

Mapleton

Mapleton School District end-of-year events

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day — No school

Wednesday, June 8
Last school day for MHS seniors

Saturday, June 11
Mapleton High School Graduation — 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14
Last school day for kindergarten

Wednesday, June 15
Last school day for all students

Thursday, June 16
Last school day for Mapleton teachers

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,
MAPLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT!**



MAPLETON IN MAY

Students celebrate May Day with flowers for area neighborhoods

In honor of May Day, the Mapleton School District student body delivered over 80 baskets of flowers to members of the Mapleton community on Monday, May 2, just to spread the joy of spring. Students and staff walked through neighborhoods and delivered flowers to businesses in Mapleton. —Submitted by Carrie McNeill



COURTESY PHOTOS

Florence Community PTA

PTA reports on 2015-16 successes, new leadership

The great thing about the Florence Community PTA is its mission to support and give back to Siuslaw schools. This school year, PTA funded 21 grants to teachers and staff throughout Siuslaw School district, representing a total of \$5,553.02 given. Of the 21 grants approved, six were for Siuslaw High School, seven for the middle school and 10 for the elementary school.

Grants approved this year included:

- Band music
- Music bells
- Art supplies
- Civil War field trip
- iPad covers
- Marching band shoes
- Transportation fees for a college tour
- College pennants to promote post-secondary paths
- Culinary Arts kitchen recertification
- Student reading workbooks

- Crisis supplies
- Positive Behavior incentives
- Online Brain-Pop subscription
- Emergency response kit supplies
- Hands On Math program
- Night vision trail camera
- Wiggle seats
- Stream Team field trips
- School dance inflatables
- Music DVD program
- Books on the 13 colonies
- Daily language review program

In addition to grants, the PTA supports worthy projects that will enhance the education of students on a larger scale, rather than a single classroom. This year, \$1,500 was given to support the 5th and 7th grade Outdoor School to be held at the end of May and early June.

Fundraisers such as Safeway eScrip (which is going away as of June 1), General Mills Box Tops, Fred

Meyer Community Rewards, the AmazonSmile program and Viking apparel sales provide the money that allow the PTA to provide grants.

To learn more about how you can give back to the schools through these programs, visit the PTA's website at www.florencepta.org, and click on "Ways to Support PTA."

The PTA scholarship program is funded primarily through the Box Tops collections at Siuslaw Middle and Elementary schools.

PTA awards scholarships to graduating seniors in the Florence area who are going on to study for careers in teaching and working with children.

This year's recipients are Mikaela Siegel, Holly Hicks, Nikita Williams and Taylor Richards-Sykora; all graduating from SHS.

Recipients received their

certificates at the high school's Scholarship Night on May 26.

Other items of interest include:

- Florence PTA ended with 107 members district-wide.
- In August, PTA and the elementary school were the recipients of National PTA's School of Excellence Award for 2015-2017.
- Guest speakers at meetings throughout the year were Ethel Angal, Siuslaw School District Superintendent; Bou Kilgore and Steve Moser, representing the ASPIRE program at the high school; Jonathan Hornung and students from the high school LINK program; Lynn Anderson, Native Education Director; Becky Holbrook, elementary school volunteer art teacher; and Lyza Houlihan, School Garden coordinator.
- Projects and events: Back to School baskets at all schools; Civil War

Run/Challenge and Fall Fitness Fair; Holiday Shoppe at SES; Book Fair Diner during Dr. Seuss week; dinners provided on long parent-teacher conference nights; SES Talent Show; and the week-long Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week festivities.

• Oregon State PTA Conference and Leadership Convention, where four local delegates attended.

New Board elections for the 2016-17 school year were held at the May meeting. Tiffany Holdahl was newly elected for the position of president. Susy Lacer (Secretary) and Jennifer Wilks (treasurer) were elected for second terms. The new board will take office on July 1.

Current PTA President Diane McCalmont thanked members and the Board for their involvement in PTA this year, and gave a shout-out and gift to outgoing Vice President

Mike Kilgore.

As the school year winds down, Florence PTA is already discussing projects for the next school year.

Anyone can become a member of the Florence PTA. You don't have to have children in school and don't have to devote hours of time to volunteering. All that is required is that you have a desire to support education and children and youth in our community, state and nation. You can even become a Business Sponsor by downloading an application form from our website.

For more information about National PTA, go to pta.org; about Oregon State PTA, go to oregonpta.org; and about Florence community PTA, find us at florencepta.org.

If you would like to join PTA, call 541-997-1854 or email florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com. —Submitted by Diane McCalmont

WANTED

PTA gathers labels, UPCs for rewards

The Florence Community PTA is going to try to get as much as possible from the The Labels for Education Program. Instead of products, the PTA voted to use the points earned to receive gift cards instead of merchandise from the program.

UPC codes from the following

products are sent in for points: Bic, Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti-Os, Swanson's and V8. The program will accept all UPCs from these products, including ones without the Labels for Education logo through July.

Starting in August, only UPC codes with the Labels for Education logo attached will be accepted.

There are collection boxes in the Siuslaw Elementary School Office,

2221 Oak St., and the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

"In some months the Pepperidge Farm UPCs are worth more than others, and I was delighted to find so many cookie and cracker UPC codes this month," said Button Watkins, PTA Labels for Education Coordinator. "Thank you to everyone who's helped us get products for our students." —Submitted by Button Watkins

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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