

MAROA FORSYTH

Home of the Trojans



Building a Better World One Student at a Time



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER- September 2016

Superintendent's Comments

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the start of September!! The beginning of the school year has been smooth due to the hard work of the faculty and staff that we have here at Maroa Forsyth. I would like to recognize a few individuals that have went above and beyond to ensure the start of the school year was efficient.

The first person I would like to recognize is Jody Luttrell. Jody was hired as the District's Transportation Director late this summer and she has hit the ground running. She has done an excellent job planning for and executing the transportation needs for the District. Her hard work and dedication is appreciated.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kristopher Kahler. Mr. Kahler has always been a tremendous asset to the Maroa Forsyth District and his handling of several changes that occurred late this summer should be recognized. His assistance in seeing that all of the student and staff needs are met should not go unnoticed.

Recently Mr. Scott Adreon accepted a principal position with the Dunlap School

District. Scott has been a key member of the Maroa Forsyth School District and Community for several years and we wish him and his family the best with his new position.

With any change there is opportunity. This opportunity brings me to the next individuals that are deserving of recognition. Mr. Brice Stewart and Mr. Phil Applebee have agreed to cover the responsibilities of the high school principal position for the 2016-2017 school year. While things have been extremely busy for these gentlemen, they have more than met the expectations for the position they have agreed to take on. I would like to extend a big Thank You, for their willingness to step up for the students of Maroa Forsyth.

Obviously the District would not be able to function without the efforts of countless other individuals and I would like to thank each and every employee, volunteer and student for getting the year off to a great start.

New Faculty

The District is very fortunate to have hired several new teachers to help

educate the students of Maroa Forsyth. Please help me in welcoming the following individuals to the Maroa Forsyth Community:

- Lindsay Anderson
5th Grade
- Theresa Boynton
HS Special Education
- Julie Crabtree
Pre-Kindergarten
- Jill Eighner
3rd Grade
- Megan Hill
Kindergarten
- Rob Luther
3rd Grade
- Bekki Moore
Spanish
- Annie Shiley
2nd grade
- Jenna Simpson
HS Math

We are very excited to we were able to hire such a talented group of educators.

While there are several great additions to the teaching staff of Maroa Forsyth we also have several additions to the District's support staff. We will highlight the new members of our support staff in the next edition of the District Newsletter.

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Maroa Forsyth High School

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Principal's Message

The 2016-17 school year began with a lot of changes, but our students, teachers, and support staff have handled it with grace and patience. Mr. Adreon left the district to take the principal's position at Dunlap High School, and we can't be any more excited for him and his family on this new adventure. Here at MFHS, Mr. Stewart, our middle school principal, has taken on the extra duties that come with being the high school principal. He is available at either the high school or middle school every day. Mr. Applebee will now serve as assistant to the principal in addition to his athletic director and teaching duties. You may also contact him if you have any concerns or questions. We have a great senior class who has stepped up to the challenge "to be great, not just good." This will be a great school year with this class leading the way. We would like to welcome the Class of 2020 and their 104 students. They bring energy and enthusiasm to the school. We would also like to welcome three new staff members. Mrs. Bekki Moore will be taking over the Spanish duties left behind by Mrs. Mikesell. Mrs. Mikesell has decided to stay home and spend more time with her family. Mrs. Theresa Boynton is filling the shoes of Mrs. Lori McCoy in the Resource room. We will still get to see Mrs.

McCoy as she is now an SEA for Macon County. We also added Miss Jenna Simpson. Miss Simpson's position is a new math position to help with class size.

School Improvement

Our Focus Learning groups have been identified and students filled out selection sheets to be put in their group. Focus Learning is at the end of the day and is designed to give students more time to talk to teachers, get additional help, spend more time on projects/homework, or to get more involved with an activity. Focused Learning is at the end of the day in order to accommodate those students who need to leave early for a variety of reasons. We have Math and Writing Labs, but teachers are available in all of our subjects for our students to get additional help.

Athletics/Activities

This year we have 190 students involved in athletics or an activity this fall. That is up by fifteen students since the fall of 2014.

- Band- 29
- Cheer- 11
- Trojanettes- 12
- Boys Golf- 3
- Cross Country- 10
- Soccer- 8
- Girls Tennis- 9
- Volleyball- 32
- Football-70

Boys Golf started on 8/16 having competed in four matches, winning three.

Football opened its season on the road against New Berlin, winning 70-7.

Girls Volleyball opened their season at home against Heyworth on 8/30.

Girls Tennis opened their season at Shelbyville.

Boys Soccer opened play on 8/24 against Eisenhower and collected the win.

Cross Country girls competed at the St. Thomas More Invite and finished third, while the boys finished 6th at the same invite.

High School Gym Floor Gets Makeover!!

Over the summer the high school gym floor was sanded, sealed and repainted with the new logo. We are extremely pleased with the results. See the picture below.



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Maroa Forsyth Middle School



Principal's Message

The 2016-17 school year has gotten off to a fantastic start at the Middle School. The students have already survived their "TIKI Training" day and picture day. To help you keep up on Middle School news and events, please pay attention to the middle school website at <http://mfms.mfschools.net/>. Another way to receive middle school news is by following Maroa Forsyth MS on Twitter and Facebook.

I would like to make all parents aware of our Homework Club. Every Tuesday and Thursday students can stay after school until 3:30 to work on homework and receive help from teachers. Also, students who do not complete their homework will be assigned a homework club referral until their work is complete. Students who stay for homework club will need to arrange a ride home.

We would like to welcome 1 new teacher to our staff; Mrs. Cuttill-Price who will be teaching 7th and 8th grade reading this year. I would also like to welcome Heather Ohlemeyer who is our new special education aide. Everyone is looking forward to another great year at MFMS and don't forget to mark on your calendars that Parent/Teacher conferences will be on October 5th and 6th.

Finally, this year will be a little different and I will be splitting my time between the Middle School and the High School. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to email me at brice.stewart@mfschools.net

or call me at 794-5115. I will do my very best to get back to you in a timely manner.

PBIS News

On the second day of school, the middle school students participated in "TIKI Training". The students went from station to station learning the rules and expectations for the middle school. To end the day the students got to participate in a game reviewing the rules and expectations. We also reviewed the dress code by watching the No-No Style Show.

This year the students will once again receive Star Bucks for following the middle school code of honor and displaying Respect, Responsibility, and Effort. The students should keep their Star Bucks to use on many different items throughout the school year including, candy, early pass to lunch, iTunes cards, silent auction items, and many others. If a student continuously shows Respect, Responsibility, and Effort, they may receive a Star Student Award that will be displayed on a bulletin board.

Each quarter we conduct a celebration in honor of our students following the Code of Honor. For the 1st quarter, if the student body receives 35 or less referrals, all students get to participate. If the student body gets more than 35 referrals, students who did not follow the Code of Honor may be withheld for part of the celebration. The 1st quarter celebration is always a "Field Day" when we have class competitions on the football field.

To find out more information about PBIS please visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/pbis/mfms/>

Athletic News

The softball and baseball seasons are well under way and will soon be coming to an end. The softball team will play in their regional on September 10th and the baseball team will begin regional play September 17th

Girls' Basketball practice will start on September 2nd. The girls open their season September 22nd with a game at Cerro Gordo.

The boys' basketball team will begin their season the week of October 17th. Tryouts will be held on the 17th, 18th, and 19th. The boys' first game will be on November 3rd at home vs. Heyworth. On-Line registration for both boys' and girls' basketball will be open in early October.

This year Phil Applebee will be taking over Athletic Director duties for the Middle School. Mr. Applebee can be reached at phil.applebee@mfschools.net.

Important Dates

September

2nd-Girls' Basketball Begins
5th- No School-Labor Day
7th-2:03 Dismissal
16th-Midterm & -Homecoming –
2:03 Dismissal

October

5th-P/T conferences (4:30-7:30)
2:03 Dismissal
6th- P/T conferences (4:30-7:30)
2:03 Dismissal
7th-2:03 Dismissal
10th-No School-Columbus Day
12th-2:03 Dismissal
14th-End of 1st Quarter

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Maroa Forsyth Grade School



Principal's Message

The start of the school year has been very exciting. This year we are welcoming many new staff members and several have changed their position within the building. Mr. Luther has been moved from Reading Interventionist to a third grade classroom. Miss Anderson is our new fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Patrick has moved from third grade to fifth grade. Miss Shiley has joined our second grade team. Mrs. Hill is a new kindergarten teacher. And, Mrs. Eighner is currently teaching in a third grade classroom as a long-term substitute.

We have already completed our CBM's this fall. We really appreciate the volunteers and the many Millikin students who came to help.

Deputy Elgin Hawthorne is our School Resource Officer. He comes to our building a couple times each week. Your children will get chances to meet Deputy Hawthorne throughout the school year.

As the weather starts to change please remember to make sure students are prepared to be outside at recess. We will be outside whenever possible. Students might need jackets as we get into fall.

Thanks for a great start!

Leader in Me News

We are in the second year of Leader in Me. The program was very successful last year and we are going to continue to enhance the program this year.

We are starting a Student Council for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The elected members of our Student Council will teach the Seven Habits of Leadership to younger students. These students will also help with Pickles and Popcorn on Wednesdays.

Drop-off/Pick-up Reminder

This is a good time to remind everyone about arrival and dismissal procedures. If you choose to drop off and pick up your children, we want you to remember the safety rules we have in place. Mrs. Smith will be in front of the school for arrival and dismissal.

If you would like to walk your student to or from school, please make sure you park in the lot and walk through the crosswalk. Do not park in the drop-off/pick-up line. If you want to stay in your car and have the students meet you in car line, please stay in the right lane and have your child enter or exit your car when you get near the crosswalk. Please do not pull in front of the crosswalk. The daycare bus parks past the crosswalk and if

other cars pull through, it blocks the rest of parents from being able to exit our lot.

During Dismissal, no car traffic is allowed to the back of the building until 3:15. If your student attends the YMCA program they will stay in the Cafeteria. If you need to pick up a student from the YMCA program before 3:15 you must enter the main entrance in front of the building, come into the office, and a school employee will get your child from the YMCA program. After 3:15, you may go to the back of the building to sign-out your child.

Thank you for following these safety procedures. These rules are in place for the safety of children and parents alike. If you would like to discuss these procedures, please contact the office.

Important Dates

September 7-2:13 Dismissal
September 7-Community Club Carnival
September 16-First Quarter Mid-terms
September 16-2:13 Dismissal (Homecoming)
September 20-Fannie May Kick-off
October 3-7-Book Fair
October 5-2:13 Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences
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