

MAROA FORSYTH

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER- May 2014

Superintendent Comments

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. I would like to take a moment and relay some important dates that are upcoming:

The High School graduation ceremony has been scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2014 in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will start at 7:30.

The eighth grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 3rd, beginning at 6:30. This too, will also be in the high school gymnasium.

Please stop by and celebrate this great accomplishment with our graduates.

The last day for student attendance will be June 3, 2014. This will be a full day of student attendance with dismissal scheduled for normal allotted times. In the past, this last day has been used only to pick up the report cards for a few minutes of this final morning. Due to a change in state requirements, this final day will be a full day of student attendance.

The end of year teacher's institute is scheduled for June 4th.

All report cards will be mailed the first week of June.

2014-2015 Registration Information

Registration will be held on August 6, 2014 in all buildings from 12:00-7:00. For more information on 2014-2015 registration, please visit:

<http://www.mfschools.org/unit/Unit/regisinfo14-15.pdf>

The beginning of the year teacher's institute will be August 18, 2014, with the first day of student attendance being August 19, 2014. The complete 2014-2015 school calendar can be found at:

<http://www.mfschools.org/unit/Unit/CAL20142015.pdf>

Maroa Forsyth Foundation

The Maroa Forsyth School District is very fortunate to have tremendous community and parental support. One of the most supportive organizations to the District is the Maroa Forsyth School District Foundation. The Foundation is a not-for-profit (IRS 501(c)(3) corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, that provides a long-term, self-sustaining financial structure to enhance the educational programs of the Maroa Forsyth Community Unit Schools.

Since its inception in 1997 the Foundation has invested over \$125,000 in the Maroa Forsyth schools for such things as science equipment, technology upgrades, band equipment, formal choral attire, and numerous other curricular and equipment needs. To make a tax deductible contribution or to learn more about the Maroa Forsyth School District Foundation, please visit their website at:

<http://www.mfschools.org/unit/found/index.htm>

Retiring Faculty

The Maroa Forsyth School District will be losing two long time faculty members to retirement this spring.

Diane Daggett: Diane teaches Family and Consumer Sciences for us at the high school and has been with the District for thirty-seven years.

Gloria Rose: Gloria teaches first grade at the grade school twenty one and a half years.

The expertise and experience these ladies take with them will be missed. We wish them the best as they transition to the next stage in their life.

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Maroa Forsyth High School

"A Proud Tradition of Excellence"



Principal's Message

The hallways are a buzz of the countdown for the number of school days we have left in the 2013-2014 school year....mostly students...but an occasional teacher. ☺ However, we have many things to still accomplish. As you read further, you will understand this sentiment.

Overall, however, the school year has flown by and the next few weeks will likely be the same. Our students have been outstanding in their behavior and their approach to their studies. Our teachers have worked diligently aligning curriculum to new standards, drafting new curriculum maps, working with students, and designing new assessments for student growth. Without a doubt, I think they have all earned a little break.

And YES, we will miss this graduating class of seniors!

School Improvement

Our juniors completed their ACT/PSAE testing on April 23rd & 24th. Students took advantage of the free breakfast and appeared to be focused on their work. Many have already received notice of how they performed on the ACT and we eagerly anticipate the return of the cumulative results.

In addition to ACT/PSAE testing, students have been busy competing AP test in

Literature, Chemistry, and U.S History.

The master schedule for the 2014-2015 school year is complete and we are pleased to announce that student demand has increased for AP Chemistry and AP History allowing us to offer two sections of each course next year. Any time we can increase enrollment in our more rigorous courses, it better prepares our students.

Athletics & Activities

STATE BOUND!!

Congratulations to our Bass Fishing team as MFHS qualified two boats for the state bass fishing finals in Carlyle on May 9th & 10th. Our teams finished 2nd and 3rd in the Argenta Sectional hosted at Clinton Lake which allowed them to qualify for the state tournament. Team members qualifying are seniors, Ryan Scott & Jacob Barra, juniors, Nate Marz & Ashlynn Hambrecht, and freshman Brody Adreon. The Trojans are coached by Jason Doty and Doug Durbin is our invaluable volunteer boat captain.



Softball is currently 22-2 and will compete in the Monticello regional.

Baseball is 11-3 and competes in the Bloomington Central Catholic regional.

Other

Looking for a funding supplement for freshmen sports as well as to provide a much requested service, we have decided to offer reserved seating and premium parking for our home football contests. 175 of the 1,200 will be available for reserved seating. Tickets are \$65 each and will include your admission to all regular season contests. A premium parking pass will be issued with the purchase of two tickets.

Special People of the Month

Volunteer: Connor Aeilts

Female Athlete: Gabbi Clifton

Male Athlete: Josh Ratts

Student: Joe Wickenhauser

Upcoming Dates

May 1st, Okaw Student

Recognition Lunch

May 3rd, Prom- Decatur

Club

May 17-19 Sr. Trip-Lake of the Ozarks

May 21 Awards Night

May 25 Baccalaureate-

Forsyth Baptist- 6:00pm

May 27-28 Senior Exams

May 30th Graduation 7:30 pm

June 2- Even Exams

June 3- Odd Exams

June 4- Teachers' Institute

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Maroa Forsyth Middle School



Principal's Message

We would like to congratulate a couple of 8th graders on some outstanding achievements. First, Alex Kuhn was named an I.E.S.A. Scholar Attitude Award winner. Alex is one of fifteen students in the state to earn this recognition and he is the first student from Maroa-Forsyth to win the award. Alex will be honored at a banquet with the other winners on May 6th. The second student we would like to congratulate is Yasir Hasnain. Yasir has qualified for the National Spelling Bee for the 4th consecutive year. Yasir also qualified for the National History Bee, National Geography Olympiad, and State Geography Bee.

We would also like to congratulate Coach Corey and the Scholastic Bowl team. They recently won the Okaw Conference Championship for the 4th year in a row.

As we wind the year down, we have multiple events going on over the last few weeks. The Spring Choir Concert/Talent Show will be on May 6th at 7:00 in the High School Cafetorium. The 8th graders will be going to Six Flags on May 10th and our next dance will be held on May 16th from 3:00-5:00. The Middle School Awards assembly will be on May 29th at 2:10 and parents are invited to attend. The 5th-8th grade band concert will be held at the Middle School on May 20th in the middle school gym. Finally, 8th grade promotion will be held on June 3rd at 6:30 in the high school gym. Promotion practice will be held on June 3rd from 9:00-10:30. All 8th grade students may leave school after practice is over but

they must arrange their own ride home.

Looking towards next year, don't forget registration will be on August 6th from 12:00-7:00 throughout the district. The first day of school will be on August 19th. All incoming 6th graders need to make sure they have a 6th grade physical, Tdap immunization, and a dental exam. 8th graders will need to have a physical to enter high school.

If you have questions or concerns feel free to email me at brice.stewart@mfschools.net or call me at 794-5115.

PBIS News

We have had another outstanding year at the middle school. Recently the students got to participate in a "Glow in the Dark" dance as a reward for not receiving homework or discipline referrals over a months time. We will have many other rewards coming up including a silent auction, electronic lunch, board games, and free candy.

To celebrate the students hard work in and out of the classroom we have reserved inflatables and a dunk tank for the 4th Quarter Celebration. The students will be able to participate in these activities along with others activities on the final day of school.

Athletic News

The track season will quickly be coming to an end. The sectionals will be on Saturday, May 17th and the State meet will be on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th in East Peoria. The season ending

Track Awards will be handed out during morning announcements on Monday, June 2nd. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at our home track meets this year. Due to everyone's help, the home track season went as well as it could.

Any students wanting to participate in athletics next year needs to make sure they have a current physical on file in the office. Physicals are valid for one year and one month. DMH will be providing physicals to Maroa Forsyth students on May 15th, at the High School starting at 3:00. To set up an appointment, email Mr. Jostes at jostesj@yahoo.com.

The first day for baseball and softball tryouts next year is August 4th. Any incoming 7th and 8th grade students are eligible to tryout. If we do not have enough 7th and 8th graders to fill the team, 6th graders will be allowed to tryout. The students will be receiving more information about tryouts before school is out. Please pay attention to our website during the month of July for updates about tryouts.

Important Dates

May

- 6th-Choir Concert/Talent Show @ HS
- 10th-Eighth Grade trip
- 16th-Spring Dance 3:00-5:00
- 20th-Band Concert @ MS
- 29th-MS Awards-2:00

June

- 3rd-Last day of school
- 3rd-8th Grade Promotion 6:30
- 4th-Report Cards picked up/mailed home

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Maroa Forsyth Grade School



Principal's Message

This school year is coming to a very busy end. It seems that every week there are several activities for different grades. There are two more Spring Musicals. The fifth through eighth grade band concert is coming up in May. We also have a lot of field trips still planned throughout May.

Last year we began mailing all student report cards. This year we will again mail all of the report cards after the last institute day (June 4). If you have moved, please make sure we get your address updated to get these report cards to you.

With all of the field trips coming up it is important to make sure that your permission slips are returned to school prior to the day of the trip. We want all students to have an enjoyable, educational day on their field trip. If you have lost a permission slip, please contact the office and we will gladly assist you to get a new one to you.

The Community Club has conducted several book giveaways this year. We are very lucky to have the support of this organization. They have provided great class parties this year, the Back to School Carnival, school supply kits, financial support for class projects, as well as the Inflatable Day that is coming up May 27th. We owe this

organization a big Thanks for all they do.

ArtPals has taught monthly art lessons in our classrooms. They also conduct the Square One fundraiser in the fall. This year they are also going to bring Brian Fox Ellis to teach the students about James Audubon and his art. These assemblies will be on May 12

Registration Information

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is scheduled for August 6th from Noon to 7:00 pm. Registration information will be sent home with students the last week of this year. Please complete this paperwork prior to getting to the school, to will speed the process up. At registration you will be able to get information about the YMCA Before and After School program, Community Club, and ArtPals. Volunteer sign up sheets will also be available at registration for Community Club and ArtPals.

School Bus Safety

When students are waiting for the bus, students need to be at least three big steps away from the road. Students should be waiting, paying attention for the bus, and not running around at the bus stop. When students get onto the bus, they should use the railing and board the

bus one at a time. This will allow the driver to assist students if needed. It is very important that students sit with their back against the seat. Please remind them to keep their bags or other items out of the aisle. When getting off of the bus, please walk away from the bus and if you need to cross the street do it in front of the bus beyond the safety arm that sticks out. The driver will have their stop sign out to protect students while they are crossing the street.

The bus rules help students safely get to and from school. Please remind students of these rules and especially when school starts in the fall.

Important Dates

- May 5-5th grade to Lincoln Museum
- May 6-Kindergarten Orientation
- May 7-3rd grade to Macon County History Museum
- May 8-2nd grade to ISU Planetarium
- May 12-ArtPals Assemblies
- May 15-5th Grade Concert
- May 20-5th-8th Band Concert
- May 21-Kindergarten to Children's Museum and Scovill Zoo
- May 23-4th grade to New Salem
- May 26-Memorial Day (No school)
- May 27-Inflatable Day
- May 28-Pre-K Graduation
- June 2-K-2 Field Day
- June 3-3-5 Field Day
- June 3-Last day of student attendance
- June 4-Teacher Institute Day

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