

Maple Lane Gazette



HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

From Dodd's Desk...

Hello Maple Lane Families!

February is here and it brings continued success for our students. The month of January flew by because of all of the exciting educational opportunities and social activities that took place at Maple Lane. On January 20th, students participated in an assembly honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was centered on the theme of peace, with classes sharing what that word means to them. We also did our quarterly bus incentive in honor of those students who earned 80% or higher of their bus awards. Thanks to Mrs. Kelly, our PE teacher, for organizing this enjoyable celebration!

While students were off for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, our teachers and staff attended a professional development class for the day. The morning was focused on Number Talks, a way of encouraging students to think about numeral concepts rather than relying on rote memorization. This model aligns directly with the Common Core State Standards. In the afternoon, we worked on strategies for instructional writing that will benefit our learners. We will continue working on instructional writing throughout the month of February with further training and scoring of student writing pieces using a rubric.

In January, we also began the winter cycle of the NWEA assessment. As a reminder, this is a computer test that students take three times per year. It allows us to monitor student growth and set learning goals. After studying the data gathered from the NWEA, teachers are able to adjust their instructional accordingly to meet both individual and classroom needs.

You'll want to mark your calendar for a couple of upcoming dates. Our February break is Monday 2/20 and Tuesday 2/21, so there will be no school on these days. February 6th is our Hall of Fame assembly and lunch to celebrate those students who have met monthly goals. Our Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd from 5:45-7:30. There will be a raffle as well as fun activities for the whole family.

Just a reminder to please dress students appropriately for the cold weather. If you need any assistance with winter attire please contact our social worker, Mrs. Stegall. We want all of our students to be prepared for frigid temperatures and some classes continue to go outside, weather permitting.

Have a terrific February! Please call the school if we can be of any assistance to the educational goals you have for your child.

Sincerely,
Jack Dodd, Ed.S.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 2/3 ~ Bowling/Valentine's Activities
- 2/6 ~ Hall of Fame lunch
- 2/10 ~ Therapy Dogs/Valentines Activities
- 2/14 ~ Valentine's Day
- 2/17 ~ Dance/Bowling
- 2/20-2/21 ~ Mid-Winter Recess
- 2/22 ~ Return to School
- 2/24 ~ Therapy Dogs

R2



R-2 welcomed a new student into the classroom. We have been busy learning about peace and what it means to us. The class brainstormed ideas of what peace meant to them. They then picked four ideas they related to the most about peace. We also started a new book called I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005 from the I Survived series. We are learning about the effects the hurricane had on the environment and the people of Louisiana.



Classroom News!

R3



Winter Greetings from the staff and students in **Room 3!** We hope everyone had a fun, but restful Christmas break. It sounds like the students in Room 3 certainly did!

In the month of January, we have been learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he changed our way of living and thinking. We especially talked about how schools USED to be run, and how very different they are now- in a good and positive way! We have been talking about and using words like diversity, tolerance, acceptance, and peace. Our class is doing a little skit this month in front of the whole school about peace and acceptance. These are the sentences we came up with to use in our skit:



- You and I can get along, because we can ALWAYS work it out.
- You bring interesting ideas to my life.
- When I look at you- I see good!
- I will show you the same respect that I want for myself.
- I can learn from you, because you have much to teach me.
- Even though we have differences.... in many more ways, we are the same!
- You are my friend... and I am yours.

Remember.... Peace is so much more than just tolerating diversity. Peace is embracing the world and all of the people who live in it, as uniquely special- and where EVERYONE has something beautiful to offer.

STAY WARM!!! Room 3!



R4

Hello 2017!

All the students were so excited to get back after Christmas break! They worked very hard on creating characters from books they have read over the past few months. Boy, do we also have some hard workers when it comes to math! They are all currently working on multiplication and division! We continue to work together as a team on staying positive and working hard on our goals!



R5

R-5 in the News!

The students in R-5 celebrated science by making slime of every color! After learning about gases, liquids and solids, the students saw the forms in action while mixing and molding red, green, orange and blue slime.

In Writer's Workshop we are reading and writing our "How To" books. One of our readings was a book titled: How to Make Slime.

This was perfect for our science studies

The students are also making their own creation with individual "how-to" guides during our Writer's Workshop.

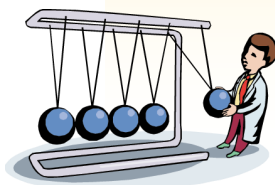
The class continues to welcome its newest student, Jade, and we are looking forward to spending more time with Cody, as his STAR behavior has allowed the extension of his day. Congratulations, Cody!



R6

Our class has started a reading and writing unit on informational or non-fiction texts. In science, we are conducting experiments and preparing for our video conference with COSI Engineering. We are studying force and motion and how simple machines work together. Keep up the great work with the weekly homework assignments, and remember to read for 20 minutes or more each night!

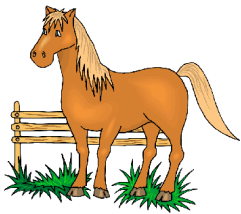
Our class voted and it was unanimous, everyone's favorite part of Christmas break was relaxing at home and having a break from school!



R7



Detroit Red Wings



R-7 wrote informational pieces in January.

Minecraft is a video game. It's a arcade game that you can make anything in your imagination! There are three different modes that you can play in. There's a mode called hardcore mode. In hardcore mode you have nothing in your inventory and you only have two hearts.

In survival mode you have nothing but a map and you have to get food and try to make a house before dark. Last but not least the creative mode you have all the stuff that you can craft. Monsters still come out at night. They won't hurt you because your invisible to them,

By John

When I got on Road Blox I first play with other people. Road blox second a lot of people said do you want to be my friend. I said yes. And you can buy houses. End of games

By Keandre

When you play Road Blox it will say Welcome to Road Blox. Then you go to a game. Then you click on a game. Like emojis then. You wait for it to rain emojis. Then you upgrade the dropper. Then you build the walls. Then you go to click the money then. You just go to look at the other players home. Then you meet friends.

By Reno

First, I am writing about the Red Wings. This year they kind of are bad. They only won 2 games. The Red Wings verses the Chicago Black Hawks is going to be a good game. They actually played. It was 5 to 6. The Chicago Black Hawks they win. There goalie stopped one shot. The Red Wings are good at stick handling. But the Chicago Black Hawks are good at passing. The Red Wings lost it.

By Eric

I went to my Grandma's and Grandpa's. I saw a farm with horses. I love horses. The horses went in the barn. One of the horses got out of the barn. It didn't the get the one that tried to get out. They got it in with the other horses.

By Liz

One day I got a Hover board. I am really good it. My hover board is really fun. I ride my hover board. I like it a lot. Even my brother loves my hover board and my brother he got better at riding it. He loves riding it a lot. And you lean forward to go. Backwards, you lean backwards. Win you what to stop you stand straight. That how to riding a hover board. The End.

By Dyson

For Christmas I got a four wheeler. First I got my helmet. And then I started my four wheeler. And then I drove my four wheeler. And then I did drifts. If you want to ride my four wheeler First you turn the key. And then you press the button. And then you hold the brakes. Last you steer the steering. It is just like a bike. When you want to park you turn the

key.

By Trevor

Owls have amazing eye sight. They can see about 20 miles. And their wings span about 19 meters. And they eat mice, snakes and bugs. And they eat their food whole. Owls are amazing.

By Abby

R10



January has flown by! This month we learned what PEACE means to us. We took time to read about Martin Luther King and had a school wide assembly to celebrate PEACE. Each student wrote about what the word means to them and shared it with the classroom.

We would like to welcome two new students to R-10! Noah and Lucas have joined us this month and have been quick to make new friends. Mrs. Earle has also returned from a shoulder surgery and we are so happy to have her back!

Our class Valentine's Day celebration will be held on Tuesday 2/14 at 2:00 pm. The students will play games, pass out Valentine's and make a craft. The students will pass out cards to each person in the class (10 total). To keep this as simple and quick as possible, please do not put a "to:" name on the cards, it was suggested that your child could write "Dear Friend" and sign his or her name.

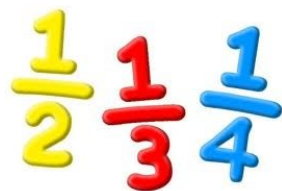
Parent Homework (assigned by your children):

Cold temps and snow are here! It is recommended that students have a pair of snow pants that they keep at school to wear throughout the week. I will send home snow pants every Friday to be washed! This tends to be easier than bringing snow pants to and from school every day. We also ask that students come to school with gloves and hats to ensure they keep warm during morning and afternoon recess! We will continue to go outside as long as it is dry and the temperature—including wind chill—is above 20 degrees.

Please make sure your student has a pair of tennis shoes at school at ALL times. We have gym and OT on a DAILY basis and your student must have tennis shoes to participate.

Classroom News!

R13

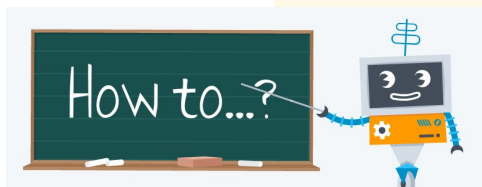


Room 13

Happy New Year!

Well, the second half of the school year is upon us. Students have come back from the holiday break ready to learn and with a renewed spirit. To support students, we revisited classroom expectations and procedures this month. We continue to reinforce them daily. Please continue to check your child's daily folder for the daily communication sheet and other important information.

With regard to academics, we began our informational writing unit this month. Students are working on explaining in detail "How-To" do something they are an expert at. In math, we have been exploring fractional parts of a whole. We will continue to work with understanding fractions and expanding to fractional algorithms over the next month. Students continue to work on their reading skills in small groups. Please continue to have your child practice math and reading skills at home using their MobyMax account.



R14



R14 has been busy as usual. Last week we celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday with a whole school assembly. Our class presented our "How would I make the world a better place" project. I was impressed with the many ways that the kids came up with changing the world; from picking up litter to becoming President and giving peace to the world. During Writer's Workshop, we are writing "How to" books. This week, we will be reading to another class our writing pieces, the students are very excited to share their work. In addition to academics, at last weeks enrichment activity, we worked with the Therapy Dogs; which all of the kids enjoy, and this week we will be going bowling.

Introducing our new School Psychologist: Trevor Warczinsky

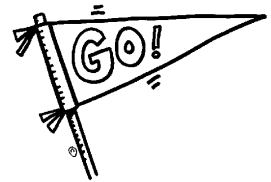
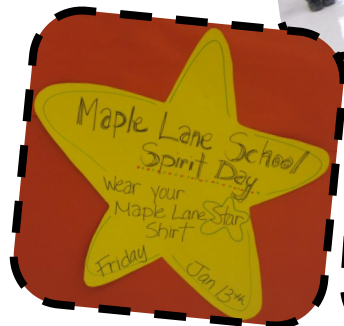
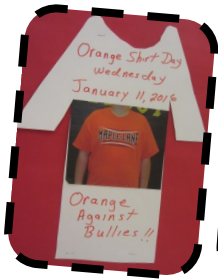


I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Trevor Warczinsky and I joined the Maple Lane family as the School Psychologist during the 2016-2017 school year. Personally, I enjoy spending time with my wife and three children (Gavin 7, Ryder 4 and Phoenix 1). Much of my time outside of work is spent with my family as we enjoy traveling and are heavily involved with sports. In addition to my family, I have a passion for sports and am currently a high school basketball coach. Professionally, I've spent the past eleven years working as a School Psychologist for Center Line Public Schools.

As a School Psychologist, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, behavioral and social development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families and community. I will be meeting with students individually, within classrooms and in small groups, meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all Maple Lane students and families.

I am here to help students achieve their personal/social, behavioral and academic goals, as well as provide support for parents and teachers. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at twarczinsky@misd.net or phone at (586) 977-8210.

Maple Lane Spirit Week!



Mini Field Day



Challenges



What was your favorite part of Christmas break?



"For Christmas, I went to grandma's house!" - Paige J.

"I went to Chuck-E-Cheese's over Christmas break!" Seth T.

"For Christmas, I got a puzzle of Spiderman!" Alex D.

"I saw Santa!!!!" - Jacob M.

"My favorite part of Christmas is that I got a DRONE!" - Matthew B.

"For Christmas, we put up a beautiful Christmas tree." Noah B.

"I had fun eating at my grandma's house." Dominic A.

"For Christmas, I got Pokemon and Angry Bird's toys!" - Logan H.

"My favorite part of Christmas break was being able to go outside. I went sledding and then after, I drank hot chocolate!" - Delanie L.

"I got to go to Owosso, MI. and I rode on the Polar Express!" - Conner E.

"My favorite part of Christmas was Christmas morning and opening my gifts." - Aiden Y.

"My favorite part was staying up late and watching the ball drop on NYE!" - Cameron M.

"My favorite part of Christmas break was being able to spend time with my family." - Neil L.

"My favorite part of Christmas break was playing in the snow and getting Lego's." William B.

"My favorite part was opening presents and having dinner with my family." Adam S.

"My favorite part of break was being with my family, opening gifts, and making a snow angel." Madison W.

"My favorite part of Christmas break was all the snow and being with my family." Gaven W.

"My favorite part was jumping in the snow!" Reno P.

"The thing I enjoyed most was going to Disney with my family!" Abby H.

"My favorite part was playing my Xbox and building a gingerbread house." John S.



**That's all for now from Maple Lane!
We are enjoying a great school year!**