

# MAROA FORSYTH

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### DISTRICT NEWSLETTER- May 2016

#### Superintendent's Comments

It is hard to believe another school year is almost in the books! This year has been another very successful year throughout the District. We are very fortunate to have such a great community that values the importance of education and the extracurricular opportunities that are students are able to enjoy. As always, we thank you for your support of the Maroa Forsyth School District and all of its activities.

As we close out the year there are some important dates to remember.

The last day for student attendance will be May 25 and the end of the year teachers institute will be May 26. The student report cards will be prepared the first week of June.

The annual high school awards night is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. This is a wonderful evening recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of our high school students. Each and every year the graduates receive thousands of dollars in scholarship money from local, regional and national sources. It is truly an enjoyable evening to witness

how successful the students of Maroa Forsyth are.

Eighth grade promotion will be held on May 24 at 6:30. Please join us in recognizing the students' accomplishments as they leave middle school for high school.

Lastly, our high school commencement exercises will be May 27 at 7:30. Please help us in recognizing the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2016.

#### 2016-2017 School Year

You can't talk about ending one school year without talking about the beginning of a new one. The 2016-2017 school year will begin the teacher's institute on August 17<sup>th</sup> and the first day of student attendance on August 18<sup>th</sup>. For a complete 16-17 calendar, please use the following link.

<https://drive.google.com/a/mfschools.net/file/d/0B4OUDKhXo mo1c0Q4d1FVbW9iamM/view>

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will take place on August 3, 2016 from 12:00-7:00 in all buildings. If you are unable to register your child during the designated time, we ask that

you contact the building office to make alternate arrangements. For a complete list of the details on school registration, please use the following link.

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#### Retiring Faculty

I would like to take a minute to recognize two outstanding employees that will move on to the next chapter of their lives after a very successful educational career.

-Cynthia Holmes- She has been a valuable member of our early elementary staff for several years. Her welcoming ways will be missed. We wish her the best in her retirement years.

-Randy Massey- One thing is for sure, Randy doesn't receive the credit he deserves for keeping the District's computer's projectors, smartboard's and other devices functioning properly on a daily basis. The countless hours he has put in and his expertise will be missed.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you next fall!!

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# Maroa Forsyth High School

*"A Proud Tradition of Excellence"*



## **Principal's Message**

Spring has sprung and summer is near!! It has been a busy couple of months with all of the mandated testing! April 19<sup>th</sup>, we administered the ACT to 68 students. We hope to get the results in the next couple of weeks. PARCC testing for English and Math are completed at the high school level. We are currently working out some browser issues the state has caused us so that we can complete the Biology assessment that they just released, Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are working to address the technical issues and then will assess all Biology I students in the next two weeks. Not a great time of year for a mandated test as you can imagine. We are also completing all of the Advanced Placement tests this week.

Overall this has been another outstanding school year, however; we had a brief assembly last Friday in an attempt to ensure that our students finish the school year strong. We reemphasized a few of our rules, explained some processes, reviewed some important dates, and viewed a motivational video on giving your best effort.

The rain has made it difficult for our spring sports teams to compete on a regular basis. Cancellations and reschedules have made it difficult for Mr. Applebee and Mr. Dale, but I would like to commend both of

them for the efforts they make for our students and coaches.

Without these two individuals doing what they do, we would be fielding many more complaints and our students' experiences would be far less.

## **Student Spotlight**

Thank you to all students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members who donated at the FCCLA American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 15th. Our goal was 36 units and we collected 49! Three blood drives were held this year at MFHS. From these collections the Red Cross is giving us a \$750.00 scholarship to be given away. FCCLA has added \$250.00 to the scholarship fund. As a result of these donations we will be giving two, \$500.00 scholarships to two seniors who participated in the blood drives. Special thanks to Mrs. Daggett for all her hard work on this project. It has become a staple here at MFHS.

It's been a wet spring, but fish are always wet and our bass fishing team is putting in the time on Clinton Lake in preparation for the IHSA sectional on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pictured below is Paige and Clayton with a "surprise bass" ...☺



Also recently, The High School Band and Choir performed in the IHSA Organizational contest this morning. The Band received a Division 2 (Excellent) rating and the Choir received a Division 1 (Superior) rating.

Congratulations to all of the MFHS musicians!

AND...This is your STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WYSE TEAM!



*\*\*Interesting note: In 2014 we proudly boasted that over 850 people came to see the showing of South Pacific. This year, 1500+ people came to watch Mary Poppins! Congratulations to Mr. Weisenborn, Cast, and Volunteers!!*

## **Important Dates**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00 pm  
Baccalaureate

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:00 pm Awards  
Night

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:30 pm NHS  
Ceremony

**May 21-23** Senior Trip

**May 24-25<sup>th</sup>** Finals

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:30 Graduation

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# Maroa Forsyth Middle School



## Principal's Message

Overall, PARCC testing went very well and we feel our students gave great effort. We would like to thank everyone who donated money for snacks and breakfast items.

We are very pleased to announce we had six students advance to the finals of the National History Bee. Those students are: 8<sup>th</sup> grader Aidan Lee, Lui Cole, and Roman King; 7<sup>th</sup> grader Rabya Hasnain; and 6<sup>th</sup> graders Mya Jyothinagaram and Maddie Madsen. We are also very pleased to recognize Rabya Hasnain, who has qualified for the Scripts National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. We would also like to congratulate Coach Corey and the Scholastic Bowl team. They recently won the Okaw Conference Championship for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row and the Regional Championship.

As we wind the year down, we have multiple events going on over the last few weeks. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Six Flags on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Choir Concert will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the High School Cafetorium. The Spring Band Concert will be held at the High School on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Cafetorium. The Middle School Awards assembly will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 and parents are invited to attend. Finally, 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the High School Gym. Promotion practice will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may leave school after practice is over but they must arrange their own ride home.

Looking toward next year, don't forget registration will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-7:00 throughout the district. The first day of school will be on August 18<sup>th</sup>. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders need to make sure they have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade physical, Tdap immunization, meningitis immunization, and a dental exam. 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 "Hula Hoop Tic Tac Toe" 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 lunches, and free candy.

To celebrate the students' hard work in and out of the classroom we will have the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Celebration on the last day of school, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have multiple activities for the students to participate in and they will also receive their yearbooks on this day.

## Athletic News

The track season will quickly be coming to an end. We will be hosting the Sectionals on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and the State meet will be on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in East Peoria. The season

ending Track Awards will be handed out during morning announcements on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the High School starting at 3:00. To set up an appointment, please call the High School office.

The first day for baseball and softball tryouts next year is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Any incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible 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

2<sup>nd</sup>-Boy's Okaw Track @MFMS  
7<sup>th</sup>-Eighth Grade trip  
10<sup>th</sup>-Choir Concert @ HS  
14<sup>th</sup>-Track Sectional @ MFMS  
17<sup>th</sup>-Band Concert @ HS  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>-State Track Meet  
23<sup>rd</sup>-MS Awards-2:00  
24<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 6:30  
25<sup>th</sup>-Last day of school  
26<sup>th</sup>-Report Cards picked up/mailed

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# Maroa Forsyth Grade School



## Principal's Message

2015-2016 has been a great school year! Our students and teachers have both put in a great amount of effort to be their best everyday. There is still a lot going on this spring before May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The fourth grade and fifth grade both have their concerts yet this spring. During the fourth grade concert, the students will play their recorders. The fifth grade band will perform during their concert, to show how much they have improved during this year.

We still have several field trips coming up this spring. Several of our field trips are outside. Make sure your students is prepared for the weather on the day of the trip. Please make sure you have returned permission slips on time. We want all students able to attend and participate in these educational trips. If you have lost a permission slip please contact the teacher or the office and we will get another to you.

This year our Community Club has been active. They gave several books out to students, provided the class parties, the Back to School Carnival, Supply Kits, Traverse Wall, and also supported our teachers in their classrooms. Thank you to all of the parents who generously give their time to this organization.

We also need to thank our library volunteers who allow our students to check out books regularly. Also, a big thanks to the Art Pals volunteers who come in monthly to provide art lessons to our students, and also display their efforts in the hallways.

Finally, the last thank you is to you, as parents for supporting your children and showing them the value of school. Without your support our students wouldn't be nearly as successful.

Have a great summer!

## Registration Information

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon to 7:00 pm. Registration information will be sent home with students on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please complete this paperwork prior to getting to the school, to help 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. These groups are always looking for more parent involvement

## 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. 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

- 5/5 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 5/12 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 5/13 Volunteer Breakfast
- 5/19 End of the Year Assembly
- 5/23 K-2 Field Day
- 5/24 Inflatable Day
- 5/25 3-5 Field Day
- 5/25 Last day of student attendance
- 5/26 Institute Day