

Maple Hill Junior Paw Print

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Mr. Phillip's Interview

By: Sarah Martino, grade 8

Mr. Phillips is the new social studies teacher for the eighth grade this year! He is a great teacher to be at this school! He came to Maple Hill because while he interviewed for the job he felt that this was a really great place to work at. He also loved how it was a smaller school and more rural. Being here helps him with time too because he lives close by. Mr. Phillips likes working with the eighth graders because he feels like they are very relaxed and like to learn. He also finds the staff and his co-workers very nice to be around.



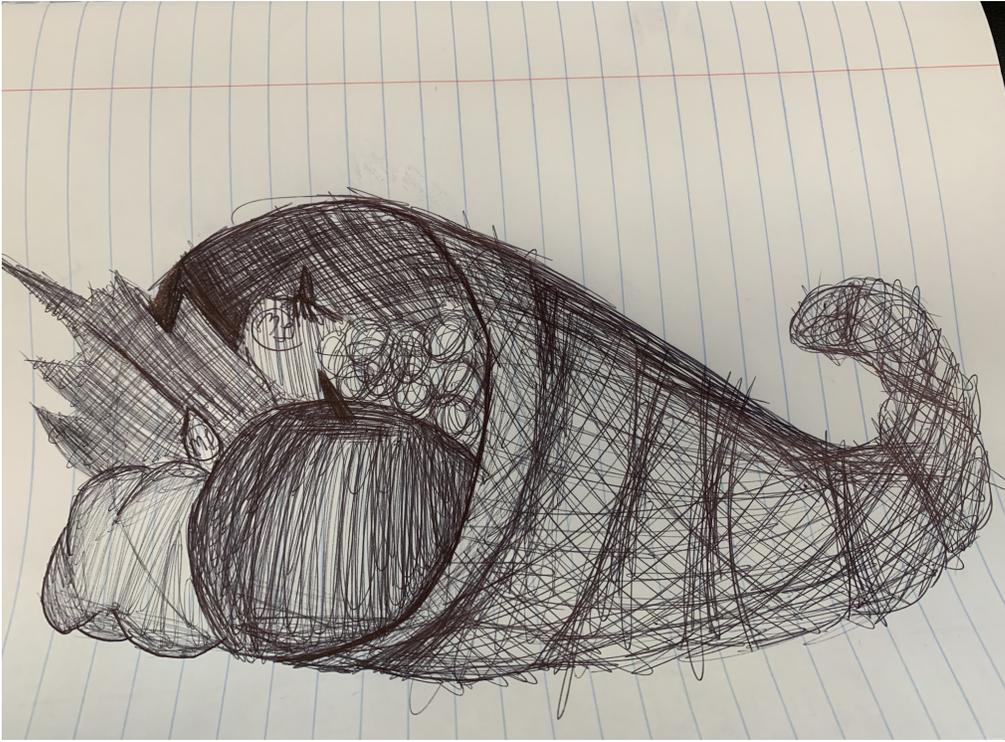
He has had 2 jobs as a teacher before coming to Maple Hill. With both of the jobs he has learned a lot about teaching and himself! From his first job, he was a teacher's aid and he took away that you should build relationships with the students outside of class, and lead clubs. When he went to his second job, he was a full social studies teacher. With this he learned a lot about classroom management and teaching in

general. This included him testing different kinds of ways to help his students learn. He also found an engaging way to teach kids. He was able to take away how to talk to parents as well.

Mr. Phillips enjoys many hobbies and being able to do activities on his own time. He really likes to read! His favorite genres are fiction and gothic literature/horror. He says that he thinks reading horror is better than watching it because the visuals of the movies are more graphic and detailed. Another hobby he has is coaching baseball and basketball. Additionally he enjoys skiing. He even started when he was five years old! Mr. Phillips likes to play golf and hike. One of his favorite board games is called axis and allies. This board game is about World War II.

Mr. Phillips is a great teacher in Maple Hill and we are all so glad he is working here!

Fall Art Gallery!



My name is Matti.
This is a drawing of
a cornucopia. I drew
this not only for
Thanksgiving but to
show that different
things can come
together and look
beautiful!!!

-Matti LoVullo, grade 8



Sarah Martino, grade 8

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

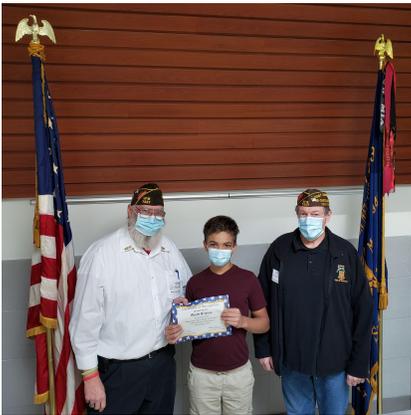
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On November 8 and 9, 2021, VFW Post 7337 Commander Rik Cosgrave and Past Commander Fred Schultz learned about the 7th graders' America unit.

They gave the students "Buddy Poppies," and offered them stars from out-of-service American flags to pass along to veterans or first responders.

These students were recognized for their "How Can I Be a Good American?" Patriot's Pen essays: Nadine King, Wyatt Brixius, Mason Haber, and Olivia Pellitier.

Mr. Cosgrave said, "Thank you so much for having us. We loved the articles on the wall and interacting with the kids."



Halloween!!

By: Nathan Bivins, grade 8

Halloween is the holiday we celebrate on October 31st. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

I had a few opinion based questions about Halloween and decided to ask the school. My first question was, is Halloween a season? My second question was, is Halloween a holiday? My last question was, should we have Halloween off from school? These questions are all a

personal opinion and I thank everyone that answered.

Let's get to the results. Is Halloween a season? Out of one hundred sixty six responses, 76.5% (127) people said NO and 23.5% (39) people said YES. Is Halloween a holiday? Out of one hundred sixty six responses 97.6% (162) people said YES and 2.4% (4) people said NO. Should we have Halloween off from

school? Out of one hundred sixty six responses 82.5% (137) people said YES and 17.5% (29) people said NO. Some people may be surprised about some of these results.



Why Are Plaid Skirts So Popular?

By: Mariella Zuniga, grade 7

Plaid skirts are definitely trending right now, why you may ask? According to crfashionbook.com In the 1800's, the Scottish wore tartan kilts since it was a huge part of their culture and even men wore them. Then, 100 years later Scottish people came to the United States and the Scottish began to work as lumberjacks wearing plaid.

Coincidentally, they became popular in Europe during the 1920's because the pattern was on popular trench coats. By the 1940's a popular company called Pendleton (who was famous for making blankets and wool clothing) made a brighter version of plaid and red was the most popular version they made. Manufacturers also found cheaper fabrics to make clothes which was plaid.



Then plaid became even more popular because Catholic schools used plaid skirts as a part of their uniform. At the end of the 1960's plaid was associated with young girls and women who went to catholic school. In the 1970's plaid became popular with punks because they wore the short plaid shirts which ruined the reputation of plaid skirts. Punks used plaid as a way to rebel.



The rebelling came to a stop when movies like *Heathers* and *Clueless* came out and American teen girls reclaimed plaid during the early 90's. This soon became a huge part of pop culture. Fashion designers like Lavin and Oscar de la Renta made outfits for their models to wear while walking down the runway which brought back the craze for plaid.



Personally I think so many people are wearing them because they are very popular on tiktok and they are really easy to style. Many different generations have found different ways to style plaid, which is probably the biggest reason why it's so popular.

Fun Homemade Earrings!

By: Nina Bedell and Sarah Martino, grade 8

This past year there has been a new trend of making earrings!



Many people have started making them out of random things around the house. Some of the earrings in the picture below include perler beads and soda tabs! You can get supplies from Michaels and other craft stores. Here is a [link to a video](#) with instructions for perler bead earrings.

There are many other ideas you could do too!!

Mario and Mrs. Stilson's Birthdays

By: Nate Bivins, grade 8 and Isaias Wilson-leedy, grade 7

Tuesday, November 16th 2021, it was Mario (Mrs. Stilson's dog) and Mrs. Stilson's birthday. Mario is 6 years old and, coincidence or not, Mario and Mrs. Stilson have the exact same birthday. So as a shout out to them we decided to thank them for everything they do at the school and just how grateful we all are that they are here.



Photo from Mrs. Stilson at Nina Bedell's request

Happy Thanksgiving!
What's your favorite side dish to go with that turkey?
Here are some 7th graders' opinions. Looks like stuffing's the winner!

Peyton: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **stuffing** because **it holds a lot of flavor and it's the right texture**. Some people think that **mashed potatoes with gravy** is the best Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **stuffing is better**. Therefore, **stuffing** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.

Anthony: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **stuffing** because **it is very good by itself and with turkey**. Some people think that **mac-n-cheese** is the best Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **mac-n-cheese is just regular and is not good with turkey**. Therefore, **stuffing** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.



Jaclyn: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **stuffings** because **they are classic and no one can say otherwise**. Some people think that **mac-n-cheese** is the best Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **it is not as classic and it is just an after school snack**. Therefore, **stuffing** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.

Madalyn: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **stuffing** because **it's like a crunchy outside and when you bite into it it's soft and melts in your mouth**. Some people think that **green beans** are the best Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **green beans are gross to me**. Therefore, **stuffing** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.

Kardell: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **collard greens** because **it's a traditional side dish for African Americans and you can put smoked turkey on it.**

Some people think that **mac-n-cheese** is the best Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **some people are lactose intolerant and it's fattening but collard greens are vegetables.** Therefore, **collard greens** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.



Mikey: The best Thanksgiving side dish is **mashed potatoes** because **it is healthy and it's good for you and it goes good with turkey.** Some people think that **cranberry sauce** is the best



Thanksgiving side dish. They are mistaken because **it does not go good with much food.**

Therefore, **mashed potatoes** is the best side dish to serve next to the Thanksgiving turkey.

Whatever you're eating, we hope that you enjoy it with family and friends safely and happily.
~ Jr. Pawprint Newspaper Members

