

Mapleton



FALL HARVEST



Each month the Farm to Table class at Mapleton High School goes to Mapleton Food Share to volunteer. If the weather permits, they are out in the garden. In September, the class helped harvest vegetables. In October it was rainy, so they stocked the shelves. In one week in November, class contributed a total of 21.5 hours of community service to Food Share. Farm to Table is an elective at Mapleton High School. It is a combination of gardening, cooking and crafts. So far this year, the students have made goodies for Watershed Council, as well as kale chips and microwave potato chips. They also held a "Battle of the Fudges" to compare different techniques for making fudge. They made masks and created a fall craft of their choosing.

— Submitted by Elisa Gray



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Students sell wreaths, swag

For the past couple of years, Mapleton High School's Student Council has collaborated with Granstrom Evergreens to sell the student body and the surrounding community Christmas wreaths and swags.

The Leadership class takes this on as a fundraiser for annual conference with the Oregon Association of Student Councils in Seaside, Ore.

The council's advisor, Mr. Longo, said, "It's a really straightforward fundraiser for the student council to do because there's very little involved. It's also different — it's not candy bars, it's not a jog-a-thon. It's not your typical fundraiser and that's cool."

MacKenzie Cleary, Mapleton High School's student body vice president, said, "We spread positivity by selling wreaths for an upcoming holiday, and then use what we get from that to go to a really interesting conference. ... It's a win-win situation."

If anyone is interested in buying a Christmas wreath or swag, contact Mapleton High School office at 541-268-4322. — Submitted by MacKenzie Cleary.

Mapleton 4-H Focuses: at work on Arts and Crafts Project Club

In the early winter months, the Mapleton 4-H Club has been focused on its Arts and Crafts Project.

Activities began with the crafty creation of a Bug House to help some of our biome friends in rainy Mapleton make it through the monsoon-like rains.

Next, the group took a field trip to Alissa Clark's clay studio in Florence for the first lessons in clay. Part of their work was as a service project to create bowls for the annual Empty Bowls Food Share

fundraiser taking place in December. Then they dove into their imaginations to create a plate to take home.

In November, the group will learn creative and patterned doodling from Zentangle Certified Teacher Rosie Hill. After a basic lesson, they will have a second session to create Renaissance Leaves, a way to integrate appreciation for the environment and perhaps have a holiday



COURTESY PHOTO

Mapleton 4-H visit Alissa Clark Claywork as part of winter activities focusing on arts and crafts.

card for a family member.

Then in December, the group will head down to Bandon for a tour and participation in the Washed Ashore recycled ocean debris arts project, www.washedashore.org.

That afternoon again brings the environment and the arts together as students learn about the history of Shore Acres State Park and enjoy the creative holiday lights.

Mapleton 4-H Club voted Sarah Emerson in as the 2016-17 President, Ariana Galvan-Mendez as the Activities Chair and Katelyn Beecher as the club Treasurer.

Mapleton 4-H wishes to thank Bonnie Schwertfeger and Theryn Schwertfeger for participating with us as new volunteers this year. And, we share gratitude and great appreciations for the Florence Ladies of the Elks whose support makes our activities, learning and projects possible this year. — Submitted by Lauren Hesse

Florence Community PTA

PTA LOOKS FORWARD TO WINTER PROGRAMS

Florence Community PTA is gearing up for winter and looking back on an epic fall. Here is what we've been up to:

Color-A-Thon

The first Color-A-Thon 5K brought out the bright on a rainy Saturday in Florence on Nov. 5. Even with soggy race conditions, over 100 participants came out to run through clouds of color on the course.

Through race registration and student fundraising efforts, the Color-A-Thon brought in \$9,400 to support PTA projects.

A big thank you goes out to our Color-A-Thon sponsors: Evergreen Concrete, John's Construction and Paint, The Shippin' Shack, Gary and Cyndie with Okie Dokie Photography, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Florence Police Department.

PTA also extends a giant thank you to the event chair,

Crystal Osburn, and her team of parent and PTA helpers.

Fall Fitness Fair

The Fall Fitness Fair also took place on Nov. 5, offering a fun atmosphere for folks to warm up after the Color-A-Thon, with an inflatable obstacle course, healthy snacks and fun freebies while folks moved and grooved to the music of Zumba.

PTA offers its gratitude to event sponsors and participants, including: Florence Police Department, Hunt Dental, SAPPSSA, Peach Health, Coastal Fitness, Sandmaster Park, CROW, U.S. Coast Guard, Masonic Lodge, Indian Ed., Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Soccer Youth Association, Siuslaw High School Cheerleaders and Zumba Girls.

A hearty thanks to Alice Burns, PTA member and Fitness Fair chair.

Coat Drive

PTA's coat drive, in coordination with Three Rivers Casino Resort, is also wrapping up, with the casino and its patrons generously donating over 10 boxes of new coats and sweatshirts that will be distributed to children in need in Siuslaw schools. There's no doubt these donations will warm bodies and hearts alike.

What's Next

Next up on the PTA calendar is the Holiday Shoppe Dec. 5 to 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the elementary library. All items are \$2 and

offer a chance for kids to purchase low-cost gifts for family and friends.

In addition to prepping for the holidays, PTA is also looking for anyone interested in being on a committee or wanting to participate in a multi-cultural event in February. It will be boasting food, entertainment and activities from various cultures around the world.

For more information, call Diane McCalmont at 541-999-9692 or send an email to dmccalmont@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

And last, but not least, be sure to check the expiration dates on your Box Tops for Education. If you have any expiring soon, please drop them off to the Elementary School Office, attn: Diane. Every Box Top helps raise funds for the PTA's programs.

"We can still earn money for our schools by turning in UPCs with the Labels for Education Logo next to them. Newer packaging no longer has the logo with the UPC and cannot be counted," said Button Watkins, PTA Labels for Education

Coordinator.

UPC codes from the following products are sent in for points: Bic, Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti-Os, Swanson's and V8.

From now on, 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. — Submitted by Natalie Lyda

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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