

Mapleton Schools

Community supports Mapleton jog-a-thon

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Mapleton Elementary School (MES) held a jog-a-thon to raise money for field trips, special assemblies and AVID incentives.

“We want the community to know how much we appreciate all the support,” said MES teacher Carrie McNeill.

The entire MES student body and staff walked or ran for one hour on the track.

The students raised over \$1,800. —Submitted by Carrie McNeill



The entire Mapleton Elementary School staff and student body walked, jogged or ran during a special jog-a-thon fundraiser.

MES receives Rotary donation

On Sept. 16, Mapleton Elementary School principal and district superintendent Jodi O’Mara was presented with Fred Meyer Gift Cards in the amount of \$750 to be used for school supplies.

The donation was an annual effort by the Florence Area Rotary Members and Club.

The members contributed \$500 and the club contributed \$225.

Florence Rotarians Liz Vollmer-Buhl and Karen Skulley presented the gift cards to O’Mara, who said that the school district plans to use the funds for shoes, socks, undergarments and coats for the students.

In a community serving families of low socio-economic status, sometimes these can be the first new garments and shoes some children may receive.

Students learn about fire safety



Mapleton Elementary School kindergarten, first and second graders got a visit from the Mapleton Fire Department for fire safety week. —Submitted by Carrie McNeill

MAPLETON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



The Mapleton High School Student of the Quarter is Blaine Jensen (right), who stands with Rotary president Crystal Farnsworth and Mapleton substitute teacher Rich Walker.

Florence Community PTA

PTA announces famous firsts ’

Florence Community Parent-Teacher Alliance (PTA) has been in the thick of the 2015-16 membership drive, and announces the annual “famous firsts.”

Each year the PTA recognizes the first person in various categories — such as from Siuslaw Elementary School (SES), Siuslaw Middle School (SMS) and Siuslaw High School (SHS) — who signs up for membership.

Categories and this year’s corresponding recipient are:

- SES teacher: Rachel Henry
- SES staff: Char Catalfamo
- SES parent: Adria Morrow
- SMS teacher: Heather Wiggins
- SMS staff: Alice Burns
- SHS teacher: Gina Castro-Brandt
- SHS parent: Shannon Cook
- Community member: Mary DeCeault
- School Board Member: Paul Burns
- Administrator: Andy Marohl

Each “first” recipient was awarded a Subway gift card, and recognized at the October

membership meeting of the PTA.

Florence PTA membership is open to everyone: parents, caretakers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, community members, teachers, staff and students interested in getting involved in education for all children.

The PTA also welcomes business sponsors. For a nominal membership fee, local businesses can show their support for education in our community by becoming a PTA business sponsor.

Business sponsors are included in the monthly newsletter that goes out to parents of the Siuslaw schools’ students.

Membership and business sponsor forms can be downloaded from the PTA website at florencepta.org.

PTA members can get involved as little or as much as they want.

An upcoming opportunity to get involved is the annual Fall Fitness Fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Siuslaw Middle School.

This year’s fair will include an early morning 3k walk and 5k “Fun Run” organized by Eric Tanikawa and



Florence Community PTA honored “famous firsts” new members Rachel Henry, Andy Marohl and Alice Burns.

Rachell Campbell.

Anyone interested in hosting a table at the fair, or volunteering at an existing table,

can call Alice Burns at 541-997-8241.

—Submitted by Diane McCalmont

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Be a part of School Zone, a newsletter about the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

Call or email Siuslaw News Editor Ryan Cronk at 541-902-3520 or editor@thesiuslawnews.com.

Look for ... KID SCOOP

Kid Scoop runs every Wednesday during the school year in the Siuslaw News and features educational stories and fun activities for families.

The activity page is part of the Siuslaw News’ Newspapers In Education program, in which teachers from Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts may request copies of the local paper to use as curriculum in their classroom. Call 541-997-3441 for more info.

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