

### **Mapleview Intermediate Specials Newsletter**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer

In Computer Applications, Sixth Graders are in the middle of a unit on Digital Citizenship. We are learning about creating a positive digital reputation and will soon discuss cyber bullying. The students seem very interested in learning more about how they can create a positive digital footprint!

Mr. Cook (ext. 2326)



# Physical Education 5th and 6th grade P.E.

In March, Mapleview
PE students will be
participating in the
Pickle ball unit. During
the unit students will
learn the skills of the
underhand strike,
overhand, backhand and
forehand. Serving will
also occupy a large part of
the unit skill sessions.
After skill work is
completed, students will
participate in doubles
modified games.

Mr. Heisler (ext. 2322)



5<sup>th</sup> Grade World Studies

Konnichi wa! In World Studies, Fifth graders are currently studying the country and culture of Japan. The students are having fun learning different Japanese customs and various phrases in the Japanese language! As we dive deeper into the Japanese culture, we will continue to learn about many traditions and different foods that the people of Japan enjoy.

Mr. Cook (ext. 2326)

### **Mapleview Choir Information:**

Spring Choir has begun! Because of the cancellation of the District Choral Festival, we are carrying over the new song we learned for that concert to Spring Choir! Along with that song, the students have voted on the three other songs we will perform. I am very excited to sing with this group! Remember the concert for Spring Choir is April 28th and we have a full choir dress rehearsal on April 27th from 3-4.



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#### Band

March is the month of preparation for the band students of Mapleview! Both 5th and 6th grade bands are working on their 4 new concert band songs. These songs are really challenging the students to play with dynamics, articulations and correct rhythms. The 6th graders are also learning quite a few new notes! Our spring concert is on April 28th at 2 and 6:30 PM. Concert dates are always listed at the top of every practice sheet! Also, the Mapleview talent show is on Friday, March 13th at IPM. Family is welcome to attend this event!

> Ms. Schultz (ext. 2319) Mrs. Carpenter (ext. 2654)

#### **Healthy Living**

Healthy Living-6

I feel like we've picked up right where we left off last year in health. It's great to see the 6th graders again and see how they've grown since last year. (They see it to and, of course, use me as a measuring stick to prove their growth.

We've covered so much since the beginning of the semester starting with self-esteem. Having an intact selfesteem is a strong foundation for good decision making. One way to boost self- esteem is by setting and accomplishing goals. We are creating SMART (Specific, measurable, actionable, realistic, time bound) goals in class. I am allowing almost any goal that will address physical or mental health... which is basically anything that may motivate them, that they may feel good about accomplishing. Please ask your child about their goals and how they are progressing. Our showcase of goals (if they choose to show) will be the last week of March or first week of April.

We will begin conflict resolution in the next week, so prepare for all sorts of peace and tranquility at home!!:)

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, please contact me.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

#### **Music:**

5th grade- The 5th grade classes are really digging into their piano unit. I love this unit because some of the students have never played piano before. By the end of this unit, they will have learned at least 8-10 songs! We also have students who already take piano lessons and they are also really great helpers during the beginning of this unit.

6th grade- I have been very impressed with how much the 6th graders remember about their piano unit. We continue our 6th grade curriculum from where they left off in 5th grade. Many of the 6th graders are getting into more complicated music with both hands play at the same time and their hand playing very independently from each other.

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Mrs. Pohlman (ext. 2320)

#### ART



#### 5th Grade Art

The 5th grade students created a ceramic container with a theme of their choice: (animal, person, hobby...). The students started with a ball of clay, and then they shaped their ball of clay into the shape of their choice: (sphere, cube...). The students then traced an area on the top of their shape with a needle tool and hallowed out their container with a wire tool. The students learned how to attach small pieces of clay and carve into their clay. The container was dried out, fired, glazed and fired one last time. Once the students finished their clay piece they will fill out a name tag. The students will fill out their check-off sheet (self-assessment) on our Google classroom, and their artwork will be displayed in the display cases in the hallways.

The Elements of Art we have covered are Color, Form, Line and Texture.

Mr. Calmes (ext. 2321)

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