



# Maple Creek School News

## Maple Creek Community Shows Its Support for Maple Creek School

Because so many community members participated in the Fall Carnival, we held a Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 16 to show our gratitude. We were amazed and delighted by the increased attendance numbers. We truly appreciate this wonderful group of people.



Jokes and poetry readings provided the entertainment.



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### Why attendance matters

#### How important is it for kids to be in school?

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.

School attendance data on GreatSchools.org (which comes from the state Department of Education) gives you baseline information on the quality of a school. The type of data displayed depends on what each state Department of Education makes available.

#### What does attendance rate tell you about a school?

The attendance rate tells you the average percentage of students attending school each day in the given year, as reported by the state Department of Education. You can also see the state average for the attendance rate and compare how your school stacks up. Most schools have high attendance rates. If your school's attendance rate is below the state average, the school may face challenges in getting students to come to school regularly. Ask the principal why the attendance rate is lower than the state average and what the school is doing to address this issue.

#### How important is attendance?

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities.

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

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

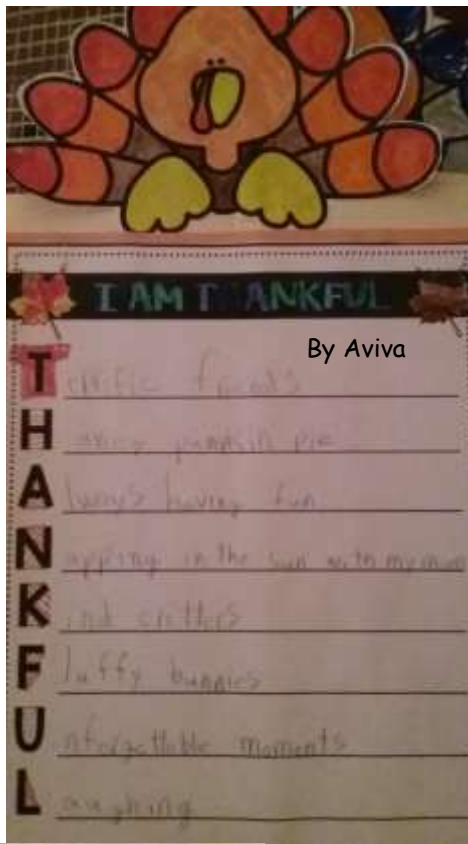
Please join us on **January 18th** for a community gathering. We would like all who have an interest in the Maple Creek area to enjoy **tea and cookies with the students at 12:15** and **stay for our board meeting** that will start **at 1:30**. *Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Chis Hartley, and 5th District Supervisor, Steve Madrone, will be at the board meeting.* They will answer questions and have an informal conversation to address concerns regarding Maple Creek School and our community.

### Top 10 reasons to support Maple Creek School:

10. The school provides a safe place for mail and package delivery.
9. The school provides phone, fax, copy, and Internet services.
8. The school provides a recycling drop off center.
7. Quality school districts improve property value.
6. School employees advocate for and bring advancements to the valley, such as improved road conditions and high speed Internet.
5. The school field serves as a defensible fire space as well as a helicopter landing area for emergencies.
4. The school provides local employment.
3. The school provides a place to connect with other people living in Maple Creek through community events and meetings.
2. You want your children or grandchildren to attend a community-based school (maybe they already do and you want them to continue).
1. You feel that education is important and that all children deserve an equal opportunity for their education no matter where they live.

**I hope to see you at the school on Jan. 18.** If not, I would like to hear your views and ideas, anyway. You can contact me, Wendy Orlandi, at 707-668-5596 or [worlandi@maplecreekschool.org](mailto:worlandi@maplecreekschool.org).

# We are THANKFUL!



**I AM THANKFUL**

Thank you Maple Creek friends!  
Hearts are full,  
And minds are busy.  
Never shall we forget  
Kindness shown and given  
For the education of children.  
Ultimately, they will  
Lead us into a peaceful world.





Maple Creek School Presents  
a puppet version of  
"Maplelocks and the Three Bears"

Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018

1 pm



After the show,  
the community shall gather to



for it is the beginning of Winter.

*Please bring your favorite holiday finger food to share.*

## Fall Festival Fun

On Oct. 31, 2018, Maple Creek School hosted its annual Fall Carnival. Excitement was in the air all day. Before the festivities began, the students bought monster parts to build an edible monster, worked with glow-in-the-dark geometiles and debated whether to enter the haunted garage. During the carnival, all attendees engaged in a variety of games, played at being mad scientists and engineers, endured a trek through the dimly-lit spookiness of Tanner's Haunted House, and went trick-or-treating.





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

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## Schedule of Events

### Happening in November:

- ☺ Nov. 1: No School
- ☺ Nov. 9: School Board Meeting 1:30 pm
- ☺ Nov.12: No School—Veteran's Day
- ☺ Nov.28: School Site Council Meeting 1:15
- ☺ Nov.28: Fundraising Committee 2:15 pm
- ☺ Nov.19-23: No School—Thanksgiving Break

### Happening in December:

- ☺ Dec. 10: Theater and History Field Trip
- ☺ Dec. 14: School Board Meeting 1:30 pm
- ☺ Dec. 20: Winter Performance/Party 1 pm
- ☺ Dec. 21: Ice Skating Field Trip
- ☺ Dec. 24-Jan. 4: No School—Winter Break

### Happening in January:

- ☺ Jan. 7: School Resumes
- ☺ Jan. 18: Community Gathering at 12:15 pm and School Board Meeting at 1:30 pm
- ☺ Jan. 21: No School—Martin L. King, Jr. Day

Please attend the **school board meeting on Dec. 14 at 1:30 PM** to hear the latest school news and to give your voice to the LCAP process.

**Future Meetings begin at 1:30:**

**Jan. 18, 2019**

**Feb. 8, 2019**

**March 8, 2019**



The **school site council** is comprised of teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and community members. The council works with the principal to develop, review and evaluate **school** improvement programs within **school** budgets.

We need **YOU** to join!

**School Site Council Meeting:**  
Wednesday,  
Nov. 28, 2018  
1:15 PM

**Fundraising Committee Meeting:**  
Thursday,  
Nov. 28, 2018  
2:15 PM

*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.*

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## Maple Creek Elementary School District

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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.

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