

# Maple Lane Gazette

## From Dodd's Desk...

*Greetings Families!*

*I cannot believe this school year has flown by. As I reflect on 2017-18, I am proud to share with you some successes of our students. Based on NWEA and Easy CBM data, our students made progress in all academic areas. The academic excellence encouraged by our staff is a Maple Lane tradition that continues to evolve as our population changes. In addition, students learned strategies to help themselves cope with challenging situations. Friendships were formed, and lasting memories were created. It was a wonderful year!*

*Next year, we will kick off the year by reinforcing our STAR behavior expectations. S stands for Safety, our number one priority at Maple Lane. T means Try Your Best, which we encourage of all of our students. A is Accept Responsibility, an important life skill at school but also in life in general. Finally, R is Respect, the Golden Rule, to treat others as we'd like to be treated. We will practice these rules in various locations of our building as our students acclimate to being back to school in the fall.*

*You can expect a packet of information in August with enrollment information and important documents for you to complete. This will also include our school calendar. Unfortunately, we do not quite have a finalized school calendar for next year. However, we do know that our Opening Day Professional Development will take place on Friday, September 21, with no school for students. Winter break is scheduled for December 24 – January 2. Finally, Spring break has been slotted for April 1 – April 5. We will share more information with you as it becomes available.*

*Families, I want to thank you all for your support this school year. Our students thrive when home and school work together to create a plan of student success. In the fall, we will kick off our year with Open House on September 20 from 5:45 – 7:00 PM. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about other valuable community resources.*

*Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a safe and relaxing summer, and we will see you in the fall!*

Sincerely,

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.



# R2



Summer weather is finally here. Many of our students went camping over Memorial weekend. Our class read about Smoky the Bear, and learned the importance of putting out camp fires. Also, we learned about volcanoes and why they erupt. In Hawaii, the eruption of Mount Kilauea, a volcano located in the lower Puna area, began on May 3. Although its destructive, the children are still fascinated learning about it.

## Classroom News!

# R3

It is hard to believe that we will soon be saying good-bye to the students in Room 3. We have a busy year, full of learning many new things. Upon asking each student what they learned this year... we got some GREAT responses:

Jacob- "I learned how to do beautiful handwriting this year"

Ben-"I understand place value for ones and tens"

Darcy- "I learned how to copy words"

Dustin- "I learned how to recognize and count coins"

Kyleigh- " I can do all kinds of new things in gym, and it is actually fun!"

Alex- " I can be an independent mathematician"

Landon- " I understand new things about language"

Kobe- " I am reading lots of new words"

DJ- " I can read to others - it is fun and makes me proud"

As far as the teaching staff- these are some of our favorite moments...

Miss Cathy- " I am extremely proud of my language group this year. They have made incredible progress this year."

Miss Kate- " I am proud of the growth of my reading group."

Miss Linda- " I have seen such excitement in our students wanting to learn new things and asking great questions- what curious minds!!"

We wish you a healthy, safe, and happy summer- help your children continue to grow- read, read, read!



# R4

R4 was busy watching the transformation of our caterpillars to butterflies. The caterpillars changed to chrysalides and then into beautiful butterflies. Each of the students were able to name one and then we gathered outside to release them.

The students are looking forward to summer!

### Grow your Caterpillars

Caterpillars arrive with all the nutritious food they need to grow into healthy butterflies. They may seem tiny and inactive at first, **BUT PLEASE GIVE THEM 48 HOURS TO ACCLIMATE THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS.** Soon your caterpillars will be eating and growing before your eyes!



#### Here's What To Do:

- Handle the Cup of Caterpillars™ gently.
- Place the cup upright, indoors, and away from sunlight or drafts.
- Keep the lid on the cup.
- Do not touch your caterpillars.
- Maintain a temperature of 68 to 75 degrees.
- Watch carefully! Your caterpillars will shed their exoskeletons several times as they grow!

### See them become Chrysalides

7 to 10 days, your caterpillars will climb to the top of the cup and attach themselves to the inside of the lid. There they will hang in a "J" shape, shed their exoskeletons one last time, and enter into chrysalides.



#### Here's What To Do:

- Wait 3 days for your caterpillars to fully harden into chrysalides.
- Do not handle the cup during this important time.
- Remember, an amazing transformation is taking place inside!
- Prepare your butterfly habitat.

### 3. Move your Chrysalides to the Butterfly Habitat



#### Here's What To Do:

- Step 1.** Gently remove the lid with the hanging chrysalides from your Cup of Caterpillars™.
- Step 2.** Carefully insert the lid sideways into the slot in the log. Then place the Deluxe Chrysalis Station™ in your butterfly habitat.

### 4. Watch the birth of your Butterflies!

After 7 - 10 days, your painted lady butterflies will emerge from the chrysalides. At first the butterflies' wings will be soft and crumpled. The butterflies will slowly stretch and force blood into their veins to strengthen their wings.



#### Here's What To Do:

- Do not disturb the habitat while your butterflies are emerging.
- Do not touch the newly emerged butterflies.
- Wait 2 or 3 hours (to allow your butterflies' wings to dry and harden) before feeding.

[ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK >](#)



# R5



As the year winds down, we are enjoying our last weeks with our R-5 friends, and remembering our "sweet" moments throughout the year. Our favorite things this year were making and playing with new friends, going bowling, participating in the Christmas play and joining the Go Noodle family as we collected level characters like classroom favorite "Bart Reynolds!"

We recently wrapped up our Life Sciences section in Science and we'll spend the last days of school giving a quick intro to fractions and multiplication in math.

Throughout the year, our students have taken full advantage of the classroom library and the more recently introduced "Read Box," allowing us to log their reading progress during the year. We are so proud to see their well-deserved improvement!

To end our birthday celebrations for the year we celebrated four birthdays in May. Happy Birthday Lamyra, Jade, Logan and Ms. Julie! Also Ethan and Derek will celebrate their birthdays over the summer.

Wishing you all a very happy summer!

# R6

Thank you for a wonderful school year! Enjoy your summer break and don't forget to READ!!

Check out some of our recent writing pieces below!

On Friday I am going to chilies with my mom and my sister. I am going to get a steak my sister probably get chicken tenders. I don't know what my mom will get. For dessert I am getting the molten chocolate cake. I might ask my mom to take and my sister to Marysville park.

I am going to go to Ohio and go to the beach. And I am going to my dad's house and we might go to the water park.

At my mom's house we are going to have a barbeque and my mom is going to cook ribs mac in cheese and barbeque chicken. And we are going to have baked beans.

And my grandmother might come visit me and my mom. Me and my dad will have a nerf gun fight outside and I will play basketball and football outside with my friends.

And I am going to hit tier 100 on fortnite. And me and my mom will go to the mall and shop for us some new shoes and some new clothes.

Basketball. It is a fun sport. It is a great sport. it is my fav sport. If you don't like it I don't want to know why. Kobe Bryant rocks.

Going to kalahri and ceder point

On August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we a going to Kalahri and Ceder Point for this summer and we have are gonna book the hotel and my friend is coming with me his name is Braden I met him when we want to the tigers game my grammas co worker invited us the game was very fun and the roller coaster I'm going on is the Steel Vengeance and for my room me and Braden are gonna be having bunk beds and I am bringing my Nintendo switch it will be lit because I will play rocket league all day and night also Fortnite!!! It will be very fun plus I will play over cooked my favorite game I the world.

# 5th Grade Luncheon!



# R7

Classroom 7 would like to share our favorite memories of the school year. Jacob says, "My favorite memory of the school year is the most important thing: FRIENDS and the staff in this school."

Jeremy says, "I love the therapy doggies because they are so cute. I love the white one and the Golden Retrievers".

Abby says, "My favorite thing of the school year is when all the new students this year came to school. I made good friends with Alex."

Hunter says, "WORK!" School work is his favorite thing this year. "I like Great Skate too because I was really good at it and never fell."

Trevor says, "I enjoyed when we got all together for whole school activities."

Caiden says, "I love the Therapy dogs and Great Skate."

Alex says, "Going to see the Flat Stanley play because there was no peanuts."

Elizabeth says, "I liked all the field trips. My favorite was bowling."

## Classroom News!



The staff and students in Room 7 have enjoyed their jewelry making activities this school year and would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement!

# R10

Well, the end of the 2017-18 school year sure did come quick! We have had so much fun, while learning, for the last few weeks! Field Day and Water Day were probably class favorites, but here are some more fun things R10 has been up to!

**S'MORES!** Yep, you read that right! We actually made S'mores in R10 one Friday. We made our own fire (using paint & our handprints) and S'mores on paper....and then we cooked up some of that goodness to eat (for real). This was just for fun, but we did notice how colors were blending to create more colors on our paper (fire).



## ***SPEAKING OF COLORS!***

We had our water go walking! Walking water! We learned how plants take in water, and where it goes. So, to take a deeper look at how this works, we made water walk! Yes! The water was sucked up by the paper towel (just like a plant), and started bleeding into the other paper towels. Not only that, but we noticed the water changed colors when mixed! Who knew?! Good stuff over here in R10! We ALL look forward to a restful summer, but we will miss good times like this!



## ***GO NOODLE!***

A fan favorite in R10 is always Go Noodle! Have you checked out the new summer activities? You definitely should, because there are new songs, dances, yoga, and breathing/calming activities! We ♥ Go Noodle! Peanut Butter in a Cup, Hey Joe, and Purple Stew are just a few of our favorites (Mrs. Earehart loves Maximo's Yoga the best).



***HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!*** Be safe, and we'll see you in the fall! (not you, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, you're outta here!)

# R13

We had such a wonderful year in R13 with so many memories to cherish. Here are a few of the students and staff favorite memories from this school year!

Wyatt – Field Day

Troy – Great Skate and Field Day

Mr. Rollins – working with such a great group of students

Ethan – making new friends

Mr. C – Flat Stanley at the Macomb Cultural Center

Zack – All of the field trips

Jaden – meeting new friends

Miss Julie – arts and crafts with all of the boys

Travis – the teachers like Mrs. Glappa, Mr. Rollins, Miss Julie and Mr. C

Michael – taking the tour at Rockwell

Mrs. Glappa – meeting and working with such wonderful students

Eric – Everything

Elijah – Gym, Great Skate, Science, Art and Social Studies



## Classroom News!

# R14

Well, I can't believe that it is the end of the year. Though we were always busy doing throughout the year, I always feel like I didn't get to everything I wanted to. This month the students wrapped up all of their testing, from M-Step to NWEA; they showed us what they know. They also finished up their Life Science unit and their Social Studies unit on economics. We also did some celebrating with our Peer Buddies in R13. Both classes got together for a movie and root-beer floats. I think this was a great experience for both classes and it was nice to see the students make friends with others outside of their own classroom. I hope to do it again next year.

In addition to the work the students did to finish off the year, our Gym teacher, Ms. Kelly, also mixed in some fun for the whole school, with Field Day and Water Day. The kids had a blast! At Field Day, there were so many different things for them to do, EVERYONE had a great time. Water day was no different; the water slide and slip and slide was a hit! It was a perfect day to be outside for both events.

While I know that we will miss the students over the summer, I hope you and your family have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

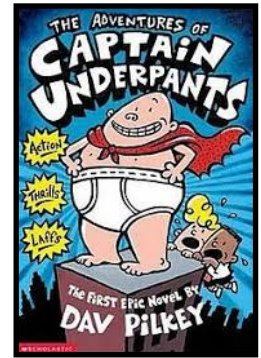
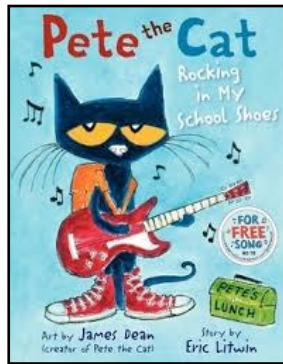
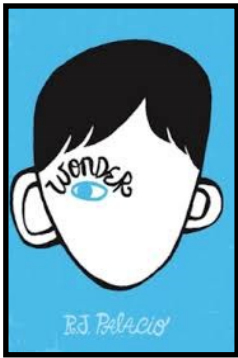






**WATER DAY**





Have a great summer  
and keep reading!!





See you in September!

- Maple Lane Staff

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
Wednesday, September 5

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