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Dear Adrian Public Schools Community,

Welcome to the 2019 Back to School edition of The Maple Messenger, the official newsletter of Adrian Public Schools!

We are on track for one of the best starts to the school year in history. Thanks to the community support in the passage of the 2016 bond, all buildings now have robust wireless and new devices, state of the art facilities to support teaching and learning, and safe and secure buildings.

Students at Adrian High School have the opportunity to participate in new courses which include: Zoology, Media Productions/Photography, Innovative Entrepreneurship, Human Resources, and the History of Sports in America. Incoming Freshmen will also participate in a seminar course designed to help transition students into the high school as well as build the necessary skills early on to support college and career readiness.

As the school year starts, each building will reconnect their students on the district-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program (PBIS) which promotes the essential principles of Maple PRIDE – Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. These core principles are



used to build a positive climate, culture, and behavioral expectations within all our schools.

I am proud of the services and programs that we are able to offer to our community. Students at APS not only have the most opportunities in the county when it comes to programs and offerings, but they also have an amazing professional and dedicated staff committed to their success.

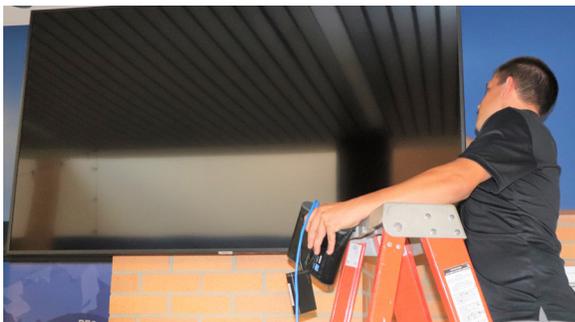
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Robert Behnke
Superintendent

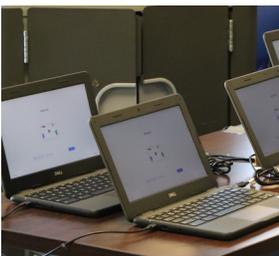
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Community Recreation off and running... and swimming and kicking and...

The APS Community Recreation Department wrapped up year one this spring. Adrian Public Schools students participated in record numbers. Parent and student feedback helped craft a strong program that will continue to expand this fall. The department was created last summer as a result of the need to provide recreational athletic opportunities for APS students in the younger grades.

This year, students had the opportunity to participate in basketball, swimming, soccer, and a running club. "This year's numbers exceeded our expectations. Our partnership with the YMCA, City of Adrian, and Community Mental Health proved to be a success for our kids," said Jeremiah Davies, Director of Community Recreation. With strong participation numbers, the department is excited to expand beyond the 142 that participated in basketball, 50 in swimming, 129 in soccer, and 102 in the running club.

Currently, there are ongoing talks with the City of Adrian



to support future opportunities and partner with the YMCA to support the District initiative to keep students involved, active, and healthy. Be on the lookout for fall programs in the coming weeks.

Investing in a New Tune

Adrian Public Schools band and orchestra students will benefit from a third year of new instrument purchases as a result of the partnership with the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation and Elizabeth Ruthruff Wilson Foundation. Over the three years, each organization is contributing \$10,000 per year, for a total investment of \$90,000 to purchase new instruments.

"This partnership provides direct investment in the music programs at APS by purchasing and replacing instruments such as the timpani, xylophone, violas, cellos, and piccolos" explained Derrick Richards, Curriculum Director at APS.

Music Teachers are already seeing the impact in the classroom. Sheri Powers, Springbrook Middle School

Band Director said, "The best part of this is that we are putting quality instruments into the hands of our students."

To learn more about the music programs "like" the Adrian Music Booster's page on Facebook.



Outstanding APS Alumni and Teachers to Be Honored

Three outstanding AHS alumni and three outstanding APS staff members will be recognized for their achievements and contributions to their communities and students.

The 2019 Outstanding Alumni and Teacher recipients will be honored at a ceremony at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 3rd at the Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center at AHS. The event, hosted by the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation and AHS Alumni Association, will begin with a reception at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be available for \$10 through their office. Any questions can be directed to (517) 263-2911.

Outstanding Alumni Include:

Laura (Erpelding) Cox '82 - Former State Representative and current Chair of the Michigan Republican Party

Dave Loop '62 - Army veteran, volunteer, community champion

The Royal Coachmen - 2018 Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame inductees

John (Rick) Betz '66
Bob Cantu '66
Jeff Worman '66
Doug Hickman '66
Rick Coscarelli '65

Outstanding Teachers



Maricela Alvarez:
Lincoln Elementary
Title 1 Literacy
Support Teacher

Jason Lucious:
AHS Math Teacher

Tanya Smith:
AHS Health & PE
Teacher

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APS IN THE NEWS

Youth Recreation Programs making a Comeback in Adrian
Daily Telegram May 25, 2019

Alexander Tops Food Drive Goal
Daily Telegram March 6, 2019



APS's McKinney wins Public Service Announcement Contest
WLEN June 5, 2019

Lewandowski named Prairie Elementary School principal
The Daily Telegram May 13, 2019



Lincoln Culture Club

Bringing global awareness and teaching respect for other cultures was the focal point for the Culture Club at Lincoln Elementary this past school year. Advisor Valerie Poupard worked with students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Students met to learn about a variety of other cultures and backgrounds. China, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and Ukraine were just several unique and culturally rich countries that students had the opportunity to explore.

Students also collaborated with exchange students from Adrian High School. Exchange students shared their language, culture, and even shared important dances and celebrations.

“Culture Club brought international awareness and multicultural interest into our school, and through this process, our students, along with our entire school, have grown together to appreciate cultural differences,” said Poupard.

In May, the club put on a multicultural performance with singing and dancing which was enhanced by students wearing traditional clothing. This program was supported by the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation and the Lincoln PTO.



Governor Surprises Students

Students at Alexander Elementary had the pleasure of a surprise visit from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer during “March is Reading Month” this past spring where she read *M is for Mitten*, by Annie Appleford. Students were given the opportunity to ask a variety of questions ranging from the Governor’s favorite part of her job, inside information on snow days, school safety, and M-STEP testing.

The Governor also took the opportunity to speak with administrators and school educators on the hot topics of education facing APS.

Students from Michener Elementary performed selections for Alexander students and Governor Whitmer from Disney’s *The Lion King*.



Student Council Created

Student leaders at Prairie Elementary had a productive year as they participated in community service projects and provided input on important school decisions.



Mrs. Ohrman, Student Council advisor, worked with the Prairie Elementary Student Council and focused on two areas: school climate and how to serve the local community.

Students voted to join the COIN DRIVE this spring and collaborated with the City of Adrian, The Hair Studio, and other

APS schools to collect spare change to support “Share the Warmth”.

Members of the Student Council also had a unique opportunity to interview the two principal candidate finalists. After interviewing the candidates, the Council gave the Superintendent and selection committee feedback from a student lens. Student Council elections will take place this fall.



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Morning Meetings a Success



In an effort to increase a sense of community and improve students’ ability to problem solve in social situations, “Morning Meetings,” were implemented at Michener Elementary. The first 15 minutes of each day are dedicated to morning meetings and making sure the focus is on school.

Students gather in their classrooms and discuss the topic of the day, take care of classroom business such as the schedule for the day, and problem solve how to handle conflicts. This new initiative resulted in a 20% reduction in behavior referrals this past year.

Topics for morning meetings range from goal setting, showing kindness and respect to others, positive behavior traits, and what it means to possess Maple Pride.

All APS buildings received professional development that was supported by the Southeast Michigan Dispute Resolution Center to implement morning meetings.

Holocaust Memorial Visit

Students from Springbrook Middle School’s Holocaust History class learned about one of the darkest experiences in history as part of a class trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. The trip for the 89 students was made possible through a \$1,000 grant Mrs. Frank received from the Toli Foundation.

One of the most touching exhibits was an actual boxcar used by the Nazis during WWII to transport Jews and other “undesirables” during the implementation of the “Final Solution”.

Students also had a once in a lifetime experience of being able to listen to a Holocaust survivor share his experiences. Mr. Jack Gunn spoke about his experiences as a death camp survivor and what he had to endure until his camp was liberated.

A sincere thank you to the Toli Foundation and Mrs. Frank for making this trip possible.



Coming to the Stage

This fall, Springbrook Middle School will be launching the “Springbrook Shakespeare Society.” Following the success of the 2018 production of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night,” Adrian Public Schools Theater Manager, Emily Gifford, is thrilled by the student reaction to this important educational theater work and plans to stage one of his masterpieces every fall.



MACBETH
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Each year there will be an initiation ceremony for cast and crew, welcoming them into the challenging and incredible world of the Bard.

The 2019 fall production will be “Macbeth,” a thrilling drama set in Scotland. The play will be full of stage combat, mystery, drama, and brilliant special effects.

The play will be Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 pm at the Julia and George Argyros Performing Arts Center.

Be a Part Of The Conversation

Springbrook Principal Nate Parker started a process last year to keep parents more involved in their student’s educational process. A Parent Advisory Council was created to provide an avenue of communication with parents, as decisions on their child’s educational paths were being made. Year one was extremely successful as parent input helped form decisions on topics such as new class offerings, school climate, and safety concerns. Principal Parker is eager to continue this critical conversation with parents and is inviting middle school parents to be involved this year as well.



Be on the lookout as dates and times will be announced in the coming months.

MAPLE PRIDE

Class of 2019

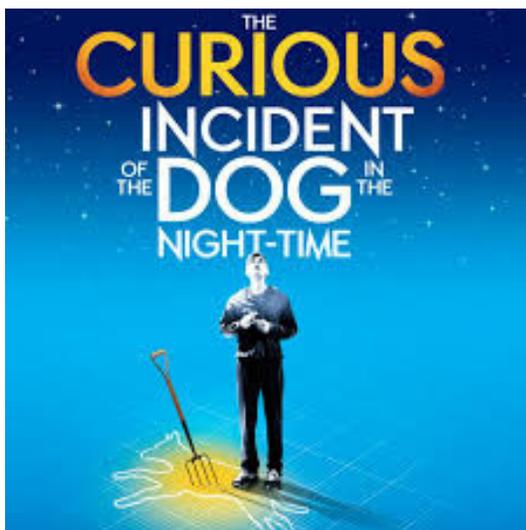
Another highly accomplished graduating class has passed through the halls of Adrian High School. The Class of 2019 received their diplomas on June 2, 2019, in front of a packed and excited crowd in the AHS gymnasium.

The Class of 2019 included 23 graduates who achieved Summa Cum Laude honors with a 4.0 or higher GPA; 20 graduates reaching Magna Cum Laude honors with a 3.8-3.99 GPA; and 11 with Cum Laude honors, at a 3.5-3.79 GPA. The class also earned just shy of \$1.1 million in full-ride college, foundation, and local academic scholarships.

"I'm excited to see another fantastic group of graduates move on out into the world and begin the pursuit of their dreams. I believe the lessons taught here at AHS will help guide them in all of their future endeavors," said Adrian High School Principal, Mike Perez.



Congratulations Graduates!



Fall Production

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" will be produced by AHS students this fall. The story involves a mystery surrounding the death of a neighbor's dog that is investigated by young Christopher Boone, who has an autism spectrum condition. The story also explores his relationships with his parents and school mentor. This beautiful story will challenge our students and audiences to look at the world around them in a different way, and see things from a unique perspective.

Adrian High School is also joining the International Thespian Society, which will provide students with the opportunity to attend the Michigan Thespian Festival. This will enable students to receive feedback from theater professionals, participate in workshops, and audition for theater scholarships.

Performance dates for "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" will be November 14th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 pm in The Julia and George Argyros Performing Arts Center.

New Course Offerings

A new course revolving around student development will be offered 1st-trimester for all incoming freshmen at Adrian High School. Course concepts will include what it means to be an Adrian Maple and how to prepare as a high school student. The premise of this course is to address the following questions; Who am I? How do I work with you? How do we build a team? What is our purpose? Where do I fit?

“After talking with our students, parents, and staff, we felt that incoming freshmen could benefit from a class to help them transition into high school successfully. Our Freshmen Seminar class is designed to do just that as it will concentrate on teaching the students the soft skills needed to be successful while also creating a community of relationships and pride which will be beneficial throughout high school and beyond,” said Scott Kelley, Adrian High School Dean of Students.

Individual development, personal accountability, civic engagement, academic skills, careers, and the seven habits of highly effective teens all will be a part of the curriculum. The course seeks to assist students in understanding who they are, their role as students and community members, and their purpose at AHS and how to best plan for college and/or career readiness.

Who am I?
How do I work with you?
How do we build a team?
What is our purpose?
Where do I fit?



Athletic Director In Place

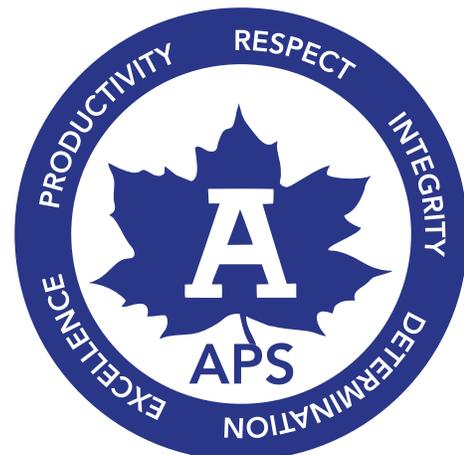
Andrew Mains started his duties as Adrian High School’s Athletic Director July 1st. The former principal of Three Rivers Middle School brings a wealth of experience in his new role, as he has previous experience as an athletic director, vocationally certified business teacher, varsity coach, and collegiate basketball player.

“My family and I are excited to be Maples, and to be a part of the Maple family,” said Mains. “I’m looking forward to building on the rich tradition here at Adrian, and I’m going to do all I can to put our coaches and student-athletes in the best position possible to be successful.”



During the hiring process, Mains stood out as he continually provided the committee with creative solutions for the athletic department based upon his

previous experiences. Since his hire, Mains has been meeting with coaches, players, and administration to learn about Maple programs and athletics.



STATE CHAMPIONS

Day' Anna Marr and Jacob Harvey earned state titles this past spring. Marr, who is entering her junior year, brought home two state titles. She won the Division 2 State Championship in both the long jump with a leap of 18' 10 ¼" and the high jump at 5' 4". "Day' Anna exemplifies what we want out of our Maple athletes. Hard work, integrity, coachability, and a leader among her peers," said Coach Tammy Francis.

Harvey, a 2019 graduate, won the 2019 Division 2 Boys Individual State Bowling Title in commanding fashion,



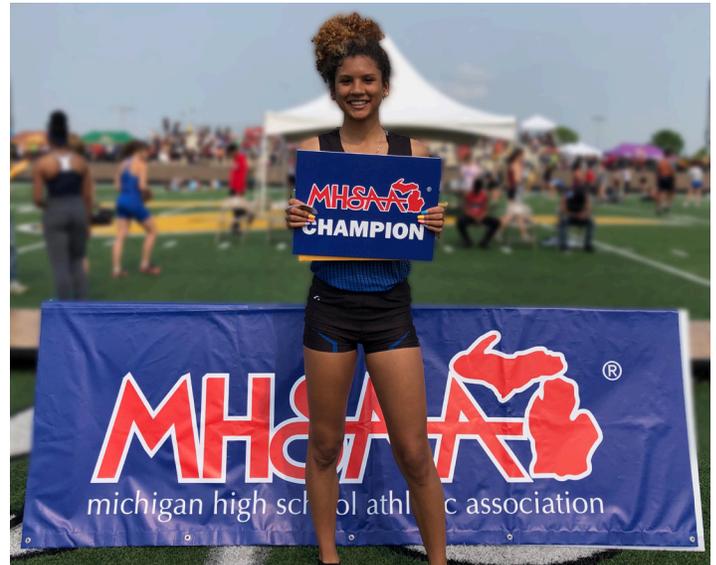
Right: Rep. Kahle presenting Jacob Harvey with a tribute from Gov. Whitmer

Far Right: State Champion Day' Anna Marr



beating his opponent 428-321. He outlasted a large field of high caliber bowlers on his way to winning the title.

Congratulations to both student-athletes as they represented themselves, and the entire Maple athletic program well.



Strength Program Paying Dividends

Student-Athletes are preparing for the new year under the direction and supervision of strength and conditioning coaches from Mission Fitness. The main focus of the program is to provide all student-athletes with state of the art strength and conditioning to assist in improving performance and overall wellness all year.

Austin Austermilller, the lead Mission Fitness trainer at Adrian High School, notes progress in performance and injury reduction. "The athletes I've worked with consistently have improved their explosiveness, their strength, and have increased their muscle mass. With this program, I believe we've done a great job of keeping kids on the field/court while improving their overall performance. Our kids are more confident in the weight room. We've tried to implement a culture of being confident in one's self, and I think the kids have benefited from that."

The program takes place in the high school's new Performance Gym and is provided at no cost to students. Students are highly encouraged to participate

and take full advantage of all offerings available to them all year long.

If you or your student have questions, please email Austin at austin@missionsportsperformance.com



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Un nuevo libro escrito por Nick Rokicki y Joseph Kelly destaca la rica herencia hispana en el Condado de Lenawee. Los fondos para el libro fueron proveídos por Teaching Tolerance, una organización nacional. La edición en inglés se publicó en junio. Gracias al Club AM Rotario de Adrian por su apoyo financiero para la traducción del libro al español. Los personajes del libro, un grupo de patos que asisten las escuelas de Adrian,

discuten la importancia de la historia de la población hispana del Condado de Lenawee, la diversidad dentro de la cultura hispana, y cómo resolver conflictos. En el libro se incluyen lugares importantes de Adrian y también obras de arte de los estudiantes de las escuelas de Adrian. Tendremos una lectura del libro en español en la Biblioteca del Distrito de Adrian, el 16 de septiembre de 6 – 7pm.

¡Gracias!

Le damos nuestras sinceras gracias a Paulo Caballer, propietario de Veronicas Market. Veronica's Market continúa apoyando el Club Latino de La Escuela Secundario de Adrian. En cooperación con los estudiantes del Club, sus donaciones de alimentos se usaron para las conferencias de Padres/Maestros y la Conferencia de Jóvenes Latinos. Agradecemos el apoyo continuo de Veronica's Market a nuestros estudiantes y la comunidad Latina.





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Tuesday, September 3, 2019	First Day of School for students K-12 - Half Day AM	Thursday, February 13, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM
Friday, October 4, 2019	Homecoming - 7:00 PM Early Release for grades 9-12 PM at 12:30 PM	February 14-17, 2020	Mid-Winter Break No school for students/staff
October 16-17, 2019	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening	Thursday, March 12, 2020	7-12 Exams PM K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start
Thursday, October 31, 2019	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM	Friday, March 13, 2020	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM End of 2nd Trimester K-12
Tuesday, November 26, 2019	7-12 Exams PM K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start	March 18-19, 2020	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening
Wednesday, November 27, 2019	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM End of 1st Trimester K-12	April 6 - April 10, 2020	No school for staff/students- Spring Break
November 28-29, 2019	No school for students/staff - Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday, April 13, 2020	School resumes
December 4-5, 2019	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening	Friday, May 22, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM Graduating Seniors Last Day
Friday, December 20, 2019	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM Winter Break begins at close of school day for students/staff	Monday, May 25, 2020	No school for students/staff - Memorial Day
Monday, January 6, 2020	School resumes for staff/students	Sunday, May 31, 2020	High School Graduation
Friday, January 17, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM	Monday, June 8, 2020	7-12 Exams PM K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start
Monday, January 20, 2020	No school for students or staff	Tuesday, June 9, 2020	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM - Last Student Day End of 3rd Trimester K-12
January 22-23, 2020	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening		