

Maple Happenings

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The mission of Maple Elementary School is to educate all students to become responsible citizens equipped with the skills necessary for success in an ever-changing, highly diverse, technological world through a committed partnership with students, staff, parents and community.

ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK

Dear Maple Parents/Guardians:

This week our school will be embarking on a special project, an all school book club called One, School, One Book. Thanks to a generous gift from PTO. Each student has received a copy of the same book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, and will be asked to read it at home during the next 14 school days. I am personally asking you to make the time so your family can participate in this special activity.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader. It is also a fun and worthwhile family activity. With the One School, One Book program, we aim to further build a community of readers at our school. Everyone- students, parents, teachers, office, cafeteria and custodial staff will be participating so we can all reap the many benefits of the program.

One School, One Book is a unique program in that children at all grade levels will be listening to the same book. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond your child's reading level. Reading chapter books with your children, even when they are able to read by themselves, is also beneficial. We have selected a title that can be followed, understood and enjoyed by younger students, but that will still captivate and interest older children.

Your child received his/her copy of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* following a special school-wide assembly where we introduced the program and the book. Attached to this letter you will find the reading schedule along with tips for reading aloud with your child. Generally, you will be asked to read a chapter or two a night which will take no longer than 15 minutes. Additionally, if you would like to hear staff members reading the various chapters, you may visit the Maple home page where you will find a link to the One School, One Book page.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive and active listening. You will soon find out that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. Throughout the building there will be various activities which will further enrich the reading experience. You will want to make sure that your family stays current with the reading so your child will fully appreciate all that we have planned.

With your help, we hope to make the next fourteen days a time where everyone is talking about the adventures of Charlie Bucket, Grandpa Joe, and Willy Wonka.

[See our website for details and pictures!](#)

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Scott May, Principal



CALENDAR

APRIL

- 21 Parent Night for future 6th graders
- 21 OAA Testing - 3rd gr.
- 22 Parent Night for future 6th graders (M-Z)
- 23-26 Maple Festival
- 24 Terrific Kids Breakfast
- 28 5th Gr. Band Concert
- 30 COSI

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- 05 Interims
- 12 PTO Subway
- 14 PTO Meeting
- 20 Kdg. Orientation
- 25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 26-28 BOGO Book Fair
- 29 Terrific Kids Breakfast
- 30 Captain's Game

JUNE

- 09 Last Day of School
 - 5th grade promotion
 - 5th grade clap out

OAA Testing - April 21, 2015

As many of you are aware, this week is the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) for grade 3. We whole heartedly believe our students are ready to give 110% during this important week.

Please make every effort to have your child in school, rescheduling doctor appointments for afternoons. We utilize the morning hours for an optimal testing environment. If your child is absent, makeup testing will be immediately following your child's return to school.

Below are some great tips that you can use at home.

The Night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- Help children resolve immediate arguments before going to bed.
- Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
- Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child at school on time.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students test better if they have a good breakfast.
- Have your child dress in something comfortable.
- Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they're designed so that no one will know all of the answers. Explain that doing your best is what counts.
- The important thing is to make your child comfortable and confident about the test.

After the test:

- Talk to your child about his or her feelings about the test, making sure you acknowledge the effort such a task requires.
- Discuss what was easy and what was hard; discuss what your child learned from the test.
- Discuss what changes your child would make if he or she were to retake the test.
- Explain that performance on a test is not a condition for you to love your child. You love your child just for the person he or she is.



AUGUST

- 17 1st Day of School 2015-2016

2015-2016 School Calendar can be found the school web site or click here for a PDF copy



What's for Lunch

Week of April 20th - April 24th

Monday

- Chicken Strips
- Side Bar Choices

Tuesday

- Walking Taco
- Corn
- Side Bar Choices

Wednesday

- Cheezy Bread w/dipping sauce
- Carrots
- Side Bar Choices

Thursday

BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH

- Pancake
- Sausage
- Cinnamon Applesauce

Friday

- Pizza
- Caesar Salad
- Side Bar Choices
- Cookie

All lunch meals include milk and 2 selections from the side bar. Side bar options include: An assortment of celery sticks, baby carrots, assorted fresh fruit and canned fruit, fresh romaine salad, sliced cucumbers, 100% fresh juice cup. Most of the bread and grain items served at lunch contains whole grain as the first ingredient.

We serve fresh Sages apples.

EVERYDAY ALTERNATIVES: PB & J, Salad, Yogurt & Graham Crackers. Student Lunch \$2.75

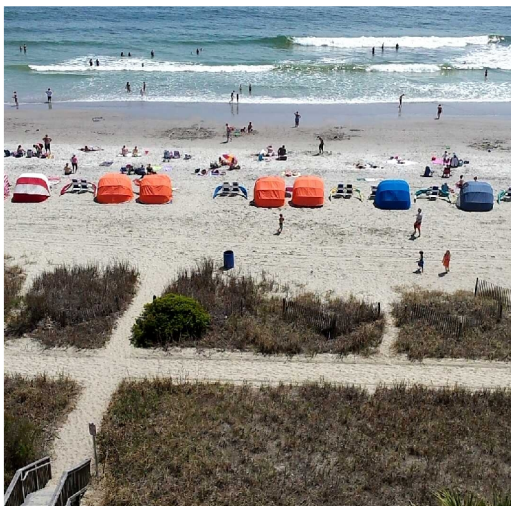
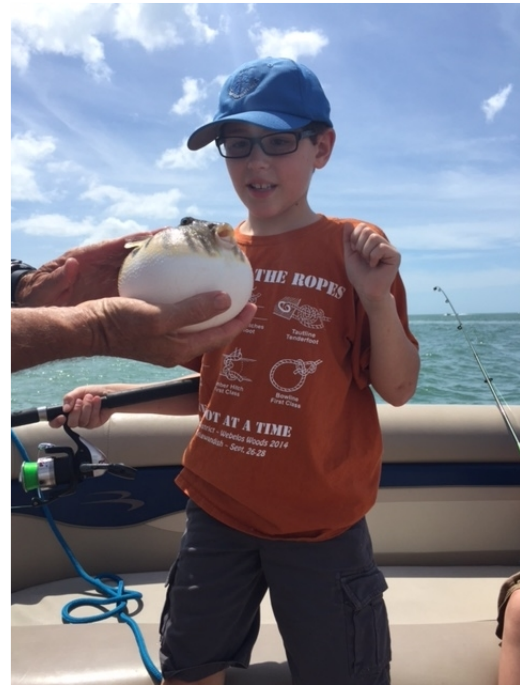
These lucky students (two not pictured) found the Golden Ticket in their book and won lunch with Mr. May



Grandma Josephine and Grandpa Jo & Grandma Georgina

What did you do over Spring Break?

Want to share your spring break picture in the next newsletter? Send to dana.shutty@chardonschools.org



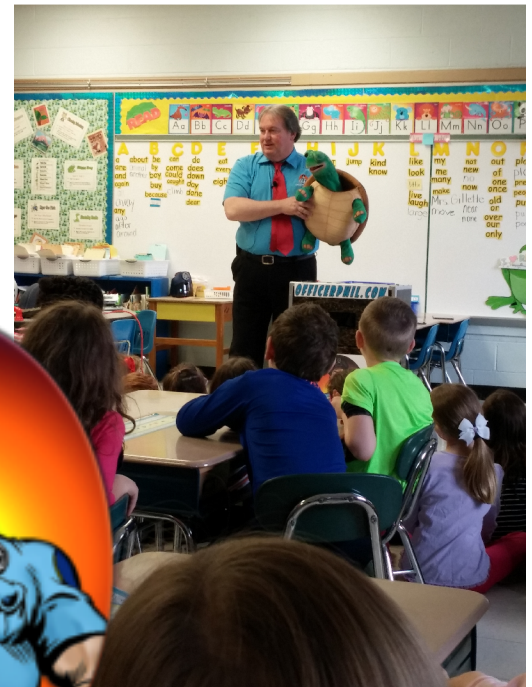
Look who came to see us!



April 1, 2015 the second grade students at Maple Elementary were visited by a meteorologist from Channel 19. Jen Harcher, a former Maple student, came to visit the students to inform them about weather. Her visit allowed the students to make a real-life connection to the weather unit that they were studying in class. She talked to the students about her career path and how she knew she wanted to study weather in college, when she was just in the fifth grade. She talked with them about the instruments that they used in class and how they applied to her current job. A few students were given the opportunity to improvise their own forecast with Harcher's help. It was a great opportunity for the students to see how second grade could help decide their future career path.



Officer Phil and the City of Chardon Police Department came for their annual visit grades K-2. The purpose of the visit is to teach our children about the dangers that exist around them and to reinforce the proper actions to take, if confronted with a problem.



KICK-IT FOR CANCER FUNDRAISER

Maple Student Council is proud to be a part of the Kick-It For Cancer Fundraiser sponsored by Chardon High School. All funds will go towards pediatric cancer research.

There are two ways you can help this wonderful cause!

Coins for Cancer

Student Council members will be placing containers in each classroom in order to collect coins for the fundraiser. To make it a little more interesting, the members decided to make it a challenge which will be

STUDENTS vs. STAFF

If the students raise the most money they will win an ice cream treat!

If the staff raises the most money they will win a sweet treat that will be served to them during their lunch time by the student council members.

So, dig in your pockets and find some coins to help reach our goal of \$300.00



CHS students from Mr. Mizen's class stopped over to introduce Kick it for Cancer Fundraiser by playing a little kick ball at recess.





** Play Kickball. Cure Children's Cancer. **

Chardon Kick it for Cancer Kickball Game

📅 DATE

May 01st, 2015
4:00 PM

📍 LOCATION

151 Chardon Ave
Chardon, OH 44024

📞 CONTACT

Rob Mizen
440-285-4057

Chardon is hosting their first annual kickball tournament to raise money for Pediatric cancer! It will be held at the Chardon High School Memorial football field on May 1st, 2015 from 4-7:00pm. Elementary, middle and high school students sign up to join a team. The game is open to the community so come on out and support your Hilltoppers while raising money for pediatric cancer. Other entertainment will be included during the event such as food, t-shirts, a DJ and face painting.

To donate or sign up visit

<http://www.kick-it.org/games/2015/05/chardon-kick-it-for-cancer-kickball-game>

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