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Adrian Public Schools ... Showing Maple PRIDE before, during and after school

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Dear Adrian Public Schools families, teachers, administrators and support staff:



Welcome to the Back to School 2017 edition of The Maple Messenger, the official newsletter of Adrian Public Schools!

We are moving full-steam ahead into the 2017-2018 school year as our district continues to evolve to meet the needs of all APS students and the entire Adrian community.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we will continue to see new and updated facilities and security additions districtwide. We'll dedicate the improved **Maple Stadium** at our first home game on Sept. 8. The new **Outdoor Education Center Dedicated to Joe Pullen** will be dedicated on Oct. 5.

Our district has begun the work of defining what a 21st century teaching and learning environment should look like in Adrian Public Schools, but I need your help: I want to hear from you as we begin to determine the resources needed to make this vision a reality. We must provide our students with the tools needed to achieve and succeed in the ever-evolving workforce and world. I have asked our principals to help me lead this conversation.

Over the next few weeks, I will begin these conversations in our schools and throughout the Adrian community. I will hold community meetings on **Sept. 19 from 6-7 p.m. in Adrian High School Room B100**, and on **Oct. 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Springbrook Middle School Media Center**. I am eager to launch this critical conversation and learn what you – our Maple family – envision for Adrian Public Schools.

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program, or PBIS, will kick into high gear as we continue to promote Maple PRIDE – Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence – and strive to create a culture of respect for all students, teachers and support staff.

I am proud of all our continued success at Adrian Public Schools, both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your superintendent. Go Maples!

Sincerely,

Bob Behnke, Superintendent

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Bond projects update

Maples will return to a new and improved Adrian Public Schools this fall!

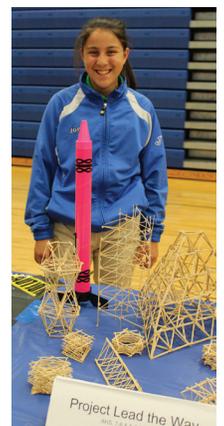
Major projects were underway this summer, including the new Outdoor Education Center Dedicated to Joe Pullen and the upgraded pool at Adrian High School. New safety equipment was installed at the high school, part of ongoing efforts to make APS a safe, welcoming and nurturing learning environment for all students.

Springbrook Middle School students will likely do a double take on the first day of school. The Springbrook Library is being transformed into a central learning hub, where students will have access to the latest digital resources, large and small learning spaces, computer labs and more.

STEM Night highlights student innovation

Adrian Public Schools students from every grade demonstrated their robotics, 3-D printing and other Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-inspired projects at the **STEM and Personal Project Showcase** in May at the Adrian High School gym.

Highlights of this event included International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program projects, Makerspace activities and robotics and 3-D printing projects.





Hats off to the Class of 2017!

In June, 224 Adrian High School and McKinley Education Center students received their diplomas, all embarking on unique paths toward college and successful careers.



A total of 189 students graduated from Adrian High School on June 4 at Maple Stadium, many with top recognitions for their academic achievement and leadership.

The AHS Class of 2017 was led by valedictorians **Tanner Gritzmaker, Michael Petterson, Greeshma Pandya** and **Caila Coyne**, and salutatorian **Maggie Roback**.

The AHS graduating class included 51 honor graduates: 14 cum laude, 12 magna cum laude and 25 summa cum laude. Twelve graduates received International Baccalaureate diplomas. Leading up to graduation, 43 graduates were awarded scholarships totaling more than \$50,000.

Send-off for McKinley grads



On June 6, 35 McKinley Education Center adult and alternative education students, many earning academic accolades and college scholarships, graduated at the Adrian Performing Arts Center.

McKinley's alternative high school program serves students ages 17-19 through traditional and online courses and technical training programs. The school's adult education program allows students age 20 and older to earn their high school diploma or prepare for the GED test.

NOTE: This fall, McKinley is moving to Comstock Elementary School, 801 E. Maumee St., now the Adrian Community Education Center.

Meet your new APS principals

Adrian Public Schools will welcome four new principals this fall!



Ron Jacobs will take the helm at Adrian High School. Jacobs was previously assistant principal at Carlson High School in the Gibraltar School District. At Carlson, he led the Captains program, a mentoring program that pairs freshmen with upperclassmen.

Jacobs plans to continue the program at AHS, as well as an initiative to ensure all students have a plan for college or jobs by graduation.



Ann Lacasse will take over as principal of Michener Elementary. Lacasse comes to APS from Clinton Elementary School, where she was a special education teacher and preschool transition coordinator.



Mike Perez, formerly Prairie Elementary principal and an AHS assistant principal, will take the reins at Alexander Elementary.



Shanan Henline will take over as principal at Prairie Elementary. Henline was previously Teacher Leader at Prairie and an APS instructional coach. She played a key role in the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program at APS.

Make sure to give a warm welcome to all our new principals!

Welcome our new Dean of Students!



Lisa Fisher is already a familiar face at Adrian Public Schools, but will step into a new role this fall.

Fisher, previously a special education teacher at AHS, will be Dean of Students at Springbrook Middle School and Alexander Elementary. In her new position, she will help ensure all students learn in a safe, welcoming and vibrant environment. She will also work with families and APS teachers, faculty and staff to help resolve student, parent and staff concerns.

Fisher was selected for the new position in June.



PBIS Spotlight: Springbrook Middle School

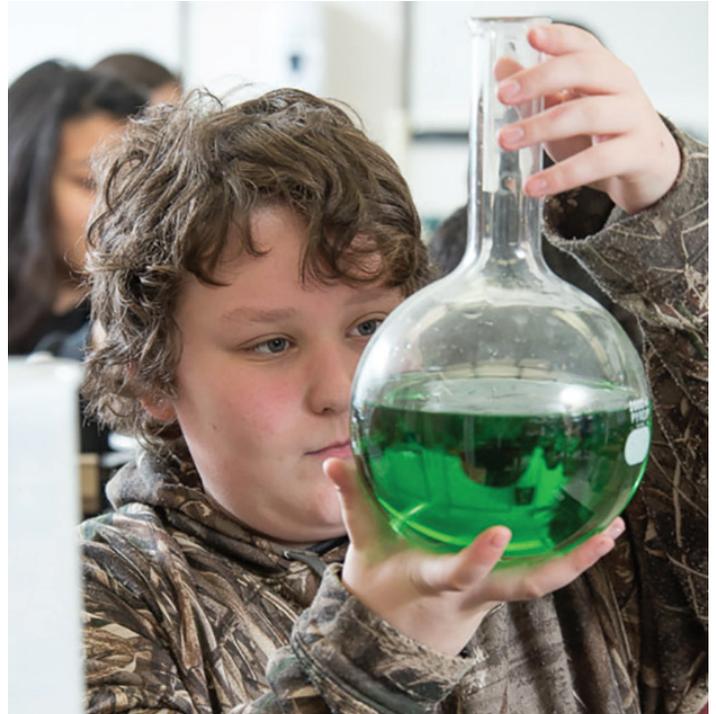
Maple PRIDE — Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence – was contagious at Springbrook Middle School last school year, serving as a model for students in all APS buildings.

Springbrook was a standout following last school year's launch of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, a districtwide positive behavior and discipline initiative. Through PBIS, students learn how to demonstrate the five PRIDE qualities in the classroom and beyond.

Since the program launched in January, the number of Springbrook students sent to the office has declined by 28 percent. Suspensions have declined by 62 percent at the school.

Springbrook students worked in groups to learn key Maple PRIDE behaviors, then created videos demonstrating Maple PRIDE, Principal **Nate Parker** explained. Students were rewarded with “Maple Bucks” that could be redeemed at lunchtime for rewards, prizes and special school privileges. The more Maple Bucks earned, the larger the prize awarded. T-shirt drawings were held every Friday.

“This positive recognition created a buzz in the building that resulted in students being more cognizant of the posted rules and expectations,” Principal Parker explained. “This awareness led to an increase in the preferred behaviors.”



Maples in the news

Maples aren't just making the grade: They're making news and giving back to their community!

Spanish, technology classes taught earlier in Adrian

(Toledo Blade, June 11, 2017)

Mock fatal crash shows students dangers of drunken driving

(MLive, April 19, 2017)

Adrian High teacher earns fellowship to create new STEM tools

(Adrian Daily Telegram, June 11, 2017)



Lincoln Community Bike Day promotes physical activity, safety



In May, Lincoln Elementary students and parents rode their bicycles to school and learned about riding skills, safety and bike maintenance during Lincoln Community Bike Day.

The roughly 200 Lincoln students formed two “bike trains” on the 1.5-mile ride to school. Cycling professionals held mini-clinics during the event and taught students hand signals, road safety and ways to keep their bikes in tip-top shape. Participating students were entered into a drawing to win a new bike!

The “bike trains” formed again at the end of the school day for the ride home. The school organized the event with the City of Adrian, Re-Bicycle, Tau Delta, Adrian College, Adrian Lock and Bike and the Lenawee Wheelers.

Fluency Friends return to Michener

Michener Elementary and Adrian community leaders are teaming up to bring the Fluency Friends reading program back this fall. In the program, community members donate their time to read to Michener students throughout the school year.

For the fourth year, Rotarians from the Morning and Lunch Rotary Clubs and other community volunteers will help Michener students further their love of reading.



‘Buddy Benches’ arrive at APS

Everyone needs a good listener now and again.

That’s now possible at all APS elementary schools, thanks to “Buddy Benches” installed at the schools over the summer. By sitting on the benches, students will make their classmates aware they need someone to talk to.

The benches, donated by the Adrian Noon Rotary Club, were dedicated to current teacher and principal mentor **Jeff Petterson**. They will be available to students starting this fall.

So keep an eye on your school’s Buddy Bench, and lend an ear to your fellow Maples!



Prairie to host ‘Back to School Bash’

Prairie Elementary will celebrate the start of the new school year with the Back to School Bash on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the school. The event is being organized with the Prairie PTO and Faith Baptist Church.

The free event will include food, music, a bounce house, cotton candy, popsicles and much more! Families will have the opportunity to meet Prairie teachers and staff.

Add the Prairie Back to School Bash to your calendar today!



Robotics, computer science and more!

Adrian Public Schools is creating tomorrow's rocket scientists, engineers and computer programmers, thanks to Project Lead the Way! The educational journey begins at Springbrook Middle School, and continues at Adrian High School.

Project Lead the Way includes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses that prepare

Springbrook and AHS students for the competitive 21st century workforce.

PLTW courses include Introduction to Engineering Design, Automation and Robotics, and Computer Science. Through these courses, students build robots, configure rockets, create computer applications and even design bridges!

Starting this fall, Springbrook students will take the courses in the two new Springbrook Project Lead the Way Labs.

HIGH SCHOOL



Maple Stadium kick-off!

The new and improved Maple Stadium will be dedicated during the first Varsity Football home game on Friday, Sept. 8! Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

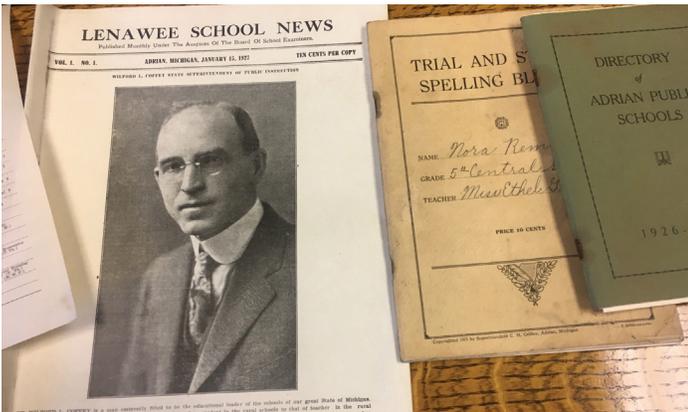
Class of 1956 Maple football players – among the first Maples to play on the original field – will be honored at halftime, along with other alumni and project donors. The first 1,000 people to enter the gates will receive a Maple Stadium dedication sticker!



Maple fans should approach the stadium off Division Street and park on the south end of the field.

Space for overflow parking will be available along Dawes Street and at the Human Services Building off Winter Street. All Maple fans will enter the stadium through the new ticket booths at the south end of the field.

Work at Maple Stadium will continue next spring with bleachers, press box upgrades and additional landscaping.



One moment in time...

Historical artifacts — some nearly 100 years old — were discovered in “time capsules” at Garfield School and McKinley Education Center this summer.

The Garfield and McKinley time capsules were opened during two separate events as both schools prepared to close their doors. Crowds of more than 75 APS students, staff, parents, alumni and community members attended the events, shared fond memories and took final tours of the buildings.

Laughs and tears alike were shared as the capsules were opened.

Each building had a time capsule capped decades ago in its cornerstone. The relics included school records, newspapers and yearbooks from 1926! The McKinley time capsule artifacts were donated to the Lenawee County Historical society. The Garfield relics didn't fare as well due to water damage.

McKinley is slated to be torn down this fall and returned to green space. A plan to redevelop the Garfield building is underway with Keller Development.



Dual enrollment update

Adrian High School will see an increase in college course enrollment this school year, another example of APS preparing all students for college and careers!

This fall, 50 students will take classes at Siena Heights University, Adrian College, Washtenaw Community College and Jackson College. These students will earn a total 158 college credits this fall semester alone.

The college courses range from algebra to psychology, and music theory to criminal justice. To enroll in the college courses, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a qualifying composite score on at least one student assessment test. APS pays tuition costs and related fees.

To learn more, call the AHS Counseling Department at (517) 266-4532.



¡CELEBRAMOS!



Los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian se unen al proyecto del mural de la comunidad

Los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrián de Upward Bound y los profesores de arte ayudaron a pintar el enorme Mural de Visiones de la Comunidad en el edificio Wheelock Home Medical este verano. El proyecto de la parte este de Adrian fue otro testamento más del orgullo Maple PRIDE (Productividad, Respeto, Integridad, Determinación y Excelencia).

A lo largo del proceso de tres semanas, más de 200 miembros de la comunidad, entre los que se incluyen los estudiantes y maestros de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian, participaron en la lluvia de ideas, planificación, diseño y pintura del mural. El mural se ha creado a través de la colaboración de toda la comunidad con la asociación Habitat para la Humanidad del Condado de Lenawee y también con la Universidad Siena Heights, y fue guiado por el artista de renombre nacional y nacido en Adrian, **Martin Moreno**.

El mural se inauguró en julio durante una celebración en la que participó toda la comunidad.

Retoques del mural

Mientras que los estudiantes y artesanos locales creaban el Nuevo mural Wheelock, un segundo grupo retocó el mural de los panes y los peces que está al final de la calle. El mural de los panes y los peces, que se pintó hace dos años, necesitaba un poquito de TLC (atención con amor y ternura –por sus siglas en inglés-). El equipo de la escuela APS, sus estudiantes y la comunidad de Adrian consiguieron el reto con creces.



¡Precioso trabajo por parte de todo el mundo!

Los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian se unen para ser líderes

Estudiantes líderes de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian se reunirán en la Conferencia de las Juventudes Latinas, programada para el viernes 20 de octubre en la Universidad Siena Heights. Los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrián participarán en cursos de liderazgo en el campus a lo largo del día. Negocios hispanos del área de Adrian están ayudando a subvencionar el evento.

¡Felicitaciones a todos los líderes Maple!

Línea de teléfono en español para todas las familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian

Las familias que hablan español pueden saber sobre los eventos, alertas y actualizaciones de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian a través de nuestra línea de teléfono dedicada para ello.

La línea de teléfono (517) 417-6277, está monitoreada por personal de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian que hablan español y que están listos para ayudar. La línea de teléfono se creó para ayudar a que todos los estudiantes tengan éxito en las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian sin tener en cuenta sus orígenes, tal y como dijo el superintendente **Bob Behnke**.



Outstanding APS alumni, teachers to be honored

Nine Adrian Public Schools alumni and teachers will be recognized for their contributions to students, families and the entire APS community this fall.

The 2017 Outstanding Alumni and Teachers recipients will be honored at a ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center at AHS. The event, hosted by the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation, will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Education Center Dedicated to Joe Pullen.

Tickets will be available in September. At the event, the Outdoor Education Center will be dedicated, and the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Outstanding Alumni include:

Mary Alice Powell, Class of 1946, retired *Toledo Blade* food editor

The late Albert Ruesink, Class of 1955, former Professor of Biology at Indiana University

Dane Nelson, Class of 1967, former City of Adrian Administrator

Maria Leary Richards, Class of 1982, Geothermal Laboratory Coordinator and International Geothermal Representative, Southern Methodist University

Matthew Jones, Class of 1996, musician and founder of the River Street Anthology in Ypsilanti

Nicholas Clift, Class of 2009, Senior Business Analyst, McKinsey & Co.

Outstanding Teachers/Mentors include:



Monica Adams, AHS math Teacher



Jeff Petterson, teacher and principal mentor



Tracy Hribar, AHS graduation coach

Congratulations to all of our 2017 honorees for their dedication to the entire APS community!



Maple sports teams ready for action

The new and improved

Maple Stadium and the dedication of APS athletes all summer long promise an exciting fall Maple sports season.

The **Varsity Football** team will take the field fresh off a triumphant district championship last fall. Special events are being planned for each Maples home football game.



The AHS **Girls Golf** team will hit the links on the heels of its 2016 conference championship. The **Girls Volleyball** team, a district and regional champion last year, will return to the court this fall.

The **Girls Swim Team** will host the **Girls Swim and Dive Alumni Night** at the upgraded AHS pool on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Get ready to cheer on your Maples!

Maple PRIDE: It's contagious!

Adrian Public Schools is preparing tomorrow's leaders today through unique and diverse learning opportunities that pave the way for all students to achieve and succeed.

APS offers top-notch Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction, K-12 Spanish and technology courses, International Baccalaureate curriculum, dual enrollment opportunities and much, much more! We continually expand these learning opportunities to help prepare all APS students for the competitive 21st century workforce.

We instill Maple PRIDE: Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence in all APS students in a safe, welcoming and nurturing learning environment.

To join the Maples family, call (517) 263-2115 or visit us online at www.theadrianmaples.com before Sept. 8.



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Upcoming APS events:

- **Maple Stadium dedication:** Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
- **Outdoor Education Center dedication:** Thursday, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m. — Adrian High School
- **Outstanding Alumni and Mentor Awards:** Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. — Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, September 5, 2017	First Day of School for students K-12 – Student Half Day AM	Friday, February 16, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day AM
Friday, October 6, 2017	Homecoming – Early Release for grades 9-12 at 12:30pm	Monday, February 19, 2018	Mid-Winter Break No school for students/staff
October 18-19, 2017	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening	Thursday, March 8, 2018	K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start (7-12 Exams)
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	K-12 Student Half Day AM	Friday, March 9, 2018	K-12 Students Half Day AM (7-12 Exams) End of 2nd Trimester K-12
Tuesday, November 21, 2017	K-12 Student Half Day PM - Delayed Start (7-12 Exams)	March 21-22, 2018	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening
Wednesday, November 22, 2017	K-12 Student Half Day AM (7-12 Exams) End of 1st Trimester K-12	March 30 – April 6, 2018	No school for staff/students- Spring Break
November 23-24, 2017	No school for students/staff - Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday, April 9, 2018	School resumes
December 6-7, 2017	K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening	Friday, May 25, 2018	K-12 Students Half Day AM Graduating Seniors Last Day
Thursday, December 21, 2017	K-12 Student Half Day AM Winter Break begins at close of school day for students/staff	Monday, May 28, 2018	No school for students/staff - Memorial Day
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	School resumes for staff/students	Sunday, June 3, 2018	High School Graduation
Friday, January 12, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day AM K-12	Thursday, June 7, 2018	K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start (Exams 7-12)
Monday, January 15, 2018	MLK Jr. Holiday No school for students or staff	Friday, June 8, 2018	K-12 Students Half Day AM (7-21 Exams) Last Student Day End of 3rd Trimester K-12
January 24-25, 2018	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening		