The leaves fall free,  
Being carried by a gentle  
wind.  
Like birds flying in a  
slow glide,  
Down the trees they go,  
Fall leaves fall.

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## Scares and Laughs at the Annual Halloween Performance

By Skyler May

The Halloween performance was fun. Everybody could see your costume. I thought it was fun **to see everyone's costume. We made spooky noises, and we sang songs, and people read stories. My favorite song was "Count Down." "Looking for Dracula" was probably creepy for other kids. It was a scary performance that was fun.**



## Halloween at MCS

By Bobo Karrer

Usually at Maple Creek School, we have a Halloween party. This year we had a slime table that had rings with spiders on them buried in the slime. We had to dip

our hands in the green slime to get one. It felt like goo!

My friend, Shawn, had a fake catsup bottle. When he squeezed it, it popped a red string out. It tricked my teacher, Gwen, because she thought the catsup was real.

There were a lot of games. In one game, you had to eat a donut that was hanging on a string. It was hard because your eyes were closed. We also did a cupcake walk. My favorite game was with our art teacher, Leslie. She had three bowls. One had a walnut in it; we had to guess which one had the walnut in it. I won a starburst!

At the end, we went trick-or-treating. We went to the classrooms, to the office, to the kitchen, and to the bathrooms. There was a surprise for the trick-or-treaters: in the ball closet was our former bus driver, Carlene; she gave us cookies!



## Kids Do Science at Boulder Creek

By Rachel McGaughey

The students at Maple Creek School walked to Boulder Creek to do a science project. The **students tried to answer the question, "What season has the most diversity?"** They looked into a box with bugs, leaves, and water from the creek. They tried to see what kinds of bugs were in the box. They tried to count how many bugs there were. They wrote the number of bugs on the note paper. They learned that bugs are in the creek even when **it doesn't look like there are bugs in it. They are** going to do the same science project in the winter and the spring.



To help the Upper Grade students fully understand the steps of the scientific process before they embark on science projects of their own for the 2014 Humboldt County Science Fair, all the students at Maple Creek School are engaging in several whole-group science projects.

So far, in addition to the project discussed above, the students attempted to **determine how to make "the best" cookie. They made two batches of the same chocolate chip cookie recipe.** The independent variable (the variable that changed) was one batch sat for two days before they baked it into cookies. The dependent variable (the variable changed by the independent variable) was the quality of the cookies. They conducted a **"blind taste test," one in which the participants didn't know which cookie was which as** they mindfully experienced both cookies with all five senses, and then they completed a simple survey form. Preliminary data analysis shows that sitting for two days produced a better cookie. (While the dough sat, the dry ingredients were able to absorb the water from the wet ingredients, providing for a more uniform consistency in the dough.)

Be on the lookout for information regarding a MCS Science Fair at the end of February.



## Tis the Season to be Grateful

I am thankful for my family because they help take care of me, and they help me when I am hurt. I am thankful for my four silly pets because they are nice, and they are fun to look at. I am thankful for my clothes because they keep me warm, and they are pretty. I am thankful for shelter because it keeps me warm and keeps me from getting wet and cold.

I love my home. I love my school. I love my family. I love my clothes. I love my pets.

Also, I am thankful for you reading this.

THANK YOU!

~ Malia

I am grateful for having a food to eat, a roof over my head, and a place to sleep. I am also grateful for the stuff I have, and I try not to be greedy. Being grateful to people is good and kind, so be grateful to people and animals.

~ Shawn

I am thankful that my dad is my baseball coach because sometimes I get to play wherever I choose. If I get hurt, he lets me sit in the dugout because I might get hurt again. My dad is nice to me, so I am thankful for him.

~ Bobo

Thank you for my clothes,  
Thank you for the roof over my head,  
Thank you for my life,  
Thank you for my food,  
I am grateful that you have not booed.

~ Shyanna

I am thankful for Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, Shawn, Shyanna, Emily, and KRI STA! My mom sometimes lets us have dessert. My dad makes our lunch every morning. My grandma lets us go to her house. My grandpa lets us have a Popsicle when we visit. Shawn lets me play with his Legos. Shyanna watches Krista when my mom makes us dinner. Emily lets me play with her toys. Krista gives us hugs when we get home. My family is nice to me.

~ Rachel

I am grateful for my family. My mom works really hard for me and takes care of me. My sis is really awesome. She pays for my basketball clothes and gas to see her. I am so glad I have a **super mom and an awesome sis, and that's what I** am grateful for.

~ Jaylenne



## Tis the Season to be Grateful

I am happy about my mom and my grandma.  
I am happy about food. I am happy about Gianni. I  
am happy about Rachel. I am happy about my dad.  
I am happy about Krista, Shyanna and Shawn. I am  
happy about Aunt Jenny.

*~Emily*

**I'm thankful for my family: They're nice; they're  
sweet; they're really fun.**

**I'm thankful for my family: They're caring;  
they're understanding; they're encouraging.**

**They are so great, I am glad that they're  
my family.**

*~Meadow*

This is my house. It is white. Now my baby  
sister, Azzurri, can crawl and stand up holding  
something that she can hold by herself. I love my  
baby sister. She is the best baby in the world.  
Aviva is my big sister. She is a cute little girl. She  
is three years old. I am five years old. I love my  
family like Azzurri, Mom, Dad, and Aviva.

*~Gianni*

Grateful

And thankful

For friends

To hug,

To love,

Friends to no end!

Grateful

And thankful

For family

To hold,

Worth gold,

Make my heart happy!

Grateful

And thankful

For time

To think

To treasure

All the things that are mine!

**I'm so grateful**

And thankful for you all,

For this day,

For Fall.

*~Aria*



## Please don't litter at the river!

My friend was barefoot at the river and her dad had to carry her because there was broken glass. Maple Creek School students picked up 16 pounds of trash on October 23. We picked up a lot of cigarette butts. Please **don't throw your cigarette butts on the ground.** We, the kids of Maple Creek School, would like to go to the river and be barefoot without stepping on glass and enjoy picnics **without other people's trash flying around us.**

Thank you,  
Maple Creek School



## 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](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov)

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Happening in Nov.

- ☺ Nov. 1: No School
- ☺ Nov. 11: No School—**Veteran's Day**
- ☺ Nov. 10: School Site Council 2 PM
- ☺ Nov. 21: Great American Smokeout
- ☺ Nov. 22: Lantern Walk/Café Fund-raiser (Time TBA)
- ☺ Nov. 22: Board Meeting 1:45 PM
- ☺ Nov. 25—29: No School—Thanksgiving Week

Looking Ahead:

- 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

Please attend the school board meeting on Nov. 22 to hear the latest school news. It begins at 1:45 PM in **Wendy's classroom.**

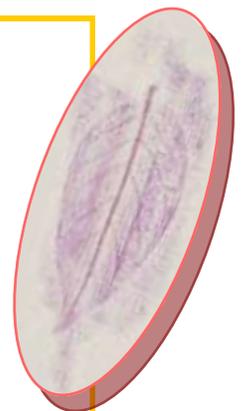
**School Site Council Meeting**  
Please join the School Site Council as it discusses issues important to the smooth operation of MCS. The next meeting is Nov. 22 at PM in **Wendy's room.**



## Dying Dancers

By Aria Windbigler

Dying dancers fly,  
Fierce breezes plow by,  
Whirls of color all around,  
They cover the ground,  
A crunchy carpet of colors,  
Swoon in flurries and flutters,  
Autumn is now, fall is here,  
But the sharp bit of winter is near.



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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.

