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Stay Strong PTO!!!

By: Emily Hirosky, Izzy Hoover, Jocelyn

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At Maplewood Elementary the PTO has a big impact on the students and the events. From the book fair to the Santa shop, they have participated in all these events to help the students have better experiences at school and outside of school. Are there any words extraordinary enough to describe how awesome the PTO is? No! They are amazing.

When asked how they feel about the PTO, there was no hesitation. A 4th grader, Reagan Cox shared, “The PTO has given us many things that we appreciate very much”. Emma Gordon remarked, “The PTO is very hardworking and does an extraordinary amount of things for us.” “Also, I would love to thank them.” Ryder Harvey added, “The PTO is very generous because they make awesome after school activities and fundraisers for the kids here at Maplewood.” It's not just students that say the PTO is great. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Turner thinks they're great too! “ I believe that Maplewood Elementary School has the finest PTO in the entire area. I am extremely thankful for everything they do.”

If you didn't already know, The PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization.

The PTO has provided us with many activities, including several book fairs, a Mardi Gras dance, a Halloween party, which is the Boo Bash, a teacher breakfast, several movie nights, Donkey Basketball, T-shirts and earbuds, Waldameer tickets, Santa shop, and a candle selling fundraiser for the school. All of these fundraisers are for our field trips. That's incredible! We only have 3 words left that we can say to them...

THANK YOU PTO'!

Musical Madness

By: Natalie Leonhart, Addison Macquarrie, Kyle Jordon, and Chris Triola

At Maplewood Elementary school, there will be tons of commotion around recorders. The fourth graders have been working super hard just for these concerts. The students practice everywhere they can, including the car. Not just at school.

There will be three classes performing. Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Sienicki, and Mrs. Turner's. The music teacher, Mr. Baldwin, will be conducting. Also fifth and sixth grade chorus will be performing as well. It will be musical treat.

The songs that the fourth graders will be playing include: Au Clair De La Lune, Down By the Station, and more.

How do we learn to play the recorder? We are using a

technique called Recorder Karate. There are different belt colors, and each color acts as a different level. There are three practice songs on each, and there is always one song that you have to memorize. There are nine belts in all, but we will only be playing the first three belts.

The parents will be attending, but it doesn't just have to be the parents, you can



come

too.

Students

will be

doing

two

concerts-

one for their school and one for their parents. If you, and your friends and family would like to come to Maplewood for a concert, it starts at 1:40 p.m., on May 14th. Hope to see you there!

Our Fabulous Field Trip to Edinboro University

By Ryder Harvey, Peyton Yoder, Brooke Kennedy, Harley Bartholomew, Makayla Koehn.

On April 16th 2019, the fourth grade students from Maplewood Elementary went to Edinboro University for a field trip to learn and also to have fun.

We began our day in Butterfield Hall. One of our first activities was Science. First, in science we learned about mixtures and solutions. Those mixtures and solutions helped us take out stains. Our favorite mixture was vinegar and baking

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soda as it was overflowing and we were overjoyed! Science was an experiment of FUN!!!!

Next we went to the computer lab. The coding was like a role play, trying to get your critter to do exactly what you wanted it to do. Virtual reality took us to different



places that we haven't seen before. We were also taught to keep our information safe when using the internet.

After that we crossed a cool sky bridge to arrive at the planetarium.

In the planetarium we gazed at the stars, looking at constellations, and cool things in our night sky. Outside, there is an amazing view, but inside a planetarium someone is there to help you learn about what is in our night sky.



Finally we went to lunch, and it was AMAZING! Lunch was awesome, and we didn't go home hungry. It was really good! It had so many things including pizza, pasta, and many other choices. Desert was the best part of lunch. We had cupcakes, cookies, ice cream, and brownies. What an awesome meal.

The people who made this field trip possible were, Dr. Dempsey, Dr. Lake, Dr. Hurd, and Dr. Brightman. We would like to thank Edinboro University for a fabulous time with you!



Google Meet Mania

By: Alex Dukaish, Trent Hosick, Chase Koelle, And Haden Holcomb.

Have you had an idea but you couldn't figure out how to contribute your thought to the piece of paper? Well, the writers from Panther Press may be able to help.

On April 17th, Saegertown High School and Maplewood Elementary School had a Google meet to get some tips about writing. The google meet was really fun, and cool, because they are just like us and they have been through 4th grade before, but they have more experience than we do.

We learned many things that day. First of all, The Panther Press said to step out of your comfort zone. Even when you don't feel comfortable, you should try your best. Secondly, make it your best even if you don't like the topic. In other

words, if you don't like what you are writing about, give your best anyway. That is a great tip because you are not going to love everything you have to write about.

Another great tip was not to be nervous. This is good advice because interviews can be hard and when you are nervous you might mess up.

Lastly, enjoy it! That means enjoy what your writing about and have fun because writing is supposed to be fun and engaging.

Thank you to Saegertown's Panther Press, on taking time to inspire the minds of the future.

THE SUCCESS OF THE CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

By: Gavin Davis, Wesley Somerville, Sierra Gilger, and Raegan Nuhfer.

Three teachers, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Trenga and Mrs. Doubet, took the road to success for our first ever Craft and Vendor show. The



annual event happened on Saturday, April 6th. There were so many things there to do like: face painting, caricatures, (STEM) Lego robots, a gift shop, Chinese auction, vendors and MORE.

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To begin with, at the Chinese auction there were so many baskets, bikes, and jewelry for people to win.

Then the face painting



was OFF THE HOOK! It glowed in the dark, and all of that was done by our AWESOME art teacher Miss Eckstein. Speaking of Mrs. Eckstein, she also created a NEON ROOM. In the neon room all of the students art work that was displayed glowed....especially you! There were raffle tickets for an Amazon gift card, first place won a \$400 gift card, second place won a \$250 gift card, and third place won a \$100 dollar gift card.

This fundraiser was the first ever to raise money for PBIS. Because of the success they raised over \$6000!



And guess what, it's being spent on

kids! You heard that right, KIDS! We can't wait to see this event again next year!

The Best Reward

By: Ben Burk, Chase MacQuarrie, Jerad Lane, Isaiah Bishop

Incentive is the best way to have fun in fourth grade with your friends. In 4th grade, we get to go

outside, play on the iPads, make crafts, and many more fun activities.

Really, the idea behind incentive is to reward the students for following the expectations in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, restroom, recess, homework, and more. It's a way to show that we have done our part in the learning process and given our best.

We have something called a code and if you don't get below the magic number you have to finish up the work that you may be missing. If you are feeling down, incentive will cheer you up because there are many fun and educational activities.

Incentive happens once a month and it is engaging for the students. If you don't make incentive you have to face the consequences for your choices, but if you have done a good job you get rewarded. The good thing about incentive is that it is every month, so if you don't make it one month you can work hard and make better choices to be able to participate the following month.

What we think of PSSA's

By Carl Straub, Hayden Ohls, Logan Schroat, Quinn Burrows.

Have you heard of the PSSA's? The students in 3rd-6th grade recently took the PSSA's. Did you know that PSSA stands for Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. Furthermore Pearson education, an educational company in Germany invented the PSSA. The public schools take the PSSA starting in the Spring.

A few fourth graders were interviewed, and Hayden Ohls said, "I think of the PSSA's as just another test, to show how much you have learned through the year. Quinn Burrows had another idea, "I like the PSSA's because they help me remember what I forgot." Also, Logan Schroat said, "I think the PSSA's are a good way to test people, because your stretching what you remember from the school year." Finally Carl Straub said, "I like

the PSSA's because they only happen once a year."

The PSSAs measure how much you learned throughout the school year. It's a good way to challenge yourself, and push your thinking. We have the knowledge we need, we just need to give our best, and show what we know! In the end, this test cannot tell you all the special talents you have, it's just important that you did your best!

Lord of the Books!

By: Cecile Preston, Emma Gordon, Nellie Beck, and Reagan Cox.

Do you know who the marvelous Cynthia Lord is? Well, if you don't, you're about to find out! She wrote the wonderful books Touch Blue, Rules, A Handful of Stars, Because of the Rabbit, Half a Chance, and many, many more!

Cynthia Lord started writing at the early age of four years old making a song with her sister. She then became a writer at school. It was her teachers that read to her and encouraged her in writing and her animals encouraged her as well. In fact, it was her high school English



teacher who said, "Cynthia, you are a writer." No one had ever said those words to her

before. So when she went to college, she took a few writing classes, just because that teacher believed in her.

She is now a Newbery Honor and Schneider Family

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book award winner. She is 70 and still encourages kids to be themselves. If you haven't read any of Cynthia's books, be sure to check out "Rules." "Rules" really teaches you to be yourself. Cynthia is a wonderful, kind, inspiring woman. We hope to be as kind as she is when we grow up.

Field Day Fun

By, Hunter Watson, Maddox Kight, Clayton Greathouse, and Jason Graves

Field day is an event held every year at Maplewood Elementary school. This year it's May 23, 2019 and in case it rains it will be May 24. It is out of this world! There are a ton of things to do. Some events are: the long jump, the 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, dunking booth, snow cones and tattoos, relay races, saw dust candy pit, gaga ball, tug of war, and more.

One activity, the long jump, is a little dirt mound and you run and then jump as far as you can. There are teams such as red, white, and blue boy teams and the same for the girls.

There are many events on field day. Another one for big kids is there is a big obstacle course, and when you get in a bigger grade you can't do the little obstacle course that the younger kids use. Another event is the 50 yard dash, where you run as fast as you can racing against other kids to see who wins. The 100 yard dash is the same thing but a farther distance.

We think field day is fun because we get to see our parents and high school students at school. We want to thank Miss Marge, Mrs. Bancroft, and Mrs. Groshner for setting up field day. Thank you for all you do to make this such a fun event!

Champion Chase

By: AnnaBelle Williams, Abigail Burton, Grant Crosley, and Mariska Mitchell

Have you ever wondered why Chase MacQuarrie is so good at wrestling, or what his strategy is? Well you are about to find out.

First, Chase has been wrestling for 3 years. This year, Chase won 3 matches and lost 4. Also, Chase has gone to states 2 times! States was held at Pittsburgh University, on March 9th, 2019.

Chase had many feelings about states this year. He was excited because only 3 students in Maplewood Elementary go to states, and only 500 kids in Pennsylvania go to states. Anxious was another feeling he experienced. He was anxious because he wrestles against a certain kid all the time, and every time, Chase almost loses.

Lastly, his strategy...to never give up. Congratulations Chase on your amazing accomplishments!



Fourth grade is the best!!

By: Bailey Moyer, Lexy Potosky, Kenzie Prather, and Broc Faunce

Fourth grade is an exciting adventure every day. All the worrying in your head will be gone on your first day. If you walk in on your first day feeling nervous, your teacher might be feeling the same way. Fourth grade is like a dream - the best kind!

As a fourth grader you get to do fun activities, like stem activities, Halloween activities, science activities, seasonal crafts, and rock forensics activities. During incentives we get to go outside and we get to do crafts.

As a fourth grader you will work hard to learn mathematics, division, fractions, and decimals. We work hard, but in a fun way! Right now we are going across the state, not in real



life, but in math. We have to solve mathematics problems to get across the United States and we have to find the fastest way from Washington D.C. to California.

Fourth grade is the best thing we could ask for. We think fourth grade has been one of the best years ever! So, don't worry third grade, you will love it!