

MOUNTIE MESSENGER

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We are highlighting the Mapleton Local School District's commitments of expanding opportunities for both our students and staff as well as emphasizing the individual interests and needs of ALL our students in this edition of the Mountie Messenger. Providing learning experiences in and out of the classrooms are essential components of the educational process here at Mapleton. All of these student opportunities are a direct result of the collective efforts of a dedicated and talented staff, volunteers, sponsors and generous donors in and around the Mapleton community. To learn more about our students, programs and opportunities, please visit go.mapletonmounties.com.

MAPLETON ALUMNI

60 years of Mapleton Mountie history and we want to reconnect with you! Please register at mapleton.k12.oh.us/mapletonalumni.aspx or by calling 419.945.2188 to receive communications and other important information related to the Mapleton Local School District. If you're looking for former classmates, you might just find them in the Mapleton alumni registry. Mapleton class presidents and reunion committee members, please reach out to me if I can assist you with campus and building tours or planning your next reunion or homecoming event.

GO MOUNTIES!

- Scott Smith

Parent Advisory Committee is Looking for MS/HS Parents to Volunteer!

The Parent Advisory Committee or PAC was formed to help raise money, help the staff, and offer fun opportunities for the middle and high school students. Some volunteer opportunities would be helping with volleyball and basketball concession stands, providing food for teachers during conferences and helping with PBIS incentive days.

Contact Jen Reddix at jenreddix@hotmail.com or 419-903-0549

Contact Chad Erwin at mapl_cerwin@tccsa.net or 419-945-2188 Mapleton Middle School Office

Upcoming Meetings:

November 7th, 2022
5:30

February 27th, 2023
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ELEMENTARY NEWS

What is PBIS?

P: Positive B: Behavior I: Interventions S: Supports
PBIS is about helping children make good choices! In the school setting, behavior expectations can be different depending on the location. The focus of PBIS is to identify what the behavior expectations are in each of the different locations to promote students displaying positive behavior across the school setting. A school wide system used within the building is "Class Dojo". Students can earn dojos (points) for positive behavior, but can also lose dojos for negative behavior. At the end of the month, students with 85% or higher of positive points may participate in the grade level reward day. At the end of each quarter, students with 85% or higher of positive points may participate in the all school reward day. Students may also be recognized for being a "Mighty Mountie" by earning a "Hats Off!" for displaying outstanding behavior above and beyond expectations at any time. A teacher writes up what the student did to stand out, it is read on the announcements, and they receive a hat keychain which is designed through TinkerCAD and printed with our 3D printers. If a student is having difficulty in an area

of behavior, he or she is given an opportunity to relearn the expectations and reminders or helpful tools are put in place to help the child be successful. We want children to succeed and we know that behavior affects learning, so this is something we devote our time to all year long.

This year our PBIS theme is construction and we are "Building Future Leaders". We have "Construction Crews" which are paired students from different classrooms and grade levels that team up once a month with the purpose of constructing good character and building relationships with students in opposite hallways. Our "Construction Crews" get together to complete an activity that goes with the character word of the month. Our character words of the month are: Teamwork, Respect, Compassion, Honesty, Responsibility, Kindness, Sportsmanship, Perseverance and Leadership. In the month of September, our "Construction Crews" watched a short video about teamwork, created a team name, and completed a scavenger hunt around the school with their partners. We look forward to watching these relationships blossom!

New Staff



Emily Royski (Elementary Music Teacher)

"I am excited to be part of this wonderful community! I have spent the last 8 years teaching Kindergarten-8th grade general music at St. Jude School. I received my bachelor's in music education at Kent State University. My husband and I have two young boys, Johnny and Charlie. I enjoy music, movies, coffee, traveling, and family time. I am excited to join the Mapleton staff and I look forward to a fabulous school year."



Mackenzie Gott (Title-1 Reading Teacher)

"I am so excited to be a Mountie, again! I graduated from Mapleton in 2015. After high school I continued my education at The Ohio State University and studied Early Childhood Education. I am looking forward to working with the students this school year!"



Emily Yankello (Elementary School Intervention Tutor)

"I am so happy to be here to start my teaching journey; I can already tell that Mapleton is a great community. I just graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Early Childhood Education/Intervention Specialist. I currently live in Wooster with my husband and our sweet rescue pets. I am so excited to get to work with your students and help them grow this year!"

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Title 1 Services

Jamie VanHorn and Mackenzie Gott are Mapleton Elementary's Title 1 teachers who work with students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Title 1 is a federally funded grant program designed for students expressing difficulty meeting grade level academic standards and/or passing State Academic Achievement Tests (MEAP). It is allocated to schools based on the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch. In small groups, these teachers guide students on phonological awareness, phonics, sight words, and fluency through research based programs such as Orton Gillingham IMSE Impact Structured Literacy Program, Heggerty, and Equipped for Reading Success. Currently, over 60 students are being serviced by this program.



MES Library

Welcome back, the books missed you! After being closed since March 2020, the library reopened its doors this school year for students to explore and enjoy the books once again and we couldn't be happier. To date, students have learned about book care, book genres, and became familiar with the different sections of the library by solving clues that the sneaky Library Gingerbread Man left behind.

Over 250 books were generously donated to the library by current and former Mapleton families that replaced some of the well loved books as well as added new titles to our inventory of more than 8,000 books. Titles include student favorites such as *I Survived*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Guinness Book of World Records*, *Magic Tree House*, *Pete the Cat*, and many more! We truly appreciate the wonderful gift of reading that students will enjoy for years to come.



MES Playground

Mapleton Elementary continues to grow and adapt with our students. Our playground is one area that has been undergoing a series of changes to adapt to allow each and every student the opportunity to fully enjoy recess. Recently, we have added new swings and more stable surfaces in certain areas. Coming soon, there will be new pieces installed that are interactive and will allow students to explore with music and sounds.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL -

We have had a very good start to the 2022-2023 school year so far. Thank you for your help as we build a positive school culture that supports the following vision and mission.

Vision: Create a learning environment that will help all students gain success today, discover their passion, and expand opportunities for the future!

Mission: Welcome, encourage, and inspire success for our community by creating a positive and engaging atmosphere so that every student feels cared for, respected, and ready to learn.

Students are focused on their purpose to learn in every class every day. We are continuously building "Mountie Pride" as we look at the school expectations. Students understand our values as we focus on these keywords:

- **P**articipate
- **R**espect
- **I**ntegrity
- **D**edication
- **E**xcellence

Mapleton Middle School Goals

1. *By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, we will improve reading comprehension by developing tiered vocabulary and implementing explicit vocabulary instruction delivery in all classrooms with fidelity.*
2. *Mapleton Middle School will create an academically supportive environment by promoting positive behaviors, building positive relationships, and producing a safe environment.*

We really appreciate you and all of your efforts to help make this a great start to the school year. It is exciting to see our students grow and work toward finding success!

-Mr. Erwin
Mapleton Middle School Principal



Mapleton Middle School Earns Award at National Conference

During the Making Schools Work (HSTW) national conference, Mapleton Middle School was awarded the Gene Bottoms Pacesetter Award. This award was given in recognition of the school's achievements related to standards based instruction and the narrowing of the achievement gap. Mapleton Middle School was one of only 16 schools nationwide to receive the Pacesetter Award for school improvement. Pictured is Mr. Fulton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, accepting the award on behalf of Mapleton Middle School.

National Junior Honor Society

Please welcome the sixteen new inductees into NJHS: (Back Row L to R) Macy Kerr, Morgan Crumrine, Anna Grundy, Kail Callihan, Kenzie Hellickson, Haleigh Mosley, Cheyenne Jackson, Kenzee Imhoff, and Lukus Jenkins. (Front Row L to R) Amelia Ashley, Maddison Hopstetter, Paige Beattie, Jack Sheppard, Dominic Knighton, and Jack Gove. Not Pictured: Ashton Mulkey



New Staff



Ashley Aguliera
(Middle School Intervention Specialist)

"I am from Spencer, Ohio and graduated from Black River in 2006. I moved to Polk a year ago with my husband Gilbert, 5 year old son Colton, and two dogs, Gunner and Grinch. I earned my education degrees from Mount Union College and Baldwin Wallace University. This is my 9th year in education as an Intervention Specialist; my first 8 were spent in high school."



Michaela Lee
(Middle School Math Teacher)

"I love being outdoors and soaking in nature. Last year I traveled west and got to see Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Grand Tetons National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and much more! I hope to travel west again to see more of Montana or the Grand Canyon."



Aimee Toth
(MS/HS Intervention Tutor)

"I'm happy to have moved back to my hometown of Ashland and thrilled to be joining the incredible faculty at Mapleton. I am passionate about helping students close their reading gaps and am looking forward to the work as a reading tutor. I have three college-age children of my own that I'm proud of and in my free time I enjoy kayaking, doing pottery, and gardening."



Monica Ralph
(Middle School Intervention Specialist)

"After 14 years of substitute teaching my passion for the special needs population was clear, so I pursued my certification as an Intervention Specialist four years ago. As a mother of three adult children, I know how unique each child is, and I strive to engage them in their education, so they reach their potential."



Carrie Rief
(Middle School ELA Teacher)

"I am excited to join the Mapleton community, as I grew up in the neighboring town of Spencer. I am a farm girl at heart with a passion for literature and education. I graduated from the University of Akron with a major in English, 7-12th grade education, and child/family development. In my spare time, my fiancé and I enjoy gardening, cooking, camping, and taking our senior dachshund, Bean, on adventures."

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

One School, One Book

When a whole school reads a book, there is a lot to talk about!

Mrs. Swanson, the 5-12 Literacy Coach, was awarded a grant by the Ashland County Community Foundation to pilot a One School, One Book (OSOB) program. The goal of the program is to captivate staff, students, and families in an opportunity to read, discuss, and engage around the same text to build background knowledge, promote character, and the importance of literacy. Each student and staff member received a copy of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. This is a true story of innovation and overcoming obstacles. The protagonist is a teenage boy that lives in a rural farming community in Malawi, Africa. The community was experiencing a drought and was faced with famine. The young boy was inquisitive and with the help of spare parts and a science book, he developed a windmill to help transport water to their fields. Students and staff read the book together in core classes while engaging in activities and discussions. The program will end with a school-wide culminating activity by watching the film on Netflix and having popcorn!



STOPit: New Anonymous Reporting System Comes to MMS

Mapleton Middle School is now enrolled with a new online reporting tool called STOPit. The tool allows students to anonymously report incidents of bullying, inappropriate behaviors, cyber bullying, etc. via an app on their chromebooks. Students are able to submit reports and evidence of at-risk situations and behaviors, and administrators (and potentially law enforcement) will be alerted to these anonymous submissions. Students may also reach out if they or a peer are having a personal crisis and the 24/7 reporting system will help relevant adults proceed accordingly. On August 23, students attended an assembly with Mr. Erwin, MMS principal, where he explained how students can utilize the reporting system.



Mountie Time

This year, Mapleton Middle School students are participating in a fifteen minute "Mountie Time" either before or after their lunch period. During this time, students spend time conversing with peers and doing physical activities either in the gym or outside. Mountie Time is supervised by MMS staff members. Some students prefer time to unplug and relax while others appreciate the physical activity. They all agree that they benefit from this time to unplug from their daily routine and be with friends and peers.



"During Mountie Time I go to Mr. Ortiz's room to work on running recovery."
- Tyler Hartzler, 8th Grade



"I think a good thing about Mountie Time is that it lets a lot of kids get their energy out. I usually spend time with friends and relax."
- Maggie Bogner, 8th Grade



"I LOVE it. It allows me to burn off all my energy and focus better. I play basketball with my friends."
- Chris Jeffrey, 6th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL -

I hope everyone has had a successful and meaningful start to the 2022-2023 school year. As we move toward Thanksgiving we transition into the real work and begin looking toward the end of the semester. This brings to the forefront many scheduled events and important items to consider for students and parents.

Class Remind:

All students and parents are encouraged to sign up for their individual class reminds. I will send out important updates, reminders, and calendar events to these remind classes. The information can be building wide or designated to a specific grade level. Below is the process for signing up:

- **Class of 2026** – text the message @mapleton26 to the number 81010
- **Class of 2025** – text the message @mapleton25 to the number 81010
- **Class of 2024** – text the message @mapleton24 to the number 81010
- **Class of 2023** – text the message @mapleton23 to the number 81010

** If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting your @mapleton code to (901) 466-8785.**

Thank you all for a great start to the year. I am looking forward to continuing to see our students succeed both athletically and academically this school year.

- Corey Kline, Mapleton High School Principal | Mapleton Virtual Academy Director

Important Dates to Remember:

- Two-Hour Staff PD Delays – November 7th and 21st
- Thanksgiving Break – November 23rd – November 28th
- Two-Hour Staff PD Delay – December 12th
- Christmas Break – December 19th – January 2nd

Upcoming Testing Dates:

As we round the corner to the holidays it will bring about the mid-year testing cycles. It is important to talk to students about the importance of these exams and that the only expectation is that they do their very best. They do have academic and graduation implications, but if students put forth their best effort, they will succeed.

- **November 29th – December 9th**
IXL Snapshots (Provide leveling data for teachers to plan, accommodate, and help students achieve higher levels)
- **November 29th – December 16th**
End of Course Exams (these are the state required EOC Exams that dictate graduation competency and seals)
- **January 9th – January 12th**
Semester Exams (This is the semester evaluation of student mastery of each course's state standards)

New Staff

Matt Stafford (Physical Education/ Health Teacher and Athletic Director)

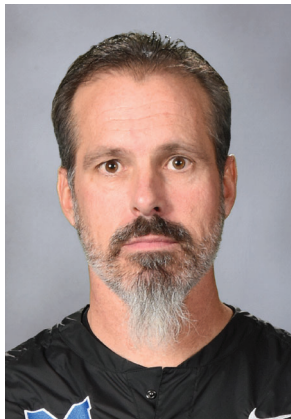
Mr. Stafford is entering his tenth year in education and third year as MHS head football coach. Before coming to Mapleton this year, Stafford taught at Black River, one year in the Galion School District and one year in the New London and Monroeville school districts. Stafford graduated from Ashland University with a bachelor's degree in sports management. "I'll be in the building now, so I'll be able to be a positive role model for our kids."

Nick Hickey (High School Science Teacher)

"I was raised in the Mapleton School District. I served 21 years in the Air Force and moved back here with my family 4 years ago. My beautiful wife Stephanie and I have 4 children: Mason 20, Sara 18, Scotty 16, and Reagan 12. I am excited to be part of the Biomed program and look forward to engaging our students who may be considering Health Care professions."



Matt Stafford



Nick Hickey



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



MHS will bring *Our Town* to the Stage

Mapleton Theater Production team is in full-swing this season as students prepare for an early December production of Thornton Wilder’s monumental play, *Our Town*. This production last donned the Mapleton stage over eight years ago and it continues to be the most widely-performed, full-length play in high schools across the country. The play looks at human nature, human relationships, and life’s purpose against the landscape of early 20th century America. Performances will be on Wednesdays, December 7th and December 14th at 7:00pm at The Mapleton Commons Theater.

Feature roles will include actors, Anna Sas (Emily), Hunter Piteo (Stage Manager), Mason Kilgore (Mr. Webb) Dylan Hartzler (George), Scott Hickey (Joe Crowell), Hevyn Norman (Mrs. Webb), Jillian Grundy (Rebecca), Veda Dunn (Mrs. Webb), and many others. The 26-student acted cast will also produce sound and lights for this show, and this Fall production follows last season’s Radio Play of *A Christmas Carol* in 2021.

Making Memories that will Last a Lifetime

By Kendall Ramey, Mapleton FFA Reporter

During the week of July 11-15th, the Mapleton FFA Chapter attended the fifth session of the Ohio FFA Camp, located in Carrollton, Ohio on Leesville Lake. Ohio FFA Camp has six different sessions of summer camp open to all Ohio FFA members who come to learn and participate in many activities.

Bonjour! MHS Welcomes Exchange Student

Mapleton High School is proud to have Sandra Prevost attending as a foreign exchange student this year. Sandra is from Paris, France and is used to seeing the Eiffel Tower everyday. Needless to say, Ashland County is a very different community for her! Foreign exchange students do not typically get to choose the state or area they go to. Interested students apply to be part of the program, they get accepted, and then they are matched with families whose personalities and interests might be compatible. A host family chooses the student they would like to host.

In Sandra’s case, Jeff and Neely Burkholder, both Mapleton High School teachers, are very happy to have Sandra as their guest this year. “I have always been interested in hosting a foreign exchange student because I grew up with the experience. My parents hosted 14 exchange students,” said Neely Burkholder.

Sandra is currently on the volleyball team and she is looking forward to being a cheerleader during basketball. She is also thinking about trying softball in the spring. Sandra is enjoying American foods and has found hamburgers and Uncrustables to be very good. “There are no peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in France; it’s not really a thing,” she said. Sandra says she is really looking forward to Prom, because France does not have Prom. She is also looking forward to going skiing and traveling to Florida, Boston, and hopefully New York City while she is here. Mapleton is very glad to host Sandra this year and we hope she has a great year!



Exploring Peru

On June 21, a small group from Mapleton High School headed south of the border to explore Peru! This was the first international trip for two students and one alumni. Mapleton traveled with EF Tours and was paired with a school from Pennsylvania for the guided tour. The group toured Lima, Peru on the first day where they saw the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, San Francisco Monastery and catacombs, and also visited the Larco Herrera Museum. The travelers then took a flight from Lima to Cusco, which sits at 11,000 feet elevation in the Andes Mountains, the longest mountain range in the world. The visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas is where some of the best memories were made on the trip.

The highlight of the trip for many was visiting Machu Picchu, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Sitting at an altitude of almost 8,000 feet on a peak in the Andes Mountains, there are majestic views in every direction and a special feeling surrounds the area. Llamas, which are native to the area, roam among the visitors at the site. A local guide led the group through the ruins and highlighted areas such as the Sun Temple and the Room of the Three Windows. Built around 1450, the Inca abandoned the site about a



century later and destroyed trails leading to the citadel during the Spanish conquest. That is why the area is so important to Peruvians and their culture; it is one of the places that the Spaniards never found and destroyed. Mapleton graduate Jillian Belcher said Machu Picchu was her favorite. “Machu Picchu was on my bucket list of places to visit. I got to do that and will remember the experience for the rest of my life.”

Student Logan Beattie, who is a junior this year, said “The thing I enjoyed the most on our trip was seeing all of the ruins and learning about the history.” His mother, Sarah Beattie, who was also on the trip, agreed with her son. “The history was very interesting, but I also enjoyed the beautiful Andes Mountains and the welcoming Peruvian people!”

The sights were amazing, the food was good, and being immersed in another culture for eight days was a phenomenal experience for all! “Travel broadens a person’s perspectives and educates them about the world and other cultures. I hope that future Mapleton students want to continue to travel and expand their horizons.” said teacher and group leader, Kerry Reisinger.



The members who attended summer camp were; Charlie Freeman, Nevaeh Anderson, Cheyenne Herron, Dice Johnson, Caleb Siburt, Mackenzie Osborne, Emily Reisinger, Clara Jarosz, Maddie Shaw, Kendall Ramey, Madisen White, Kennedy Miller, Emily Beecher, Kylee Beecher, Haley Callihan, Skylar Hopstetter, Hallee Kamentz, Zoie Gaus, Kyle Shoup, Owen Kilgore, Emma Oxenrider, Brianna Stemen, Ajay Workman. Chaperoned by Mrs. Sherman and Ms. Wright.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MHS Counselor's Corner

Sherri Shafer has been the guidance counselor at Mapleton High School for three years. She lives in Ashland with her husband of 27 years, Chris. They have two children, Lucas, 24 and Megan, 21. Throughout her career she has been a guidance counselor at Crestview High School and a Spanish teacher at Hillsdale High School, St. Edward School, and Crestview High School. Mrs. Shafer is well versed in college applications and scholarships, the State of Ohio graduation requirements, and much more. She is a wealth of knowledge for students and Mapleton is glad to have her!

Graduation Plans:

Did you know that each student at Mapleton High School has a graduation plan? Beginning in the second half of freshman year, Mrs. Shafer meets with 9th graders to begin thinking about and planning their "path" to graduation. Students learn about the credits they have to earn in each content area, the testing requirements, and the seals they must earn before graduation. There is also discussion about how to use these requirements to best prepare them for their chosen path after graduation: education, enlistment, or employment. After freshman year students meet with Mrs. Shafer once a year to update these plans and monitor their progress towards graduation. If you would like to see your student's graduation plan, reach out to Mrs. Shafer at mapl_sshafer@tccsa.net

Ashland County West Holmes Career Center:

Ashland County West Holmes Career Center will visit sophomores at Mapleton High School on the morning of Wednesday, November 2nd. This will be an opportunity for students to learn about all programs offered at the Career Center and select the three that they would like to visit in a more in depth manner. On Tuesday November 15th, sophomores will travel to the Career Center to visit the labs of their choice. Mapleton Virtual Academy sophomores are encouraged to attend on both the 2nd and the 15th! Ashland County West Holmes Career Center applications for the 2023-2024 school year open on October 1st. Students may apply online.

College/Military Visits:

Please watch the district calendar! College and military recruiters will be regularly visiting during high school lunches. Those visitations will be publicized on the district calendar. If your junior/senior student is interested in meeting with a representative from a particular college or university or a military recruiter, please have them see Mrs. Shafer to set up those meetings. Also, please remember that your student is granted two excused college visit days per school year. Visiting campuses is an important part of the college selection process!

College Credit Plus:

If your student is currently taking CCP classes please remember they are responsible for doing certain things throughout the year:

- They must fill out and return a textbook form every semester, as well as return textbooks to Mrs. Keener after completing finals.
- If they are athletes, they must turn in grade updates at interim time to prove and maintain athletic eligibility.
- They must meet with Mrs. Shafer once per semester when scheduling classes to make sure that all graduation requirements are being met.

The bulk of communication with CCP students, especially those who are full time CCP, happens through email. Please encourage your CCP students to check their iMountie email accounts on a regular basis.

If your student is interested in participating in the College Credit Plus program for the 2023-2024 school year, please make sure to attend the CCP night which will take place in January. Applying for the CCP program is a multi-step process that begins with this mandatory meeting. The date and time of this meeting will be posted on the district calendar and social media, sent out through Mr. Kline's Remind, as well as announced at morning meetings.

Financial Aid/Scholarships:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA opens for the school year 2023-2024 on October 1st, 2022. This is the form that determines a student's eligibility for federal student aid, which includes grants, work-study, and loans. Many states, colleges, and private financial aid providers also use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their programs. This is a vital step in the college application process. All federal aid is determined on a first-come, first-served basis so please apply as soon as possible. Applications may be found at www.studentaid.gov

Scholarship "season" for the Class of 2023 begins in earnest in January. All scholarships received in the guidance office will be posted online in chronological order by due date. A focus will be placed on local scholarships. Please understand that it is impossible to list all scholarships. Encourage your student to pursue local scholarships, scholarships affiliated with the school they wish to attend, and any scholarships offered by family employers.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Literacy Takes a Leading Role

Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world.

As Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy states, "Literacy skills lay the foundation upon which every individual's education rests." Mapleton has taken the challenge of prioritizing the language and literacy development of all learners and over the past year, has made great strides in the area of literacy. To help ensure success, a District Literacy Team was developed in the spring of 2021 consisting of District Literacy Coordinator, Shelby Ortiz; PK-6th grade Literacy Coach, Cassie Newcomer; and 5th-12th grade Literacy Coach, Cassie Swanson. As a team, they have had the opportunity to dive deeper into analyzing what our students need on an individual basis and also provide our teachers with the necessary resources, tools, and interventions to work with those students on closing their achievement gaps.

This past school year was focused on developing a solid phonological awareness foundation in our students. Without this solid foundation, students were struggling with decoding words. This struggle inevitably resulted in weaknesses in reading and comprehension skills. Our data proved that we needed to make this a priority. With small shifts, such as implementing Heggerty Phonological Awareness curriculum and specific phonological awareness interventions, from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, a total of 774 specific phonological awareness skill gaps were closed between January and June. This means that our classroom teachers, Title teachers, and Intervention Tutors all worked together to help approximately 180 of our struggling readers grow into more confident readers.

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, the Literacy Team conducted extensive research, learning, and networking to assist in incorporating the latest Science of Reading into our district decisions. As necessary changes in curriculum are beginning to evolve, the 2022-2023 school year will bring a transition from a balanced literacy approach to a structured literacy approach for our Kindergarten through Second Grade reading curriculum. This will help fill our students' gaps in developing background knowledge, as the curriculum is rich in science and social studies content, and our need for consistent and explicit phonics instruction. Our middle school English Language Arts teachers will be piloting a new curriculum that will be focused on the same necessary changes needed towards implementing a structured literacy approach as well.

New for the 2022-2023 school year is W.I.N. time for all kindergarten through fifth grade students. "What I Need" time, is a structured half hour block in which each and every student is working on building their literacy skills in areas such as phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and enrichment. In the middle and high school, some of our students are receiving similar support from an intervention tutor or their classroom teacher. The goal of this instructional time is to help our students close gaps and grow in their learning based on their fall, winter, and spring assessments.

Literacy affects 100% of our student population and Mapleton has definitely proven the importance of ensuring our students have strong literacy skills. There are many positives to look forward to this school year, and the Literacy Team is anxious to continue the necessary work to help our students grow.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Teachers Paraprofessionals

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Bus Drivers Van Drivers Cafeteria Help Custodial Help

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Service Providers

One of the relative service providers that Mapleton contracts with is EJ Therapy. EJ Therapy provides therapy services for children in the Ashland, Wayne, Holmes, and Stark County areas. At this time, Mapleton has Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Audiologists, TVI (Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired), and O & M (Orientation and Mobility) Specialists through EJ Therapy. Therapy is individualized and can be provided in one-on-one or small group settings.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

- 15 NHS Poinsettia Fundraiser
- 18 NJHS Veteran Honor Bus Fundraiser Ends
- 21 2 Hour Delay
- 23 Conference Comp Day-No School
- 24-28 Thanksgiving Break-No School

DECEMBER

- 3 Breakfast with Santa
- 5 High School Winter Band & Choir concert
- 7 High School Drama Production
- 8 K-2 Music Program
- 12 2 Hour Delay
- 12 Board Meeting 4:30pm
- 14 High School Drama Production
- 14 Preschool Music Program
- 19-30 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 9 2 Hour Delay
- 13 End of 2nd Grading Period
- 14 Mapleton Robotics Winter Class
- 16 MLK Jr. Day- No School
- 23 2 Hour Delay
- 31 Elementary Read-A-Thon Begins

FEBRUARY

- 1 Krispy Kreme Music Program Fundraiser
- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-7pm
- 3 Teacher In-Service- No School
- 5 Elementary Read-A-Thon Ends
- 13 2 Hour Delay
- Freshman Class Strawberry Sales
- 20 President's Day- No School
- 27 2 Hour Delay
- 27 MS/HS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm