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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On May 29, 2022, the Mapleton Local School District celebrated the Class of 2022 during Mapleton High School's 60th commencement ceremony. It is hard to believe that it has been sixty years since Nankin, Polk, and Nova buildings were consolidated to form the Mapleton Local School District. Mapleton Elementary School, Mapleton Middle School and Mapleton High School have all been on one 122-acre Mapleton campus in the heart of our community for eighteen years now. Although a lot has changed throughout the sixty years of Mapleton history, the Mapleton community continues to be rooted in the traditional values of faith, family and fortitude. The Mapleton Local School District continues to be a reflection of these traditional values as we strive to provide a valuable service to the Mapleton community.

The Mapleton Local School District is committed to providing a family atmosphere with expanding opportunities for both students and staff that includes an emphasis on the individual person as well as honest communication with all stakeholders. This is all done in an effort to prepare all of our students for employment, enrollment in post-secondary training and programs, or enlistment in one of the military branches after graduation. As we simultaneously manage and lead the Mapleton Local School District through numerous challenges associated with a global COVID-19 pandemic, twenty-first century societal shifts, declining student enrollment and school funding constraints, the four commitments to our students, families, staff and Mapleton community remain steadfast: 1) Family Atmosphere, 2) Expanding Opportunities, 3) Individual Emphasis and 4) Honest Communication.

The Mapleton Local School District has honored these four commitments over the past four years to address specific needs related to student services, literacy and numeracy achievement, special education, gifted education, school safety, and buildings and grounds maintenance. Although this is not a comprehensive list, below are some of our recent actions that have been driven by our four commitments:

- Increased the services of our Special Education Director from part-time to full-time
- Increased the services of our School Psychologist from part-time to full-time
- Increased the services of our Speech-Language Pathologist from part-time to full-time
- Increased the number of our School-Community Liaisons from one to two
- Initiated services of one full-time School Resource Officer for the Mapleton campus
- Initiated services of a School-Based Therapist
- Initiated services of an Audiologist
- Initiated services of Certified Behavior Analysts to support students, families, staff and administration
- Initiated services of Registered Behavior Technicians to support students, families, staff and administration
- Initiated services of a full-time Registered Nurse
- Initiated the services of a Literacy Team consisting of a coordinator and two literacy coaches to work closely with our teachers and administrators to identify and address literacy needs in the district

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- Initiated the services of two math coaches to work closely with our teachers and administrators to identify and address numeracy needs in the district
- Increased the number of intervention tutors and paraprofessionals to provide additional interventions and supports to meet the individual learning needs of our students
- Initiated gifted education services for our students who have been identified as gifted per the Ohio Department of Education guidelines (0% of identified gifted students were provided gifted services in 2018, but this has been increased to 90% during the 2021-2022 school year)
- Wrote, submitted and was awarded an Ohio Department of Education three-year, \$450,000 Expanding Opportunities for Each Student grant to expand PK-12 STEAM (science-technology-engineering-arts/agriculture-mathematics) and career-exploration programs and courses
- Initiated a Career-Based Intervention program to assist high school students who may be economically disadvantaged and/or credit deficient
- Completed a 1:1 technology initiative so that all K-12 students have access to their own device
- Replaced six of twelve buses in the school transportation fleet over the past four years; average age of the bus fleet is now only 3.6 years; ten bus routes plus extra-curricular trips travel approximately 250,000 miles annually
- Constructed a parking lot for the school transportation fleet of buses and vans
- Created a bus and van washing station to responsibly maintain the transportation fleet
- Repaved almost two-thirds of the asphalt parking lots and driveways on the Mapleton campus
- Installed lighted school zone safety signs on both County Road 801 and County Road 620 that are activated during the arrival and departure of students and staff
- Renovated a campus building to include a maintenance garage
- Replaced and increased custodial and cleaning equipment for the purposes of safety, effectiveness and efficiency
- Initiated a school pond revitalization project using grants, donations and community contributions to remove mud, muck and debris from the pond in an effort to improve the ecosystem and to provide additional learning opportunities for our students

We, together, have accomplished a lot to address the critical needs of our students and community, but we still have a lot more to do. I am thankful for our classified staff, certified staff, administration, Board of Education and Mapleton community for all of their tireless devotion and effort to provide opportunities for our students. If you see a need for improvement or if we can be a service to you—our community—please reach out to us.

GO MOUNTIES!
- Scott Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immunizations

All incoming kindergarten, 7th grade, and Seniors have required immunizations. The school must have a copy of the immunization record at the beginning of the school year. If these immunizations are not completed, your student may be excluded from school until they have the proper immunizations. Please contact your student's care provider, CVS, Rite Aid, or the Ashland County Health Department at 419-282-4231. Immunization information can be found [here](#)

Dispensing of Medication by School Personnel

If medications, over-the-counter or prescription, are needed during the school day a form must be completed. Forms are available in the office or on our website under health services. Please contact the district nurse for any medical needs or concerns.



Mapleton High School Class of 2022 Graduation

Mapleton High School Class of 2022 wrapped up their high school careers on May 29, 2022. Mapleton honored their graduates on the field at John E. Camp Stadium under a beautiful, sunny sky. This class was exemplary in many areas, especially academics. Fifteen students graduated cum-laude, meaning that they graduated with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.3-3.74. Thirty students graduated magna cum-laude, with a GPA of 3.75 or higher. There were 27 students that were involved in either the National Honor Society or the National Technical Honor Society from the Ashland County- West Holmes Career Center. Twenty-one students

received diplomas with honors, and three students received Associate Degrees from North Central State University. Aside from each of their individual accomplishments, their total amount in scholarship money was also impressive. The Mapleton Class of 2022 received over \$700,000 in scholarships to continue their education at the collegiate level. In addition, nine seniors have signed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level as well. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, we are so very proud of you and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for each of you.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL -

I feel very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to dive into a leadership role at Mapleton Elementary this past school year. The staff and students were so welcoming from the very first day that I knew we were all going to grow and accomplish great things together. At the end of the school year, the positive energy and momentum that had built up was felt by all. I have no doubt that we will have a fantastic 2022-2023 school year!

With our main focus being on literacy, we will continue making positive changes to better serve our students. Kindergarten through Second grade will begin working with a new curriculum that is very content rich with Science and Social Studies topics. Interventions and Enrichment activities will be primarily skills-based and driven from specific data for all

students. The Literacy Team will recommence with teachers, offering their support and wealth of knowledge to ensure teachers and students alike reach their highest potential.

In addition, we are happy to be working with Ashland University to welcome Math Tutors into our building. This will help dedicate more time to math interventions to build a strong foundation of skills.

Lastly, I would like to welcome all of our new staff and students to Mapleton as well as the preschoolers attending school for the very first time! We are excited to see all of their smiling faces return on August 17th!

- Mrs. Charnigo

Food Truck Fest



Students in Mrs. Wynn's class completed a Food Truck Project based on a country of their choice which included creating a business plan, menu, advertisements, slogan, logo, poster, 3D printed food truck, and finally food samples for their final "Shark Tank" based presentation. After a visit with an actual food truck, Dine & Dash Mobile Kitchen, all of the students enjoyed planning out their business and sampling food from around the world during our Food Truck Fest!

Force & Motion



2nd graders in Mrs. Roberts' class participated in a cross curricular unit on force and motion. In collaboration with the literacy coach and principal, multiple lessons were taught before letting the students create a path for a marble to roll through using different types of forces to keep the marble in motion. The end results were spectacular and successful!

ELEMENTARY NEWS



Student Council

The MES Student Council is composed of 5th grade students who have been nominated throughout the year as Citizen of the Month by their teachers. This group of students leads the school in character education by composing videos demonstrating specific character traits. To add to the character education, Student Council models great character by hosting school spirit days such as celebrating the Guardians Home Opener by serving popcorn, and Beach Day by passing out leis and popsicles to students during lunch. In addition, the Student Council participates in recognizing staff within the district throughout the years such as saying thank you to the bus drivers with cards and a small reception.



Theater Productions

Mrs. Alberts, Mrs. Beattie, and Mrs. Roberts ended the school year by incorporating theater productions into their classrooms. Students worked in groups to assign roles, practice their lines, design a backdrop, and be their own directors. The final production in front of a live audience proved their practice and planning to be a great success!



You are always sure to catch smiling faces at MES because our staff members know how to bring happiness to the building. A couple of cheerful unicorns made their appearance to greet students as they were dropped off for school. They came back on the last day of school to wish everyone a happy summer as well.



Water Day

One of the students' favorite days of the year is Water Day hosted by our local fire departments. The fire departments not only bring their trucks and plenty of water, but they also set up an obstacle course for the students. In the final part of the course, students get to use the fire hose to 'put out the fire' which really is spraying their classmates! As a bonus, some of the firefighters join students for lunch. MES appreciates our local firefighters and their dedication to safety!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL -

Hello Mountie Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! My name is Chad Erwin and I am honored and excited to serve my second year as the principal at Mapleton Middle School. I am looking forward to working with you this school year! I have a passion and desire to motivate students to meet standard based objectives by creating an atmosphere that is enjoyable, engaging, and exciting. Our focus is on **LEARNING!**

I believe that all students will want to learn when they have experiences at school that embrace exploration and when they find a purpose for learning. It is important to me to help students find opportunities to build confidence and to believe that they can do anything if they have the desire and determination to make it happen. My focus is to increase student achievement, develop character, and provide a culture of excellence for every student. I will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of all students, parents, and teachers by fostering a kind, caring, and compassionate environment. I have a desire for helping teams develop in a professional and positive way so that people may recognize and experience success both individually and as a community.

Mapleton Middle School is unique in that we offer a family atmosphere that allows our students to make connections that will last a lifetime. We care about our students and we want to do everything that we can to provide the best education possible. Students at Mapleton have expanding opportunities as we offer a wide variety of academic and extracurricular activities. This allows students to actively participate and build positive relationships. We are committed to helping young minds on an individual level discover their strengths for success. It is our goal to help students find their individual pathway that will help prepare them for the future. It is my commitment to you to provide clear and honest communication that will help answer your questions. I would encourage you to connect with our Remind, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter Mapleton Local Schools page for updated information and school highlights.

At Mapleton Middle School, we have high expectations for our students so that they can stay focused on learning. We will be enforcing the following expectations consistently and continuously all year. Learning will be the priority.

- Listen to instruction and direction
- Enter and exit prepared
- Always try your best
- Respect yourself and others
- No excuses

Mapleton Middle School encourages positive behavior with our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) plan. Students that show that they are ready, responsible, and respectful every day may earn tickets that will enter them into random drawings for prizes or other fun activities! Also, all students have the opportunity to join our fun quarterly incentive at the end of the grading period when they meet their grade level standards.

Our goal is to measure learning by using a system that uses a variety of different assessments. Formative assessments are not scored and will be used to provide feedback for students. Summative assessments will be used as a score and will help gauge learning and to provide a method to show student progress. Our teachers will use rubrics that define clear expectations based on a 4 point system to gauge what students have learned.

STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Level of Mastery	Code Shown In ProgressBook and Report Card
Advanced, Application/ Applying	4 (A)
Proficient	3 (B)
Approaching the Standard	2 (C)
Developing Knowledge of the Standard	1 (D)
Assessment Incomplete	F/I

Students will receive a final letter grade at the end of the nine weeks using the last achieved score for each standard.

WE BELIEVE:

1. Academic grades should not be used to punish non-compliance behaviors (ex: lower score for late work). Scores should only gauge what the student learned.
2. Students should not be assessed on their journey toward learning. Practice should NEVER be scored or assessed. Homework is practice. Assigning a score or grade to homework distorts grades. We want to measure what the student learned after practice.
3. Extra credit should NEVER be given. Extra credit inflates grades and does not accurately reflect what a student has learned.
4. Reassessment allows students to learn at their own pace.
5. New evidence of learning should always replace old evidence of learning, even if this means a potential lower score replaces a higher score in the gradebook.

I believe that together, we can build positive relationships and community connections that will help our students find success. I am looking forward to helping you in any way possible as we begin our adventure this school year! We are going to have a great year! **GO MOUNTIES!**

- Mr. Erwin



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



First NJHS Chapter: Nevaeh Anderson, Braylon Goon, Emily Katsaris, Owen Sheppard, Maggie Bogner, Sara Drake, Kaylee Gault, Lucy Hartley, Bailey Hartman, Tyler Hartzler, Elena Peters, and Addison Roderick



NJHS

Mapleton Middle School began its very first chapter of National Junior Honor Society in January of 2022. This student organization is an honor society that focuses on the five qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students were selected based on academic criteria, an application process, and an essay. NJHS advisor, Mrs. Swanson explains "each member is required to complete 10 community service hours each semester. In the chapter's first semester, the group completed 194 hours which included projects on and off of Mapleton's campus." Some of the projects on campus included helping with Junior Solar Sprint, Mapleton PTO flower sale, community car wash on Cares Day, and ran concession stands at school events. Outside of school, they volunteered at the Wellington Fire Department, Feline Sanctuary, Pediatric Consultants, Loudonville Train Show, and Matthew 25 Ministries. To wrap up the year, the organization added 16 more members during their Spring Induction ceremony. "We look forward to the work that the NJHS will do in this upcoming school year!", adds Swanson.

No Cell Phone, No Problem!

In April 2022, Mapleton Middle School sixth graders took their learning outdoors as they traveled to Camp Nuhop in Perrysville, OH. While at Camp Nuhop, students are not permitted to use electronics; they are "off the grid" for three days. This has proven to be a great experience for students, who enjoy family-style meals and conversation while forming bonds with their engaging counselors, staff, and peers. Students spent three days and two nights learning and adventuring together. The classes offered to the sixth graders included a high ropes course and learning about hot air balloons, geodomes, hiking, and nature art. In addition, students spent time playing outdoor games in the field and having nightly campfires with staff and counselors. "The greatest benefit for students is getting away and being able to spend time with classmates outside of school in a new environment," remarked Mr. Long, sixth grade social studies teacher. He elaborated that it is very gratifying seeing students step outside of their comfort zones and push themselves to try new things. Long explained that as an educator, it provides a unique experience to see a different side of students' personalities that you don't always see in the classroom. Sixth graders returned to school chatting about their learning, laughter, and lasting memories, all signs of a successful trip.



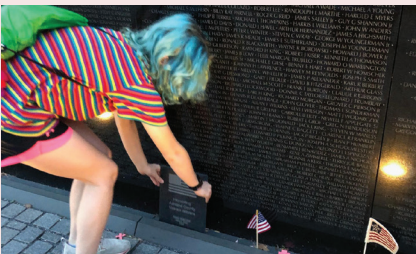
Ready, Set, Race!

Each year students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have an opportunity to test their engineering skills by building solar cars. Students spend time researching, planning, building, and testing their cars to see which is the fastest. For the school-wide competition, teams with the quickest time down the track move on to the next level. This past year Mapleton Middle School hosted the Regional Jr. Solar Sprint competition on campus. There were 38 teams that competed from 7 different school districts across the state. During the competition, each team gets to run a trial race, and then enter a double elimination bracket. This turned out to be a great event with some great racing!!



MMS in Washington D.C.

Eighth grade students at Mapleton Middle School were able to travel to Washington D.C. for their annual Eighth Grade D.C. Trip in early May. The trip itinerary was planned by Mrs. Elaine Hess, a former educator and community member who has years of experience planning similar trips and has worked with the district for several years to plan this annual trip. Students were able to see so many historically significant sites and even experience some memorable events. Sites included the 9/11 Flight 93 Memorial, Washington Monument, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, the Smithsonian Natural History and Air and Space Museums, the U.S. Capitol Building, and the White House. Students noted that it was special being able to experience both the Lincoln Memorial and Vietnam Memorial at night. Mr. Wade, MMS intervention specialist, explained that one of the most emotional experiences for students was visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While there, three MMS students, Braylon Goon, Danica Cross, and Emma Oxenrider, presented wreaths, and students were very impacted by the changing of the guard. In addition to the historical significance of this class trip, for many of the students, this was their first time in a large city, and their first time outside of Ashland County for others. The trip simultaneously broadened students' worldviews while enriching their knowledge of American history and culture.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Mapleton Middle School Solar Car Teams

6th grade: Cooper Gaus, Landin, Jacobs, Jack Sheppard, Ben Brannon, & Jamison Runals
7th grade: Aaron Roberts, Cameron Host, Corbin McKissick, Cole Dennison, & Julian Sanchez
8th grade: Will Sas, Dalton Beattie, Emily Katsaris, James Zehner, & Ella White



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL -

I hope everyone is having a refreshing, rejuvenating, and restful summer break. After the past few years of dealing with and recovering from a pandemic, we in the Mapleton Family, are ready for a year grounded in normalcy.

As we approach the 2022-2023 school year it is important to get back to our "normal" educational processes, procedures, and providing the best educational experience we can for our students here at MHS. The next school year will bring some new changes and some that are simply a return to normalcy, but will seem like changes as we move past the pandemic and all of the changes it spurred in education.

Academics:

Focus on the standards and meeting our students where they are. Staff at MHS are working very hard this summer focusing on standards, pacing, and new approaches to meet our students' needs after the past couple of school years. Here at the high school we will be instituting and expanding our services in literacy intervention, mathematics tutoring, and expanding our gifted services in an effort to reach, grow, and enhance the education of all students at MHS.

We are using data from the past few years to better plan our instruction based on the Ohio Learning Standards and concepts that our students will need to master in order to not only be successful at MHS, but moving beyond our walls into a university, technical program, or simply into the workforce after high school. As the year begins you may hear this type of planning referred to as SBI (standards based instruction).

Procedures and Expectations:

It is important to the staff at MHS to have our students engaged and learning during the school day. We look forward to moving back into a more "traditional" school year next year, but this will require some change that will be both new and return to old.

Some of the changes that can be expected (but not limited to):

- Student cell phones will be required to be off and locked in student lockers during the day, with an exception made at lunch. (This also includes the wearing of air pod, ear buds, etc)
- Students will again be using their lockers to store items and backpacks during the school day. Students may visit their lockers during the school day, but will be expected to make the transitions in a timely manner and avoid situations involving truancy/late arrival to class.
- Students will be expected to adhere to the code of conduct concerning energy drinks, food and drink limitations, dress

code sections (hats, hoods, etc), and treat the learning environment as a professional place of learning.

- Parents and Students are expected to adhere to the Mapleton Policy and state HB410 requirements for attendance. This policy will be enforced next year as it was pre-pandemic school years. (HB 410 plans, attendance policy, absence verification status)

Family Engagement and PBIS:

To begin 2022-2023 school year I would like to invite any and all parents to be involved in the Mapleton School System. There are many ways to become involved, be a part of the schools system, and volunteer your time. Examples currently available are PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, PAC (Principal Advisory Committee), volunteering and chaperoning, and all athletic clubs like Sideliners for example. This year we will be adding a very important component with the formation of a Family Engagement Committee at all levels of the building. As the year begins please contact us for more information or to be a member of that committee work. I am very open to new ways to have the community get in and become a more active part of the MHS family.

The high school will also be re-instituting and designing our PBIS program for students (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) with our students. This program provides student guidance on the appropriate behaviors expected in an educational setting and within the school setting. This program clarifies, reinforces, and rewards the attitudes, effort, and behavior from students that are expected at Mapleton High School.

Reminder:

As the high principal there are many things that need to be communicated to students and families throughout the year. Dates, upcoming events, announcements, requirements, and many other things will be communicated using this remind app. I encourage all students and parents to register for their student's class remind here at MHS. Use the QR code / link on the next page to access the Mapleton Principal's Page and the instructions to register for Remind for each of your students and their graduation year or MVA enrollees.

Again, I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Here is to a wonderful, productive, and successful 2022-2023 school year.

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



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Mountie Track & Field

Our Mapleton High School Track and Field team had an impressive season with both the boys and girls team finishing as Firelands Conference runner-up. Standout performances included Isaik Schoch in the 3200M Run and Jillian Carrick in the 100M Dash. Mapleton Track and Field continued their season with amazing talent at Districts, with the boys finishing 7th overall and the girls finishing 5th. A number of athletes went on to perform at Regionals, bringing many triumphs and heartbreaks. Great performances were showcased by Isaik Schoch (8th, 3200), Hunter Piteo (9th, Discus), Jillian Carrick (5th, Pole Vault) and Jayden Carrick, Madison Bailey, Bella Tabler, and Jillian Carrick (5th, 4x100). The championship season rolled on for Jillian Carrick who placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash, Bella Tabler placed 1st in long jump and Madison Bailey placed 2nd in long jump. These girls went on to represent Mapleton High School Track and Field and competed in the state track meet at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. Congratulations to each of these incredible athletes and the Mountie's Track and Field Team.



Members of the Track and Field team after finishing 2nd in the Firelands Conference Championship.



Left to right: Jillian Carrick, Bella Tabler, Madison Bailey and Jayden Carrick finished 5th in the 4x100 relay.



Left to right: Jillian Carrick, Madison Bailey, Isaik Schoch, Bella Tabler, and Jayden Carrick

American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Jacob Wood, an upcoming senior at Mapleton High School, had the opportunity to represent MHS at Buckeye Boys State during the week of June 13, 2022. This event was held at Miami University in Miami, Ohio.

In order to attend this event, the staff at Mapleton High School were provided with a list of boys in 11th grade who obtained a 3.5 GPA or higher. The list was narrowed down to the top candidates and those candidates were then interviewed by Mr. John Calhoun. Jacob was chosen as the single candidate to attend Buckeye Boys State from Mapleton.

This wonderful experience, formed in 1936 and is the single largest Boys State program in the Nation, allowed him to live in a college environment, learn leadership and management skills, form lifelong friendships with 900+ males from surrounding high schools in Ohio, and learn about how our Ohio government operates and functions on a daily basis. Jacob was the Lieutenant Governor's Clerk. He also had the chance to meet Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Jacob was asked to describe his experience and role at Buckeye Boys State. He stated "When I first went to the American Legion's Buckeye Boy's State, I was nervous seeing that big building and hundreds of people going in but I had to fight that nervousness off and just walk in...Everybody was being elected or chosen as staff and then a government simulation would start. Then a miracle happened. The lieutenant governor came to me shortly before the job fair. He asked me to be his clerk. This totally changed everything the next day when it was our first day of work. I had fun at my job. I had to remind the lieutenant governor when he had appointments or when he had to talk to people as well as do our payroll information. I also guarded doors during his meetings... The whole program was a very incredible experience. I want to say Thank You to all of the staff who made it happen and a special Thank You to American Legion Sullivan Post who chose me to participate."



Pictured: Jacob Wood, back left corner, attended the American Legion Buckeye Boys State at Miami University during the week of June 13, 2022. He had the great opportunity to get a group picture with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine during his time at boys state.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Art Department News

The Mapleton Visual Art program at the high school concluded another successful year and saw a tremendous amount of growth. The program begins with all students taking the Basic Art class as a prerequisite for all other visual art classes taught at the high school. This year, Basic Art became a full year course while all the other visual art classes remain a semester long. Specialization classes included Painting, Ceramics, and Graphic Design. This school year, Drawing and Sculpture will return, while Basic Art and Advanced Art will remain on the schedule of course offerings.



The Wayne Center for the Arts opened their doors for Mapleton students on April 5th as 17 Ceramics students worked with their instructors for the day. Students learned new techniques on the potters wheel as well as new handbuilding projects. For lunch, we walked to Basil Asian Bistro and enjoyed some sushi...some for the first time ever!

As always, the Mapleton Visual Art Show was in the spring and was one of the highlights of the school year. This year's show was juried and included over 200 works of many incredibly talented and hard working Mapleton students. **The Mapleton Visual Art Show - People's Choice award winners include...**

1st Place - Sydney Robinson, 2nd Place - Hannah Ronez, 3rd Place - Caitlyn Vermilya
This year, the Class of 2022, Class Artist winner was Mr. Hunter Cox. We will miss Hunter's talent in the art studios and wish him the best of luck in his adventures as he leaves Mapleton.

Mapleton Student Council Blood Drive

This spring the Mapleton High School Student Council hosted a blood drive in the gymnasium. Members of the Student Council volunteered to assist with various stations of the blood drive and a portion of the Student Council yearly fundraising efforts provided lunch for the student volunteers and the American Red Cross employees who worked the blood drive. The American Red Cross collected nineteen pints of blood at this spring 2022 blood drive, which has the potential to save fifty-seven lives. The blood of one of the donors at this Mapleton Blood Drive went to help patients at both Summa Akron City Hospital and Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland. In the 21-22 school year, Mapleton High School Student Council received credit for forty-nine pints of blood, which earned a \$250 American Red Cross Blood Service High School Scholarship for senior recipient Mariah White, who was an active participant in our high school's blood drive program and exhibited a leadership role in the coordination and recruitment of the blood drives.

Mountie Baseball

Mountie Baseball finished their 2022 season with a record of 9-14 and 5th in the Firelands Conference. Receiving 1st team in the Firelands Conference was Mapleton's Kollin Cline. Matthew Recker received 2nd team and Blake Benner received Honorable Mention. Congratulations to the Mapleton High School baseball team.



Mapleton Mounties Varsity Baseball. (Photo Credits: Wendy Dennison)

Mountie Softball

Mountie Softball wrapped up their 2022 season 12-12 and tied for 4th in the Firelands Conference. Stand-out performances included our 1st team recipients, Kaylee Haines, and Heidi and Holly Earl. Caitlyn Vermilya received Honorable Mention. We would also like to congratulate Kaylee Haines who was named second team All-State Ohio for softball. Kaylee will continue her softball career collegiately at Niagara University. Go Lady Mounties!



Kaylee Haines with a solid hit during a game. (Photo Credits: Wendy Dennison)

NHS

The Mapleton chapter of the National Honor Society had another busy year of community service! The NHS chapter has 28 members and they participated in over 700 hours of volunteer service. After being limited in projects the past two years due to COVID-19, the chapter was glad to be able to participate in more events this year, such as:

- Polk Lions Club/Ashland County Fair shuttle service
- Haunted 5k & Trunk or Treat
- Pajama Drive benefiting foster care: 112 pairs broke our record!
- Elementary Breakfast with Santa
- Events with the Ashland County Historical Society
- Game Nights at Brethren Care
- Mapleton Cares Day
- Stuffed Animal Drive benefiting students who have experienced trauma



NHS members pose with the 112 pairs of pajamas they collected for children in foster care.

CARES Day

Mapleton Cares Day was held on May 10th and students participated in community service projects in Ashland County. This annual event, now in its fifth year, is a great opportunity for students to volunteer and give back to the community. This year's slogan was "If you see a need, take the lead." High school students went to 18 sites in the community to work. Projects included painting, staining, and mulching in two of the Ashland County Parks, washing and cleaning fire trucks at three fire departments, preparing ball fields for the local youth leagues, and doing landscaping work for several area nursing homes and churches. Students also assisted with projects at the Ashland County Fairgrounds and with the Ashland County Soil & Water Conservation District. Middle school students worked on projects on the Mapleton campus, such as mulching, painting, staining benches, and also offered a free community car wash.

The event was spearheaded by the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society. Sponsors were secured to help with the cost of volunteer shirts for every student, a picnic lunch for the high school, and concessions for the Cares Day volleyball tournament, with all proceeds going toward a future project at Mapleton. NHS Advisor Kerry Reisinger believes that community service is part of being a good citizen. "Part of good citizenship is taking an active role in your community and caring for the community you live in. Volunteering benefits both the community and the volunteers themselves." Senior Luke Hartzler, president of NHS, said Cares Day is important because "It's important for the students to give back to the community that helped mold them into the young adults they are today."

Cultivating Growth within the FFA Chapter

The 2021-2022 school year presented tremendous growth for the Mapleton FFA Chapter. Students expanded their participation in all aspects of the program including Career Development Events, Supervised Agricultural Experiences and participation in State and National Level Events. We also saw the largest fruit sale in the FFA Chapter to date.

Through Career Development Events, participating FFA members in grades 7 to 12 are challenged to develop critical thinking skills and effective decision-making skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement. This year our students participated in Livestock Judging, Poultry Management and Evaluation, Equine Management, Farm and Agribusiness Management, Greenhand Quiz, Grain Merchandizing and much more. We are proud to say that our Meat Evaluations Team earned a rank of 11th in the state with their Coach Mr. Dave Bishop. Those members were Kyle Shoup, Gary Windsor, Zoie Gaus and Eastyn Rohr. We look forward to watching the growth and results in CDE competition in the 2022-2023 school year.

The student membership within the chapter is higher than ever. We are over 60 members strong with promising retention for



the upcoming school year. Mrs. Sherman will be providing nationally recognized curriculum in every class which challenges students to apply the skills they learn in school to the agricultural industry. Students will be focused on different aspects of the agricultural industry including food science, plant science, livestock industries, environmental sciences and much more.

Be on the lookout for news and events from the FFA Chapter. Students are excited to be involved in our community, engaged in hands-on learning, and participate in FFA events across the state. You can follow us on Facebook (@Mapleton FFA) and Instagram (@mapletonffachapter), and the FFA reporter will be publishing a monthly newsletter through S'More.

Thanks to generous donors in our community, Mapleton student athletes now benefit from five endowment funds at Ashland County Community Foundation.

Local businessman and 1970 Mapleton graduate Bob Simonson recently established four funds to support the Boys' football, wrestling and baseball as well as the Boys' and Girls' track teams. The funds include "Robert Simonson Family Fund, for the benefit of Mapleton Baseball," "Robert Simonson Family Fund, for the benefit of Mapleton Boys' and Girls' Track," "Robert Simonson Family Fund, for the benefit of Mapleton Football" and Robert Simonson Family Fund, for the benefit of Mapleton Wrestling."

Additionally, Thomas and Kristie Donelson recently established the "John R. Donelson Memorial Fund, for the benefit of Mapleton High School Girls' Softball Program" in memory of Thomas's father, John, who was a fan of the Mapleton Girl's softball program.

Endowment funds are a way of providing annual income for a particular cause, long into the future. When a donor des-

ignated fund is established for a Mapleton athletic team, Ashland County Community Foundation invests the donors' gifts and uses investment income to pay a distribution to the school district each year to benefit the designated team. These extra dollars can be used for items like uniforms and equipment.

Donations to any of these existing funds can be made in any amount by anyone at any time. To donate online, visit www.ashlandforgood.org. Checks made out to Ashland County Community Foundation with the fund name in the memo line can be mailed to Ashland County Community Foundation, 300 College Ave. Ashland, OH 44805.

New donor designated funds can be started at ACCF for any extracurricular activity. In other districts, donors have established funds not only for sports but also for band programs, FFA programs and mock trial teams. For more information about starting a new fund, visit www.ashlandforgood.org or contact ACCF President/CEO Jim Cutright at (419) 281-4733 or cutty@ashlandforgood.org.

Schools Identifying Special Needs Children

In an effort to serve young students with disabilities, school districts in Ohio are in the process of locating and evaluating children from birth through 21 years of age. Disabilities may include developmental delays, health impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Individuals may contact their local school district about children who may have a disability and may be eligible for special education services. Mapleton's Special Education Director, Morgan Lengacher, has information available about special education policies and procedures.

Honor Bus

In honor of Veterans Day, National Junior Honor Society will be holding their annual fundraiser campaign to raise money for the Ashland County Veterans Honor Bus. If you would like to donate please email NJHS advisor, Cassie Swanson, at mapl_cswanson@tccsa.net or send a check made out to Mapleton Local Schools with attention to National Junior Honor Society: Veteran Honor Bus to 1 Mountie Drive, Ashland, OH 44805.

LOOKING AHEAD

FALL SPORTS

As we look ahead, we are excited to watch each of our fall sport athletes shine on and off the field and court. Keep an eye out for Mounties as they participate in Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Soccer, Golf, and Cross Country. Keep an eye on the Mapleton High School AD Facebook page and the school website for each sport's schedule.

AUGUST

- 1-2 FFA Officer Retreat
- 17 First day of school for students

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Health & Wellness Fair
- 18-24 Ashland County Fair
- 25-28 FFA Greenhand Camp
- 30 Homecoming game

OCTOBER

- 1 Homecoming Dance
- 7 FFA Fruit Sale Begins
- 15 MXC Haunted 5k and Trunk or Treat
- 25-29 FFA National Convention

NOVEMBER

- 3 Parent Teacher Conferences