



Maple Creek School News

We Are Thankful

Maple Creek School appreciates its wonderful community members and all they do to make learning enjoyable. The students experienced a wonderful, activity-filled Fall Festival that could not have happened without help from family and friends. We especially appreciate David Clair and Courtney Schroeder for the haunted house. We say thank you to Danielle Trenn, too, for her assistance with the haunted house and donations of food for the carnival. We also appreciate Leiko and Chad Edmondson and Rama and Danielle Zarcufsky for their donations of carnival prizes and food and help with the haunted house.



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Debunking the Myths About School Attendance

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/about/why-it-matters/>

Myth 1: Attending Kindergarten Regularly Doesn't Really Matter

Reality: Chronic absence (missing 10 percent of school days) in kindergarten is associated with lower academic performance in 1st grade, especially in reading for Latino students. For poor children, unable to make up for time on task, the poor performance extended through 5th grade. By 6th grade chronic absence is a clear predictor of drop-out. By 9th grade, missing 20 percent of the school year is a better predictor of dropping out than test scores.

Chronic absence in the early grades and beyond can affect all students when teachers must spend time reviewing concepts for children who missed the lesson in the first place. And it can cost schools money when state funding is linked to attendance. Chronic absence can serve as an early warning signal that a child or a school is headed off track. It can reflect unhealthy economic and social conditions.

Myth 2: We don't need to worry about large number of students missing school until middle or high school.

Reality: While absenteeism is more widespread in secondary school, it still affects vast numbers of younger students. Nationally, one in 10 kindergarten and 1st grade students misses a month of school every year. In some districts, as many as one in four students in the primary grades are **missing too much school time. This isn't just truancy, since most young children don't stay home without a parent's knowledge.**

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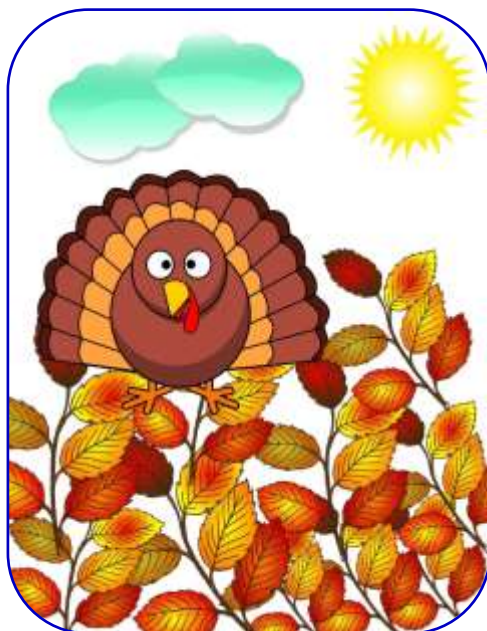
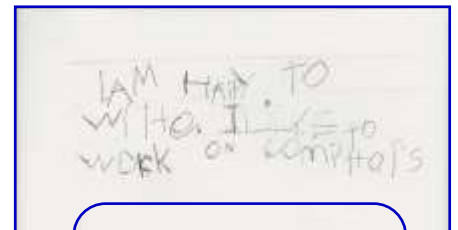
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What Thanksgiving is all About

By Shyanna G.

*Family seating,
Turkey eating,
Parents clean,
Children sing,
Until it is the end of day,
Family smile, laugh and play.*



Thanksgiving

by Jaylenne H.

Thanksgiving is a festive time. It's when you get to see family members (sometimes against your will) and eat so much food that it feels like you're going to die. I love how I get to hang with my mom. It's going to be sad because my sister Jasmine isn't going to be here this year, but it's going to be ok. Also, I like to gain weight when nobody cares because that's what everybody does. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, I get to help cook, and just chill with my mom. OH MY GOSH, I CAN'T WAIT FOR MASHED POTATOES!!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

BLOWN AWAY

By Gianni. O

Once upon a time there was a farm called Apple farm. And on that farm there was a turkey. **And he said, "Eieio," just kidding.**

He said, "Gobble, gobble," as the farmer poured food into the turkey pen. The turkey ate it up.

The turkey was near full when BOOM! CLAP! A tornado and lightning storm hit. The barn shook dangerously! CRACK! A bolt of lightning shot out of the sky and hit the barn as the tornado hit it. KABOOMBLAMITY BAM!

The barn blew up sending cinders and ashes flying every direction. As this happened, the turkey was blown away.

The wind carried him high up and then dropped him in front of a cave. The turkey ran inside. **Soon dawn came; the turkey walked into the sunshine and said, "Whoa!" Just kidding. He said, "Gobble, gobble ."**

As he walked, he heard a squeak!

"Gahh," said the turkey jumping backwards. "Who are you?" asked the turkey.

"Squeaky," said Squeaky.

"Umm...where is Apple Farm?" asked the turkey.

"505 miles from here," answered Squeaky.

"Any directions?" asked the turkey.

"93 degrees north, take a right at the dead oak, pass the Grand Canyon, around Niagara Falls, and cross over Mount Rushmore," said Squeaky.

"How am I gonna do that?" asked the turkey.

"Can I tell you a secret?" asked Squeaky.

"Yes," said the turkey.

"Good," said Squeaky; he led the turkey into a weird red thing with four wheels.

"Introducing a car!" yelled Squeaky.

The two friends jumped in the car and drove away. They drove day and night until finally they reached Apple Farm right before dessert on Thanksgiving.

THE END

Maple Creek School staff and students are **grateful to Debbie O'Banks**. She provided art activities while Leslie was tending to family needs. The students loved Debbie and the art projects she provided. We are blessed to have such wonderful people in our community.

Thanksgiving

By Dalia S.

Get your food,
make a feast.
Call your family
and start to eat.
Play a game,
maybe one or two.
Open the door, go outside
to catch fireflies.
Hey come on,
now let's go,
Down by the pond
to see it flow.
Let's come back,
home again
To see the cookies
beside your bed.
As soon as you get there
all tucked in,
You remember it's Thanksgiving.
Then you go downstairs
just one more time
And thank the people
in your tribe
And go upstairs,
then tuck yourself in
Dreaming of Thanksgiving friends.



EMILY WALKER
I am thankful
for all the things
Gwen has given
to me, Gwen and
Wendy let us do a
pet performance. Being
in the pet performance
made me happy.
I liked that I
was the two
gloves because
I like gloves. They
keep my hands warm.
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Thanksgiving Traditions

By Anna S.

To me, Thanksgiving is a long day of family tradition. The food is a tradition, the location is a tradition, and so **is the celebration. Usually, we would travel to my grandmother's house in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, but because of our current situation and location, that has proven impossible this year.**

My grandma cooks several foods, which have been family traditions for several generations; most are just typical Thanksgiving foods: corn, peas, mashed potatoes, turkey, bread, etc. However, our family has several interesting holiday recipes, such as carrot and pineapple mixed into orange Jell-O, **though that may be an Easter food, I can't remember.**

After starving ourselves all day, my family will sit down at the large dining table (which has had a few extra tables and parts added to the end in order to accommodate my large family) and stuff themselves until it hurts to **move (that might just be me...).** **Directly after dinner is dessert, usually pumpkin pie and ice cream, when we stuff ourselves even more than we already have.** When all of that is finished, the kids go off to play, and I am left to eavesdrop on the adults as they talk about their adult lives, or to try and not come off as rude as I try to avoid an awkward conversation with a family member who (somehow) knows all about my life from Facebook. These conversations can be enjoyable sometimes, but eventually they almost always end in me awkwardly saying I have to go, or finding the worst way possible way to end the conversation, and then walking awkwardly away.

Since we are here, in California, and we can't be there for the traditional family gathering, I hope we still make the orange Jell-O, even if it turns out to be an Easter food. This Thanksgiving, I hope we can have dinner with some of our friends, and celebrate together. It would be fun to help cook dinner and maybe discover some new recipes for foods we already cook. I hope we have a good Thanksgiving this year!



One Big, Fat Turkey

By Rachel M.

Once upon a time there was one big, fat turkey named Aviva. One day Aviva was walking around eating bugs, and Farmer Emily was feeding her chicken food. Farmer Emily got an idea.

The next day a friend named Shawn came to visit Farmer Emily. They were in the farmhouse talking.

"It's almost Thanksgiving," said Emily.

Shawn said, "And we need a turkey."

"I have some fat ones in the field," Emily replied.

Shawn said, "That's wonderful. We should eat the fattest one."

"And we can invite some friends over," Emily said.

Turkey Aviva heard them talking to each other. Then Shawn left and went home to go to sleep.

The next day Emily picked up the fattest turkey, which was Aviva. Then Aviva attacked Emily and flew over the fence and was never seen again.

Emily then picked the next biggest turkey, which was a skinny turkey. She cooked it for Thanksgiving dinner. When Shawn and the other friends arrived, they asked Emily what happened.

The Egg Named Yogo

By Shawn G.

Once upon a time, there was an egg. His name was Yogo. He didn't like the idea of Thanksgiving. To him, it was just a bunch of people who got together for a day or two and ate. One day Yogo decided to go for a roll. He rolled to the river, he rolled to the trees, and he rolled to the field.

He was having a good time until he fell into a mole hole! He fell right into the mole's feast! The mole tried to cook him, but Yogo rolled as fast as he could out of the hole.

Yogo was just about to go home when a huge hawk dove down and took Yogo! Higher and higher and higher he went. Then the hawk dropped Yogo in its nest. He found himself right in the middle of five baby hawks.

"Eat up," said the hawk.

"Chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp," chirped the baby hawks.

"NO!!!!!!" yelled Yogo.

Yogo rolled out of the nest and fell into a pond.

"Phew," sighed Yogo. "Now I am going home."

He was just about to head toward home when three chipmunks stopped him. They took him into their tree. Yogo thought he was cooked, but they just looked at him. He was just about to leave when he heard a familiar voice,

"Wait!" yelled the voice.

He turned and saw his mom and dad!

"Where were you?" asked Yogo.

"We were getting a turkey, and when we got home, you were gone," said Yogo's mom.

"Oh sorry about that; let's eat!" said Yogo.

After they were done eating, it was time for bed. Yogo's mom tucked Yogo in and said good-night. And they lived happily ever after.

THE END

I am grateful for
trees and going to
school. I am grateful for
painting and drawing. I
am grateful for Grandma.
I am grateful for
pumpkins that talk.

ROSIE



Author Kim T. Griswell Visits Maple Creek School



During her visit to Maple Creek School, Kim Griswell spent time explaining the publishing world to the students. She spoke both from the perspective of an editor and an author. The students learned that revision is the key to publishable art as well as publishable writing. The author of the very popular *Rufus Goes to...* books treated the students to a reading of the not-yet-published third book in the series, *Rufus Goes to Space*. In return, the students led Kim on a treasure hunt in honor of *Rufus the Pirate* in *Rufus Goes to Sea*. They also spent time reading the books they made for her that were hidden in the treasure box.

When Gwen Neu saw Kim at the Author's Festival book signing, Griswell's smile lit up the room while she told Gwen she couldn't stop talking about the fantastic feast the MCS community provided for her and, especially, the treasure hunt. In an email communication with Gwen, she said that the kids' thank you cards made her day. She wants to come back to visit again sometime.



Kim gave the 7th Graders special journals.



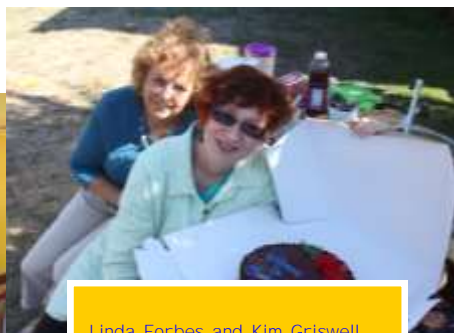
Each student shared the book she/he wrote for Kim.



Kim and the Middles looked closely at the mock-ups and the printed books.



Kim did an art activity with the Youngers.



Linda Forbes and Kim Griswell

Maple Creek School Would Appreciate Donations

We need:

Food for school lunches and snacks:

- ◇ Cans of whole beans and refried beans
- ◇ Cans of corn
- ◇ Canned fruit
- ◇ Prepackaged vegan soup/chili
- ◇ Vegan snacks

Items for the Winter Performance:

- * Origami paper
- * Black top hat
- * **White batting or other material for "snow"**
- * Volunteers to help paint a new backdrop

Tropical Jam Fundraiser

The Edmondson family is generously donating all profits from the sale of their delicious tropical jams to Maple Creek School. These jams are made in small batches with only the finest ingredients. For more information or to place an order, please contact:

Leiko Edmondson at 668-1630.

BUTTERS

- Apple
- Banana
- Liliko
- Lime
- Mango
- Green Mango
- Papaya
- Lemon
- Kona Coffee

OTHER PRODUCTS

- Mango Chutney
- Poha Mango Chutney
- Pineapple Mango Chutney
- Hot Pineapple Chutney
- Sweet Pepper Mango Chutney
- Hot Green Papaya Chutney
- Hot Salsa
- Jalapeno Mustard
- Hawaiian Liliko Mustard
- Hawaiian Sweet & Sour BBQ Sauce
- Spicy Peanut Sauce

Hawaiian BBQ Rub - 3.99
Kona Coffee BBQ Rub - 3.99
Hawaiian Ala'oa Salt Rub - 2.99

JAM PRICES

One (1) 8 oz. jar - \$8.00 each
2 - 11 jars - \$7.50 each
12 or more - \$7.00 each
-unless otherwise specified-
Sugar Free - \$8.50

- Prices Subject to Change Without Notice -

WE ALSO PROVIDE SHIPPING!

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
FLAT RATE BOXES
(with confirmation)

HAWAII'S NEIGHBOR ISLANDS
&
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Small Box - up to 8 jars
\$13.00
Large Box - up to 13 jars
\$17.00

SHIPPING TO CANADA

Small Box - up to 8 jars
\$23.95
Large Box - up to 13 jars
\$27.00

(Rates subject to change without notice.)

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<p>LILIKOI (PASSION FRUIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liliko Cranberry Liliko Ginger Liliko Hot Liliko Molten Lava POG (Passion-Orange-Guava) Vanilla Liliko Passion Apricot Passion Guava POPP (Passion, Guava, Peach, Pineapple) Passion Mango Passion Ohelo Passion Papaya Passion Peach Passion Pineapple Passion Poha Passion Waiwai Passion WI <p>LOW SUGAR LILIKOI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liliko Passion Guava Passion Mango <p>SUGAR FREE LILIKOI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liliko Passion Guava Passion Pineapple Passion Papaya <p>HOT JAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepper Jelly (mild) Dragon Peppers Hot Liliko (mild) Hot Lime Ginger (medium) Hot Poha (mild) Mango Habanero Gold (hot) Molten Lava (hot) Ghostly Lemon (hot) Hot Ohelo - Pomegranate 	<p>JAMS - REGULAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abiu Apricot Pineapple Tropical Apricot Bilimbi Carrot Cake Coconut Dragon Jaboticaba Dragon Lime Dragon Lychee Dragon Mt. Apple Dragon Ohelo Dragon Passion Dragon Pineapple Dragon Poha Ginger Papaya Guava Guava Tangerine Jaboticaba Jackfruit Khwi Lemon Drop Mangosteen Longan Li Hing Mt. Apple Li Hing Mt. Pineapple Moray Sapote Mysore Raspberry Ohelo Sweet Ohelo Poha POP (Peach-Orange-Pineapple) Papaya Papaya Pineapple Pineapple Pineapple Coconut Pink Ice Apple Purple Sweet Potato Purple Sweet Potato Haupia Rambutan Red Waiwai Scotty's Magical Citrus Strawberry Strawberry Guava 	<p>JAMS - REGULAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strawberry Liliko Surinam Cherry Watermelon Rind White Guava WI Yellow Bell Tomato <p>MARMALADES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calamondin Pink Grapefruit Hawaiian Orange Kumquat Lemon Ginger Lime Mediterranean Lime Passion Rangpur Lime Tahitian Lime Rampur Lime Jabong Starfruit Lemon Starfruit Lime Surinam Cherry Calamondin Tangerine Tangy Fruit <p>JAMS - LOW SUGAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaboticaba Poha Papaya Pineapple Mango <p>JAMS - SUGAR FREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaboticaba Poha Papaya Pineapple Mango <p>JAMS - SUGARLESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guava Pineapple
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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

Schedule of Events

November 2015

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					

Happening in November:

☺ Nov. 9: SSC, FC Meetings beginning at 1 PM

☺ **Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, no school**

☺ Nov. 17: New Picture Day

☺ Nov. 18: Board Meeting

☺ Nov. 20: Bay to Dunes Field Trip

☺ Nov. 23–27: Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead:

December:

☺ Dec. 7: Parent Conferences, School out at 3 PM

☺ Dec. 8 : Ice Skating Field Trip, School out at 1 PM

☺ Dec. 9: Parent Conferences, School out at 1 PM

☺ Dec. 15: Winter Crafts 1–3 PM

☺ Dec. 16: Board Meeting

☺ Dec. 18: Winter Community Potluck at Noon with performance and party to follow

☺ Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Winter Break

Please attend the school board meeting on Nov. 18 at 1:30 PM to hear the latest school news and to give your voice to the LCAP process. *Future meeting:* December 16th at 1:30 PM.



Thank you Danielle Trenn for joining the School Site Council and the Fundraising Committee, which has another new member for whom we are thankful—David Clair.

Next Fundraising Meeting:

Feb. 1, 2016

Next SSC Meeting: April 4, 2016

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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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.

