



Maple Creek School News

Maple Creek Community Gathers to Discuss the Future of the School

We want to express our gratitude to the community for the show of attendance and support for Maple Creek Elementary School. The parking lot was full and the classroom was packed without a chair left. We are grateful that Superintendent Dr. Chris Hartley and Supervisor Steve Madrone attended our meeting and answered numerous questions concerning the school and/or the greater Maple Creek community.

Prior to the presentations, discussions, and board meeting the students hosted a lovely tea party. Dakota Edmondson taught Maple Creek students how to make pie just like his grandfather does in Hawaii. The students shared these pies, cookies, and tea with the community. They then presented a historical timeline of Maple Creek School that showed fluctuations in enrollment over the last 100 years. It was nice to have that historical perspective prior to discussing our future.

Thank you students for hosting another successful event!

Thank you community members for your ongoing involvement and participation.

We are grateful to be members of this vibrant and growing community.

Sincerely,
Wendy Orlandi, Teacher/Superintendent
Gwen Neu, Teacher/Education Coordinator

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School Attendance: a Building Block of Student Achievement By Lauren Bauer

“Although most schools have daily attendance rates of well over 90 percent, according to the newly released [2018] U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), about 8 million students in the United States missed more than three weeks of school during the 2015-16 school year (CRDC 2015-16). This represents an increase over the 6.8 million students who missed more than three weeks of school during the 2013-14 school year. These students were *chronically absent*.”

The building block that must be in place to meet student achievement and high school graduation goals is attendance. Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student's success - if students are not in school, they are not learning what is being taught and could be falling behind in earning the course credits needed to graduate....

In a 2016 Hamilton Project strategy paper, we recommended that states choose to hold schools accountable for reducing rates of chronic absenteeism as a state's SQSS metric under ESSA. Since then, 36 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have chosen to hold schools accountable for reducing rates of chronic absenteeism through their state-led accountability plans.

As parents, teachers, and policymakers, we can take steps to ensure that reducing chronic absenteeism will no longer be a stumbling block for our children, but rather, a building block toward student success.”

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2018/04/25/school-attendance-a-building-block-of-student-achievement/>



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Personalized Learning for Your Unique Child

Desire small class size? Require home to school transportation?

Maple Creek School can cover your needs:

- * High Teacher-Student Ratio Maintained
- * Bus Service from Arcata Provided
- * Core Academics Actively Supported
- * Student Choice Emphasized
- * Project-based Learning Incorporated
- * Visual and Performing Arts Integrated



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Reaching the Whole Student

Humboldt County Open Enrollment Ends Jan. 31, 2019.



Doug the Bus Man Johnson

Maple Creek School welcomes its two newest staff members. Doug transports the kids, and Amy enriches their learning.

Amy the Enricher Tetzlaff





Maple Creek School
Invites its Friends
to a
Friendship Day Tea

Thursday, February 14, 2019

2 pm—3 pm

RSVP: 707-668-5596



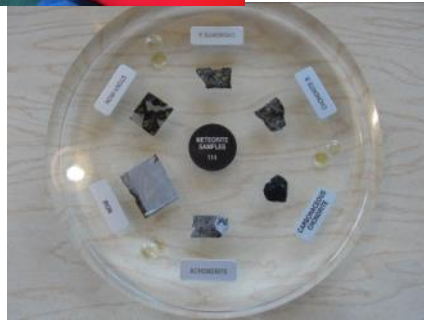
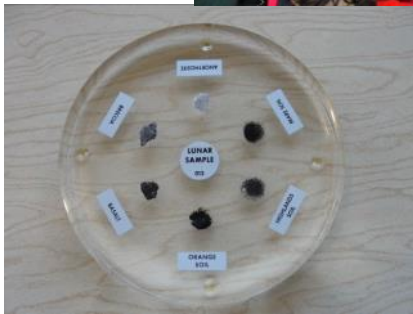
We will serve a variety
of tea and treats.

Moon Rocks and Meteorites

After completing a major paperwork task and dealing with a government shut-down delay, Wendy finally received samples of rocks from the moon and meteorites that crashed into Earth. NASA loaned the samples to Wendy, who had to lock them away safely each night. She wishes to thank the Arcata Police Department for guarding them when she was not at school.

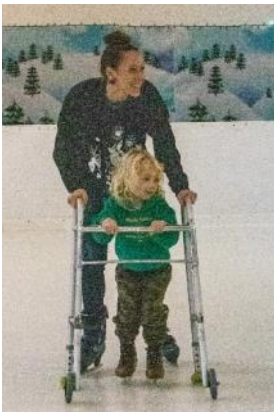
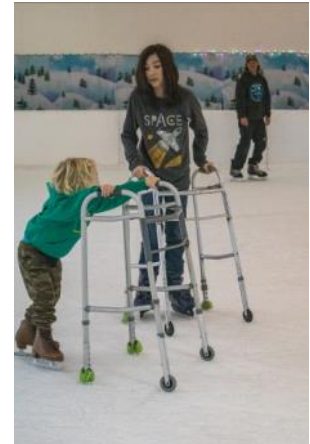
HSU professor (and Kneeland School alum) Tyler Mitchell came out to the school on Jan. 29, 2019 to see the samples and share his expertise about space.

Big Lagoon School students and staff traveled the distance on Feb. 7 to share space-related experiences (and outdoor play) with Maple Creek School students and staff.



Ice Skating to Welcome Winter

Maple Creek Students had a rare opportunity to skate on ice. They kicked off Winter Break by going to the ice rink in Ferndale on Dec. 21, 2018 and worked hard to balance on thin blades across slippery frozen water. The field trip was a success! We all appreciate the people of Humboldt Ice Rink.



Maplelocks and the Three Bears—a Puppet Performance

Maple Creek School's annual Winter Performance and Party on Dec. 20, 2018 entertained a large percentage of the Maple Creek community. The students adapted the old story of Goldilocks' misadventure in the Bears' home and presented it in puppet format. After the puppet show, the puppets answered questions audience members had for them. The students then began to sing a holiday song, which was interrupted by a surprise visitor—Santa Claus! After checking out the gifts the man in red brought, they resumed singing their songs. The afternoon ended with a jolly party.



February 2019

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		

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
- ☺ Jan. 29: Guest Speaker from HSU Science Dept.

Happening in February:

- ☺ Feb. 1: History Day Research at Eureka Library/Arcata Playhouse Field Trip
- ☺ Feb 5 & 6: Moon Rocks/Meteorite Studies
- ☺ Feb. 7: 100th Day
- ☺ Feb. 14: Friendship Day Tea 2 pm
- ☺ Feb. 15: History Day Research at HSU/ Swim Lessons
- ☺ Feb. 18—22: No School—Presidents' Week

Happening in March:

- ☺ March 5: Cows to Cattails Field Trip
- ☺ March 6: Maple Creek School History Day
- ☺ March 9: Humboldt County History Day

Wanted:

Three Judges for
Maple Creek School's History Day
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

12:30 pm to view projects
 1 pm to interview students

Please attend the **school board meeting** on **Jan. 18 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:**

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:

April 10, 2019
1:30 PM

Fundraising Committee Meeting:

April 10, 2019
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.

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 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

school on Tuesdays and the recycling area appropriate garbage

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.

