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Dear Maple Community,

I hope you enjoy the fall issue of the Maple Messenger. We are excited to share the incredible activities and accomplishments of our students and staff and to provide a preview for the coming school year.

We have added several new positions this year to better serve our students. To provide for the social and emotional health of our students and to ensure that we have positive learning environments where students can learn and teachers can teach, we have created District positions for Mental Health Professionals in each of our buildings. We have added a Strength and Conditioning Coordinator to support our commitment to building championship athletic programs with Student Athletes of class and character. Likewise, we have filled the positions of Theater Manager and Fine Arts Coordinator. Every one of these positions is about student engagement and providing students the support they need to realize their hopes and dreams.





During the school year, we will engage in a comprehensive review of our curriculum and instruction to create "The Lesson Plan" – a strategic plan for ensuring engaging, rigorous, and relevant curriculum and instruction in our classrooms tied to post-secondary opportunities.

Also, please join us for our "Just Read" campaign and "Maple Guest Reader Program" as we focus on the importance of literacy for our learners and community. We will also be emphasizing "Attendance Matters" to ensure that we are engaging students in coming to school to benefit from all of the great programs available at Adrian Public Schools. See page 11 for more information regarding these initiatives and monitor future District communications for how you and your child can participate.

Thank you for all you do to support APS. We can't wait to partner with you once again to create outstanding opportunities for all of our Maple Scholars.

Go Maples,
Nate Parker

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-  www.facebook.com/maplepride
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APS prepares for the start of a new school year

The first day of school is Monday, August 29, 2022, and it will be a half day of instruction.

If you are an existing APS student who has moved and need to update your bus route, please call the school office. **This must be done before August 11th** in order to ensure first day of school transportation.

Offices are now open for new student enrollment, address changes, and all other beginning of the school year needs.

District start and end times:

Elementary: 8:35AM-3:38PM; Half-day dismissal: 12:10PM

Springbrook: 7:35AM- 2:24PM; Half-day dismissal: 11:00AM

High School: 7:45AM-2:36PM; Half-day dismissal: 11:10AM

If you have any further questions regarding the start of the school year, please call your student's building at:

- Alexander Elementary: (517) 263-9533
- Lincoln Elementary: (517) 265-8544
- Michener Elementary: (517) 263-9002
- Prairie Elementary: (517) 265-5082
- Springbrook Middle School: (517) 263-0543
- Adrian High School: (517) 263-2181

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WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOU BACK, CALL TODAY. 517-263-2115**

Outstanding APS alumni and teachers/mentors to be honored by ASEF this fall

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

The 2022 Outstanding Alumni and Teacher/Mentor recipients will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center at Adrian High School. The event is sponsored by the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation (ASEF) and the Adrian High School Alumni Office.

The ASEF, celebrating its 35th anniversary, supports the educational excellence of Adrian Public Schools through awarding classroom, building, and district grants.

Outstanding Alumni Include:

Bruce Brown, Class of 1961, Educator and Coach

Stuart MacDonald, Class of 1982, Magician/Entrepreneur

Heather Yerrick, Class of 1992, Theater Wardrobe Supervisor

Outstanding Teachers/Mentors Include:

Tracey DeMeritt, Alexander Elementary School

Tom MacNaughton, AHS Cross Country Coach

Ashley Rudolph, AHS Language Arts and Yearbook



Tom MacNaughton



Ashley Rudolph



Tracey DeMeritt



Registration for 2022-23 Head Start open online and in person

Head Start serves families and children in Lenawee County from pregnancy through age five. Head Start has classrooms at the main site at Drager, Prairie Elementary, Michener Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary. Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year.

Services that Head Start provides include; transportation assistance, all day programs, parenting education, disability support, family services, and health and nutrition guidance. Registration takes place at Drager Head Start building Monday through Friday from 7:30AM-4PM or online at adrianmaples.org.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Nancy Roback at 517-263-2544 ext. 2544



Adrian Recreation Department provides a variety of opportunities for students

The Adrian Recreation Department has seen tremendous growth in the few years since its establishment. The District started the Adrian Recreation Department as a way to serve the community and grow APS athletic programs.

More than 400 students (K-5) participated in Winter/Spring after-school programs.

During the summer of 2022, the Adrian Recreation Department focused on summer camps and was able to provide opportunities for more than 450 students to participate in sports specific summer camps.

The Adrian Recreation Department will have many opportunities for students in the 2022-2023 school year as well. Upcoming programming includes football, basketball, wrestling, run club, and swim club. New programming this year will include tennis, bowling, cheer, and volleyball.

For more information and to register for all of our programs/camps go to maplerecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program



APS IN THE NEWS

“Adrian Public Schools Board of Education selects Sam Skeels as next high school principal”

(Daily Telegram, May 11, 2022)

“Francis named Lenawee County Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year”

(Daily Telegram, June 19, 2022)

“Jason Skeels Selected as APS Middle School Assistant Principal”

(WLEN, June 16, 2022)

“Adrian Public Schools Board of Education recognizes 14 district Retirees”

(Daily Telegram, May 25, 2022)

AHS and Springbrook students conduct beta test of new app

Students at Springbrook Middle School and Adrian High School had a unique opportunity last spring to participate in the beta test of a new career and mentoring app, Jebbee, being created by Adrian High School Alum, Stephanie Hickman, and her partner, Kay Ponical. Students in classes led by Phil Andre, Tom Allor and Steven Guerra learned about the design process as they partnered with Hickman in testing a product that will allow students to connect with trade programs, colleges and employers and explore their interests and discover what careers those interests align to.

This specific beta test focused on the students' ability to connect with professionals of their choice, and create Virtual Career Day interviews, learning about their jobs on demand with questions chosen by them. Local parents and professionals participated in the beta, beginning what will eventually become a widespread database of professions aligned with our school and community.

Stephanie Hickman, Class of 1986, recently retired CEO, and current Board of Directors member at Brazeway, is an entrepreneur developing a social media app that allows students to create job exploration videos they can then share across the globe. The app will also give students



access to a worldwide network of virtual job exploration and real world information from individuals working in various careers, helping students to learn about career paths, answer questions, and help find their passion. Participants are then able to network with college and career recruiters to find the pathway best suited to their interests and skill set.

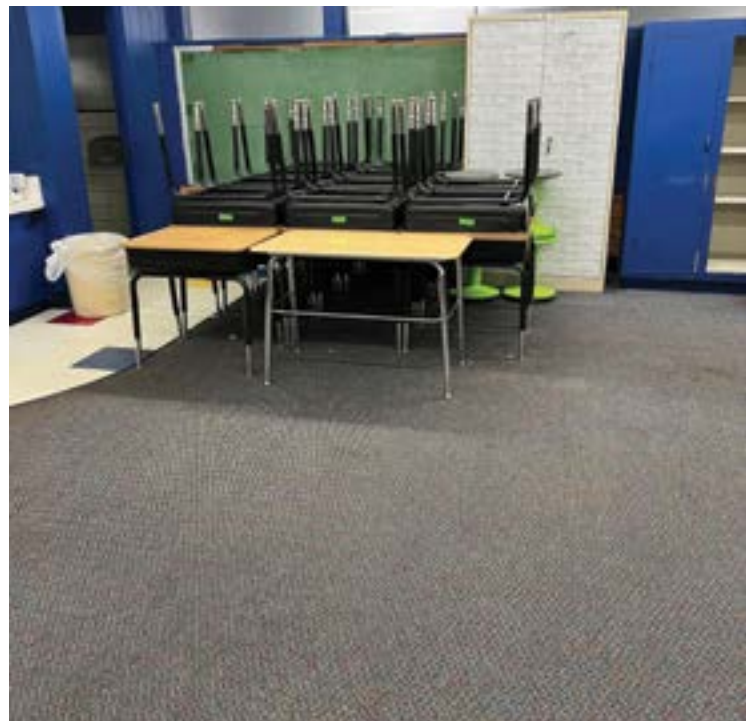
APS is grateful for the continued support of Stephanie and the Hickman family and the real world experience this provided for students.

APS buildings received improvements over the summer

Throughout the summer the District is working on a variety of improvements to Alexander Elementary, Michener Elementary and Adrian High School. Building improvements started as classes ended on June 3.

Improvements being completed at the three buildings include upgrades to HVAC systems which will include air conditioning capabilities and fresh paint and flooring in many classrooms. Other improvements in the District are fresh paint and flooring in the Alexander and Michener Media Centers, newly painted lockers and bottom inserts for lockers at Alexander and Michener. At Adrian High School new doors and frames for the Senior Lobby entrance have been installed. Alexander and Michener received newly painted gym walls. All three buildings received updated ceilings where needed.

In addition to work on the buildings, the Varsity Soccer field is receiving updated lighting, and the Alexander Boundless Playground will be installed during a community build at the end of August.



ELEMENTARY

Local partnership builds sense of community

Catalyst Church created a partnership with Alexander Elementary school for the 2021-2022 school year. To start the year, Catalyst Church organized a shoe drive for Alexander. Members of Catalyst Church donated over 30 pairs of brand new shoes for students.

Through this partnership Catalyst Church helped to provide coats, hats, and gloves during the cold winter months and snacks to keep students warm and fed. They dropped off donuts to thank the staff at Alexander for working with the children in our community. Catalyst members also delivered lunch for Alexander staff and teachers throughout the school year.

During Alexander's Literacy Night in March, Catalyst Church provided pizza for those attending. Principal Shanan Henline said, "Alexander is honored to partner with Catalyst Church. We appreciate their help to fill our needs."

This partnership provided support and services for students and helped bring a sense of community to Alexander. The partnership showed Alexander students that they have community support even outside the walls of Alexander.



Prairie to partner with Adrian Civil Air Patrol

Prairie Elementary School is looking forward to adding more science and math learning opportunities to the 2022-2023 school year.

One way Prairie will accomplish this is by partnering with the Adrian Civil Air Patrol. Adrian Civil Air Patrol is part of the Community Outreach Program. Through the Civil Air Patrol's "Aerospace Education Program" Prairie students will learn about aerospace, aviation, and STEM-related careers with engaging, standards-based, hands-on curriculum and activities. Three days of hands-on science activities for students have been planned to take place at both Prairie Elementary School and the Lenawee County Airport.



Prairie teachers will have the opportunity to become Aerospace Education members which will allow them access to science and STEM activity kits to use in the classroom. These activities will extend the science standards that the aerospace education program reinforces.

In addition to the Aerospace Education Program and the STEM activities, Prairie has also started a gardening program that students can join. Through a combination of parent volunteers and Prairie staff working together, students will work the gardens and teachers will extend these hands-on experiences by adding science standard activities in the classroom. Principal Carl Lewandowski said, "We will plant a fall and spring garden during the upcoming school year and harvest what we grow."



Math Pentathlon showcases student academic skills

Students from the four Adrian elementary buildings participated in a Math Pentathlon competition this past school year.

The year-long after-school clubs were a way to give students a place to showcase their academic skills.

The District purchased a set of Math Pentathlon games for each building and hired a coach for each team. Parents also volunteered their time to make the practices and competitions go smoothly. "I am thrilled that each of the elementary buildings participated in the Math Pentathlon this year. This program provided an awesome opportunity for our students to demonstrate their mathematical skills in a game application. The students truly showed their academic skills and Maple PRIDE," said Curriculum Director Derrick Richards.

The four coaches, Laura Finch, Adrienne Thompson, Brandon Hall and Danielle Mueller, coached over 50 kids as they competed in three tournaments throughout the year. "The students enjoyed the games and even practiced during their free time to improve their math skills," commented Danielle Mueller, the coach from Michener. Math Pentathlon will continue in the 2022-2023 school year.

Introducing Lincoln Elementary School's new principal



It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself, Tiffany Yatzek, as the new principal of Lincoln Elementary School. I am very honored to be a part of this community and look forward to partnering with you as we continue Lincoln's tradition of providing students with a supportive, engaging, and high-quality learning environment.

I live right here in Adrian with my husband, Derrick, and our three children who all attend APS. We are a very active and involved family that loves our APS community. We support the wonderful opportunities APS has to offer in the academics, athletics, and arts programs.

The 2022-2023 school year will mark my 22nd year in education. My philosophy of education is built around the belief that students do best when they feel connected, capable, and contributing to their learning community. As your principal, my goal is to support a learning environment in which all of our students are empowered with the skills and mindset to achieve their personal best academically, emotionally, and socially.

To our students, I cannot wait to meet you all! I hope that you are excited for this coming school year and that you were able to be out this summer playing and reading tons of books with your family and friends. It is going to be a fun year learning together. Throughout the year, I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during the 2022-2023 school year.

Tiffany Yatzek

K-8 OPEN HOUSES, AUGUST 25

Springbrook kicks off the year with an attendance improvement program

Daily attendance at school is an important part of forming students into successful adults. With this in mind, Springbrook Middle School will be participating in a program called "September Attendance Matters" to encourage students to attend school daily.

The program promotes attendance by encouraging families to develop a daily routine at home that sets students up for success. A home routine that incorporates homework time, meal time and a consistent wake up time will help students get into habits that will make arriving at school on time more likely. Habits such as these will stay with the students long after they leave middle school.

There will be monthly awards given out to students for perfect attendance; a weekly traveling trophy for the grade level that has the best attendance; and a trimester grade level outing for the grade level with the highest attendance percentage.

Attendance research shows that missing even 10% of school days (excused or unexcused) a year can negatively impact students in a significant way. Missing 10% of school days is only 2 missed days of school a month. This adds up to missing 18 total school days (108 hours).

The District has graduation or success coaches in every APS building. These coaches are put in place to help the whole student. Graduation and success coaches assist students with academic and attendance issues that arise throughout the school year.

Springbrook Middle School has three graduation coaches to serve students. For the 2022-2023 school year Springbrook's graduation coaches are Michael Fox, Kimberly Blackmon and Steve Gonzalez.

The graduation and success coaches are key players in helping students create the healthy habits they need to succeed in school. One way they provide academic support is by supporting the after school homework help program. This program runs Monday - Thursday from 2:30PM-3:30PM. Students who attend homework help can get assistance in any area of study they are struggling with.

In addition to helping with academics, the graduation and success coaches assist students with clothing and food needs as they arise.

Making attendance a priority for students will help ensure their long term success throughout life.



Kimberly Blackmon



Steve Gonzalez



Michael Fox

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

MAPLE PRIDE... IT'S CONTAGIOUS!
CALL US TODAY TO CATCH IT!



IB Art Exhibition showcases student artwork

Adrian High School's IB Art exhibition took place on May 17th, shortly before the IB Awards Night. The exhibition was part of the global exam that students enrolled in IB Art are involved in. This was the 10th IB Art Exhibition in AHS history. It included 7 students that were Standard Level (1 Year) and 11 students that were High Level (2 Years). The art displayed had a wide range of media including: ceramic, paper, drawing, recycled materials, metal, resin, fiber, acrylic, oil, watercolor, photo, collage, and jewelry. Each

artist had to create a set range of work, create show tags, a curatorial rationale, hang their works, photograph their work, and follow the IB rubric for creating their pieces. The night of the reception involved cookies, cupcakes, family, friends, staff, and our IB artists.

Adrian High School has the only International Baccalaureate Program in Lenawee County. Adrian's IB program is one of only 34 IB High Schools in the state of Michigan. Interested in learning more about IB, or have questions? Please contact Marie Lucius, IB Coordinator, or Sam Skeels, Principal at 517-263-2181.



Class of 2022 celebrates graduation at Maple Stadium

The class of 2022 celebrated graduation at Maple Stadium on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Surrounded by their friends, families and peers the 168 graduating seniors were honored and given their diplomas.

At the top of the class of 2022 were Valedictorian Gwendolyn Frolich and Salutatorian Aidan Bell.

Class officers who spoke at graduation included President Margaret Watson, who gave the reflection, Secretary Cheyenne Ely, who gave the welcome, Treasurer, Alicia Garcia who did the presentation of gifts and Vice-President Aric Rivier who did the introduction of guest speaker Jennifer Wagley, class of 2014.

Superintendent Nate Parker also honored the graduating class with words of wisdom and encouragement.

El Club de Cultura Hispana comenzará en Springbrook Middle School

Springbrook Middle School Está Emocionada a anunciar la incorporación de un Club de Cultura Hispana que comenzará durante el año escolar 2022-2023. El club estará dirigido por el Entrenador de Graduación Steve Gonzalez. Durante su tiempo en la Escuela Secundaria Adrian High, Steve Gonzalez dirigió el Club de Cultura Hispana y está emocionado de traer esta oportunidad al nivel de la escuela intermedia.

El club le dará a los estudiantes de todas las etnias la oportunidad de aprender más sobre la Cultura Hispana. Los estudiantes interesados en participar en el nuevo club deben comunicarse con la oficina de Springbrook después del comienzo del año escolar.



APS gears up for fall athletic programming

All Fall sports start practice/tryouts on August 8th.

Football

Practice location: Practice field inside the track between high school and springbrook

Time: JV & Varsity 8AM-2PM, Freshmen 3PM-5:30PM

Contact Person: Joel Przygodski. jprzygodski@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: Freshmen & JV August 24 @ Forest Hills Eastern at 6PM, Varsity August 25 Home vs. Forest Hills Eastern at 7PM

Boys Soccer

Practice location: Practice Field between Alexander and Springbrook

Time: 1PM-4PM (Both JV & Varsity)

Contact Person: Ted Hanosh. thanosh@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: JV August 19 Home vs. Monroe at 4PM, Varsity August 19 vs. Monroe at 5:30PM

Girls Golf

Practice location: Woodlawn Golf Club

Time: 9AM

Contact Person: Greg Schoonover gschoonover@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: Tuesday, August 16 Home vs. Chelsea at 3PM

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Location: Heritage Park

Time: 7:30AM- 9AM

Contact Person: Tom MacNaughton. tommacnaughton66@gmail.com

First Contest: August 20 @ Tecumseh at 9AM

Volleyball

Location: Adrian High School

Time: 4:30PM-6:30PM (All 3 levels)

Contact Person: Kerry Davis kdavis@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: Freshmen August 24 at 5:30PM home vs. Milan, JV August 19 Home Invite at 9AM, Varsity August 20 Home invite at AM

Equestrian

Location: Adrian High School Cafeteria

Time: 5PM informational meeting on August 8

Contact Person: John Birdwell. j.birdwell67@gmail.com

First Contest: August 28 at Lenawee Fairgrounds at 10AM

Boys Tennis

Location: Adrian College Tennis Courts

Time: 8AM-10AM

Contact Person: Thomas Allor tallor@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: August 15 Home Quad at 9AM

Girls Swim and Dive

Practice location: Adrian High School Pool

Time: 8AM-10AM

Contact Person: Robert Petkus rpetkus@adrian.k12.mi.us

First Contest: August 18 @ Dundee at 6PM



JUST READ

Studies show that daily reading strengthens your child's vocabulary, writing skills, and overall academic growth. Reading also supports your child's empathy and creativity, introducing them to concepts, feelings, and situations beyond their own life experience.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads A student who reads A student who reads

20:00 **05:00** **01:00**
minutes per day minutes per day minute per day

will be exposed to **1.8 MILLION** words per year and scores in the **90th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests will be exposed to **282,000** words per year and scores in the **50th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests will be exposed to **8,000** words per year and scores in the **10th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests

ADDITIONAL READING RESOURCES



or visit AdrianMaples.org

STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING APS READING EVENTS AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School absences can happen due to a variety of factors, but one thing is clear: good attendance plays a major role in your child's academic success, including reading on grade level, staying engaged in class, and graduating on time.

PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, NEARLY 15% OF LENA WEE COUNTY STUDENTS WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT

Families can help build the habit of good attendance early and continue to play a key role as children grow older and more independent. Building routines, communicating with the school, and staying engaged in your child's education are helpful tools.

ONE OR TWO DAYS A WEEK MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT, BUT...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Grade 10
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	More than 2.5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Grade 9
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	More than 5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Grade 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Grade 6



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2022 -2023 ADRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 29, 2022	First day of school for students, dismissed PM.	February 8, 2023	Count Day.
September 2-5, 2022	No school for students or staff. Labor Day Holiday.	February 10, 2023	K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.
October 5, 2022	Count Day.	March 2, 2023	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.
October 26 & 27, 2022	K-12 Parent Teacher conferences - evening.	March 3, 2023	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM. End of 2nd trimester.
October 28, 2022	K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.	March 27- 31, 2023	No school for students or staff. Spring Break.
November 22, 2022	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.	April 3, 2023	School resumes.
November 23, 2022	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM. End of 1st trimester.	April 7, 2023	No school for students or staff. Good Friday.
November 24 & 25, 2022	Thanksgiving break. No school for students or staff.	May 19, 2023	Graduating seniors last day.
December 22, 2022	K-12 students half day, dismissed PM. Winter break begins at close of school day.	May 26, 2023	K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.
January 3, 2023	School resumes for students and staff.	May 28, 2023	High School Graduation.
January 16, 2023	No school for students or staff.	May 29, 2023	No school for students or staff. Memorial Day.
January 18 & 19, 2023	K-12 Parent Teacher conferences - evening.	May 31, 2023	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.
January 20, 2023	K-12 students half day, dismissed PM.	June 1, 2023	7-12 exams AM. K-12 students half day, dismissed PM. End of 3rd trimester.