

Morning Announcements

- Wed. October 12 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mon. October 17 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wed. October 26 All Boards Dinner
- Thur. October 27 Adult Education Open House
- Wed. November 2 Pre-Professional Academy Orientation
- Fri. November 4 End of First Grading Period
- Tues. November 8 Election Day
- Fri. November 18 Christmas in the Woods Craft Show
- Sat. November 19 Christmas in the Woods Craft Show

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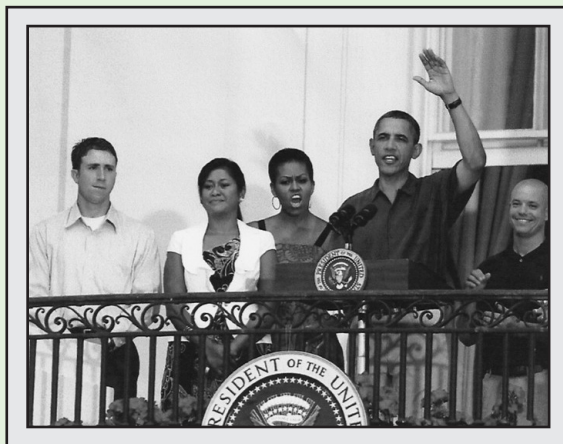
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Maplewood Graduate Honored

Army Sergeant First Class Justin Gang (Rootstown), shown on the left, a 2000 graduate, was honored by President Obama at a July 4th White House presentation. Gang and other military personnel were introduced and thanked for their heroic actions and service to the nation. President Obama and the First Lady celebrated the holiday by thanking those serving in the military as well as their families. In his remarks, the President said Gang was injured while on patrol in Iraq and under enemy fire but still helped evacuate his wounded comrades, heroic actions deserving of the nation's gratitude.



PRE-PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIES ATTRACT CAREER-MINDED STUDENTS APPLICATIONS DUE SOON

Sophomores from any area school district may apply to participate in one of four Pre-Professional Academies offered through Maplewood and the Portage County Educational Service Center.

Academies include Broadcast/Journalism, Legal, Medical, and Performing Arts. Each of the academies offer participants several activity days during which they will meet working professionals in the career field, get hands-on experience, and investigate careers within the field.

Activities including field trips and site visits are held for sophomore and junior participants

Applications are available through the student's high school guidance department and must be completed soon.

Pre-Professional Academy parent/student orientation will be held Wednesday evening, November 2, 2011.

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on Maplewood's ten year, 3 mill renewal levy on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The levy provides Maplewood's primary source of local funding and represents no additional tax for property owners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RANDY GRIFFITH



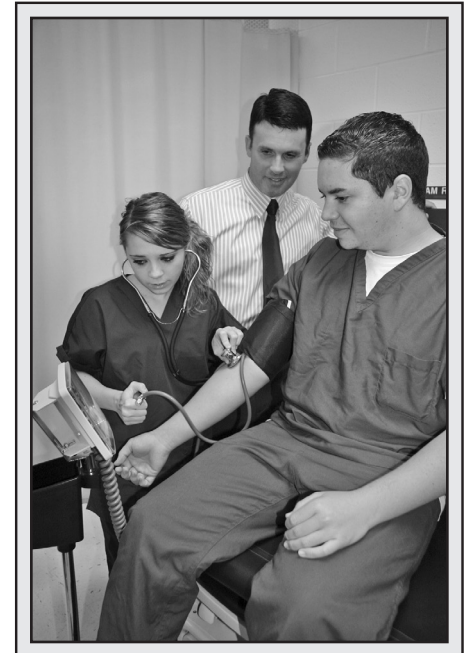
The beginning of a new school year at Maplewood Career Center is an exciting time for educators and students. Educators, many of whom recently completed enrichment classes or workshops, arrive refreshed, armed with new ideas, and prepared to assist students striving to reach their full potential. Senior students return with a year of trade skill training behind them, excited about completion of their high school education, and prepared to transition to the workforce or post-secondary education. Junior students attending Maplewood have made a difficult decision to leave friends, instructors, and support systems that are familiar to them in pursuit of their chosen career path. Both students and staff face the anxiety of change and growth with the excitement and perseverance to succeed. I only wish

that every individual who contributes to the growth of others could experience the energy and enthusiasm which permeates this facility on the first day of a new school year.

We are proud that the Maplewood Career Center facilities are used extensively throughout the year. Maplewood's doors open throughout the week by 7:00 a.m. and do not close before 10:00 p.m. Approximately 700 high school students throughout Portage County and a portion of Summit County attend annually. Adult Education provides services to thousands of adults on a yearly basis. Additionally, Maplewood Career Center, for the past several years, has provided the facilities and staffing for the summer school operations.

Last year, 59 different groups and organizations utilized Maplewood facilities for meetings or special events, with several of the organizations using the facility multiple times. A sample of the organizations that utilized the facilities last year include: Portage County School Nurses, Portage County Health Department, Girl Scouts, Portage County Red Cross, Eaton Industries, OSU Extension, Leadership Portage County, Portage County Farm Bureau, Portage County Beekeepers, Head Start, Viking Forge, Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna Lions Club,

4-H Clubs, Cub Scouts of America, etc. Maplewood Career Center is a community resource for meetings, learning, trade skill acquisition, and personnel growth provided by the taxpayers. We invite you to take advantage of Maplewood's vast resources. Thank you for your continued support.



Maplewood Superintendent Randy Griffith learns the skill of taking patient vitals from Medical Assisting seniors Sarah Morrison (Field) and Greg Simko (Southeast). "It's always rewarding to see how far the students have come in just one year," Griffith said.



New junior Cody Yorke (Streetsboro) and his mother Debbie Yorke discuss lab safety and class expectations with Carpentry instructor Adam Irwin. The family attended the annual evening orientation for incoming juniors. The session helps relieve the anxiety of attending a new school that some juniors experience.

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ADULT EDUCATION TO HOLD 2011 OPPORTUNITY FAIR AND OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Ravenna Rotary Club scholarship chairman Vince Pelose, left, presents Precious Bostic (Field), a Criminal Justice 2010 graduate, with a check in recognition of her community service. Looking on are Mapewood Award of Merit Coordinator Michelle McPherson and Mapewood High School Director Craig Morgan.

Maplewood Adult Education Director Eva Jo Mihnovets puts adult learners at the top of her list when it comes to opportunity and because of that, she has planned an evening program to introduce interested adults to the many adult specific programs at the Career Center. "So many people see Maplewood as a high school extension but we are that and much more," said Mihnovets, adding that the afternoon and evening adult classes served nearly 1,400 students during the 2010-2011 school year.

"We are extremely proud of our adult program and according to state rankings of student satisfaction, we are number two in Ohio," Mihnovets said. To her, being anything but the best is a challenge. Adult program rankings are an indication of program quality and instructor effectiveness.

Adult programs are constantly changing based on the needs of students and the job market. Maplewood is always looking for ways to serve area adults including those who are seeking new work skills for career advancement as well as new

career opportunities. "Retraining is a fundamental need today and we focus on that with several classes designed to prepare students to return to the job market," she said.

The Opportunity Fair and Open House will allow interested adults to see our facility, meet many of our instructors, and get an overall look at Maplewood "after school".

"The Adult Education fall catalog is already mailed out but we've added even more classes since then," Mihnovets said. The newest classes and additional learning options will be introduced at the Opportunity Fair and Open House, she said.

Adult classes range in skill level from GED preparation to complex computer programs.

According to Mihnovets, Maplewood Adult Education department plays an important role in the overall training needs of area employees and employers, a role that continues to develop as prospective employers look to the Career Center for job ready employees.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Maplewood offers knowledgeable speakers for clubs and organizations. Request a speaker to learn more about current school activities and financial outlook. Contact Randy Giffith at 330-296-2892.

Top Adult Ed Choices

**Welding Technology • Basic Peace Officer Training
Medical Assistant Cluster • Computer Skills
Job Club for Job Seekers • Personal Enrichment**

Medical Assistant Program for Adult Learners

Develop the skills needed to work in a variety of entry-level medical settings including hospitals, clinics, & medical offices. Students can select one or more classes.

Medical Terminology

Learn the languages of the medical profession. Students in this course will learn the definition of over 10,000 medical terms. 63 hours (7.5 wks)

Anatomy & Physiology

The basics of anatomy and physiology including terminology, basic biochemistry, cells and tissues, and the various systems within the body. Pre-requisite: Medical Terminology. 18 hours (6 wks)

Nurses Aide Training (STNA)

Our state-approved program will teach you the skills needed to obtain employment in a hospital, nursing home, or related healthcare environments. 80 hours (4 wks)

Medical Billing & Coding

This course provides the essentials to working as a medical administrative assistant, with an emphasis on medical billing, coding, correlating forms. Pre-requisite: Medical Terminology. 78 hours (10 wks)

Phlebotomy

This course teaches students proper blood and specimen collection, ethics, equipment usage, and infection control. There is a 100-hour externship. 200 hours (15 wks)

Medical Transcription

Introduction to medical dictation and transcription. Students will become familiar with reports, terminology, and appropriate format for reports, and specialized rules for medical reports. Pre-requisite: Medical Terminology. 30 hours (10 wks)

QUALITY HANDMADE CRAFTS SOUGHT

Maplewood's annual Christmas in the Woods craft show coordinator Anita Kelley is looking for a few more hand-crafted product vendors to fill the few hallway booths still available for the upcoming holiday themed craft show. The show is set for November 18 - 19, 2011. Contact Kelly at 330-296-2892.

RAVENNA PROJECT IS SHARED EFFORT

Maplewood students will soon be busy building a single family home in Ravenna, a project proposed originally as a partnership with Family and Community Services by Maplewood Superintendent Randy Griffith. The joint effort came to fruition after talks between Griffith and Family and Community Services CEO Mark Frisone. Both see the partnership as a win - win arrangement.

"The project fits our construction curriculum perfectly," Griffith said, explaining that Masonry students will build the foundation then Carpentry and Electricity students will take over. He said that the students will benefit from the hands-on experience and the project will add a sense of purpose when a deserving family is able to become home owners.

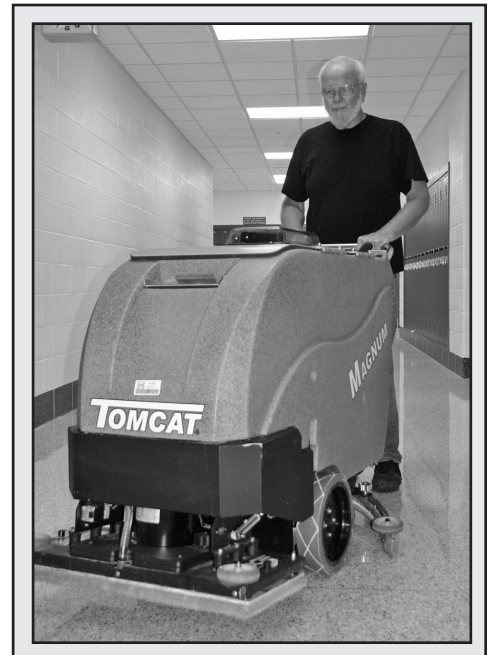
The house is being built on a city lot recently donated to Maplewood. "We feel good about the fact that the lot will be put to good use and benefit our students, the family that purchases it, and the city."

The house, to be built on a sloped lot, features an attractive Colonial split-level design and a two car garage on the bottom level.

CAREER CENTER FLOORS SHINE BRIGHTLY New System Saves in Several Ways

Maplewood's halls and classroom floors have taken on a new shine because a new system and machine use water and pressure to strip old wax and imperfections. According to Supervisor of Business Affairs Russ McKenzie, the new floor system uses no chemicals at all and produces an impressive finish with less labor.

"We are always looking at ways to add efficiency and reduce costs in our maintenance department so the new floor system fits our goals perfectly," McKenzie said, adding that the school is so heavily used year around that the custodial staff is limited in the amount of time they have to refinish floors.



Custodian Roger Smith demonstrates the new floor machine that removes old wax with water and pad pressure. The system reduces labor and the cost of chemicals.

NEW STAFF WELCOMED

Joining the Maplewood staff are front row from left to right: Jenell Brownlee, Resource Center/Media Specialist; Natalie Forman, Social Studies; Jessica Florea, Science; and Joelle Rex, English. Back row from left to right: Sara Haldi, Special Needs Tutor; Melissa Cutright, Math and Remediation; Josh Cramer, Microcomputer Technician; Schuyler Kasee, English; and Kathryn Hawk, English. Not shown are Cathy Byers, cafeteria; and Lane Davis, Adult Education receptionist and secretary.



AWARD OF MERIT PROGRAM BUILDS CHARACTER

Maplewood's exclusive Award of Merit Program offers Career Center juniors and seniors opportunities to volunteer in a variety of areas. Students who log the required number of service hours during their two years at Maplewood earn recognition as seniors. According to program coordinator Michelle McPherson, the amount of students interested in volunteering is outstanding and community and agency service opportunities are welcome. Contact: Michelle McPherson at 330-296-2892.

Andrea Knapp (Waterloo) on the left, a senior in Cosmetology, and a talented freehand artist, added to her volunteer log by providing free face painting at a recent summer festival.



ASBESTOS CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS

Please be advised that Maplewood Career Center has Asbestos Containing Building Materials present in the building. Maplewood Career Center has been privately inspected and found to contain only non-friable asbestos which is all in good condition and of no immediate threat to the health of occupants of the building. An Asbestos Management Plan is in place and will be made available upon request in writing to the Office of the Supervisor of Business Affairs, Maplewood Career Center, 7075 St. Rt. 88, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Upon receipt of a request an appointment will be made for review of the plan within (5) five working days. Periodic surveillance, reinspection, and adherence to the management plan will be followed annually.