

Mapleton

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In March, the kindergarten class at Mapleton Elementary School challenged all the classes to bring 100 cans of food by the 100th day of school. The students were hoping to be able to donate 400 cans of food to the Mapleton Food Share. Much to our surprise, all the classes surpassed the challenge of 100 cans and we were able to donate 1,104 cans of food. Our kindergarten class would like to thank anyone in our community that donated and helped our food drive be such a huge success. Thank you!
—Submitted by Carrie McNeill



4-H helps Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center

On and before April 9, the Mapleton 4-H Community Club took part in a service project to support the efforts to raise money for the Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center in Mapleton.

The entire club created centerpieces for the dinner and auction held at the Florence Elks Lodge. The centerpieces were used for flowers, and then were dispersed throughout the community as donation jars.

The members voted for this project with hope that their efforts will help raise funds for the repair and reopening of the Mapleton Pool, now known as the Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center.

The Cloverbud members — those younger than 9 years old — thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating a



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Members of Mapleton 4-H learn the value of community service.

‘stained glass window’ effect on the Mason jars.

Older girls enjoyed setting the tables and later, bussing the tables during the actual event.

Mapleton 4-H is proud of these girls who have learned the value of community service, developed skills of leadership and are spending some of their non-school time in positive youth activities.

—Submitted by Lauren Hesse

Florence Community PTA

Students win with Box Tops

Florence PTA held its annual Box Tops Baseball Challenge at Siuslaw Elementary School in March.

“This is the time of year when we rake in large amounts of Box Tops to raise money for the Siuslaw Schools,” said Box Tops Coordinator Jennifer Wilks. “The kids have fun watching their classroom scores go up during the two weeks that Box Tops are collected.”

A total of 17,744 Box Tops were counted in and sent to the Box Tops for Education organization.

Earning “runs” around a baseball diamond on the bulletin board for every so many Box Tops brought in, each classroom competed for the ultimate prize, a baseball movie and hot dog lunch.

Congratulations to this year’s grand prize winner, Graham’s Crackers — Mrs. Graham’s first grade class, bringing in 1,708 Box Tops.

There were grade level winners as well, each receiving an ice cream/root beer float party during school hours. Those classrooms were:

- Kindergarten: Griffes’ Angels with 779
- Second: Fleming’s Dragons with 1,207
- Third: DeVries’ Sharpblades with 1,273
- Fourth: Rankin’s Rockets with 1,379
- Fifth: Halpin’s Heroes with 932 .

The PTA redeems Box Tops for 10 cents each from the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. The money earned goes back into the Siuslaw schools for classroom supplies and equipment, and also funds senior scholarships for high school graduates that are going into teaching.

“I’d like to clarify that the Box Tops for



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Mrs. Graham’s first grade class won the Box Tops contest.

Education fundraiser is alive and well; there are no plans to discontinue the program, contradictory to an earlier article,” says PTA’s president, Diane McCalmont. “Box Tops can be turned into any one of the schools or the Siuslaw Public Library at any time during the year.”

Box Tops DO have expiration dates. If you see that those dates are coming up, get them into the school right away so that they can be redeemed.

Thank you to all of the parents and community members that collected and turned in Box Tops over the course of this school year. —Submitted by Diane McCalmont

PTA attends leadership conference

Four delegates from Florence Community PTA attended the annual Oregon PTA Leadership Conference and Convention in April at the Hilton Conference Center in Eugene. This year’s convention theme was “Be Here, Be Heard,” which emphasizes the PTA’s strong voice in advocating for children and youth locally, throughout Oregon and across the nation.

Convention activities included the annual business meeting, election of state officers, workshops on a variety of topics around education and the well-being of children, awards and leadership dinners, and the annual Reflections Art awards luncheon. A slate of fun activities throughout the weekend kept the atmosphere light.

The weekend’s keynote speaker was Donald Dunn, National PTA Board of Directors representative. Dunn is the chairman of the North Carolina State PTA Mail Involvement Committee, serves on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County PTA Council, is a member of the Forsyth Education Partnership and is on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Dunn also led and participated in various work-

shops throughout the weekend.

A special appearance was made by U.S. Senator Ron Wyden for the Reflections Arts luncheon held on Saturday. His message stressed the importance of making sure that equal educational opportunities are made available to all students.

The president of Florence Community PTA, Diane McCalmont, was elected to the Oregon State Board position of Region 6 Director at this year’s convention. Region 6 encompasses local PTA units in Lane and Douglas counties. McCalmont will serve as a leader and liaison, and provide training to local PTA units.

“I’m honored to join the Oregon State PTA Board of

Directors, and am excited to begin work helping local PTAs be the best they can be in supporting children and education in their communities,” said McCalmont.

Florence Community PTA will hold their last general meeting of the 2015-16 school year on Tuesday, May 17. The public is invited to attend to hear about programs and school related topics. An election of board officers for 2016-17 will also be held. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in learning more about joining PTA or becoming a board member, call McCalmont at 541-997-1854 or go to florencepta.org

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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