

# Maple Hill Junior Paw Print Issue 1 October 2022



## 7th Grade Entrepreneurship

By Sammy Laurenzo, grade 7

I'm 12 years old with an up and coming company that I have been working on for more than 5 years now. My company has brought me joy over the many years.



I make Fingerboards! These are skateboards but for your fingers. These are great things to fidget with and even go pro and compete in competitions with! Fingerboarding can take years to master. Like I said, I have had my own company now for over 5 years and during that time I still haven't mastered fingerboarding.

HALO

Making a fingerboard is a tedious process that can take anywhere from five minutes to five hours depending on what you are doing and how many fingerboard decks you are making. This process requires five wooden veneers glued, and pressed together for about three hours or whenever the glue sets. Once molded with your fingerboard mold, you have to shape it to the skateboard shape everyone loves. To clean the glue residue from the uncut deck, I like to use a bandsaw to give the deck a rough cut before I take my belt sander and get it to shape! That's not all, I use multiple different grits of



sandpaper to give the deck a final sand before putting the graphic on.

I started this company back in 2017 during my battle with Leukemia, a type of blood cancer. Although I was in the hospital most of the days, I always made time for fingerboards! Fingerboards were with me during every hospital visit, and surprisingly never got boring during all those days and nights. As I was gaining more and more love for fingerboarding it eventually expanded into a company, HaloFingerboards.

There was no real reason why I named my company HaloFingerboards; it just formed over the years. Slowly I started making better decks and making more sales to family and friends. This led to better equipment and materials being bought and the overall quality getting much better.

This is just a small summary on how a deck is made, much more time and effort is put into making a fingerboard. Please feel free to email me

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## Birdhouses in Technology Class

By Jonah Leonidas, grade 8

Everyone in 8th grade takes tech. Birdhouses was the 2nd project. We started with seven pieces, two medium sized, three long, two short. The first step was to cut the length of wood out of the plank Mr. Murray gave us. Then, cut the corners off of the medium sized pieces. Attach the short ones and medium ones to the long base by drilling through them. Use screws for this step. They are on the bottom and won't show.



Birdhouses in Progress (above)

Take half an inch off one of the last pieces which become the roof. They overlap to form the roof. Use nails to attach the roof and hold the sides together so they won't show. Then, use a drill press, a big machine with a handle, to make the hole in the front for the birds to get through. Then, paint it or stain it any color you choose.

Jonah's completed birdhouse (right)

Jonah also ran an incredible cross country season!





More  
birdhouse in  
progress  
(left)

Francesca's finished project  
(right)



## Patriots Pen Essay Contest

By: Quinn Coffey, Grade 7



For the past couple of weeks in English class, the 7th graders have been working on their essay entry for the Patriots Pen essay contest. The essay topic is “My pledge to Veterans” and all the 7th graders wrote about possible pledges we make to support any veteran or veterans.

To help with our essay writing, for one class day we had a big interview with lots of local veterans! The veterans who visited were: Master Sergeant Brooke Albert, Mrs. Fowler's Parents Kevin and Mary McCarthy, Mr. Seeberger, Mr. Frank Ryan, Mr. Kenneth Wells, Mr. Tom Peppis, Coach McCabe, Mr. Jim Gibbons, Mr. Russ Reickert, Maple Hill tech teacher Mr. Bill Murray, A school volunteer Mr. Craig Wilkinson, Ms. Jude Mulvey and finally, Mr. Austin Ebanks! Mr Murray talked about his experience in Germany, Kuwait, and Iraq. So many fascinating and inspiring stories were shared! If you'd like to see pictures, go to [the Jr. High website](#). Thanks to Mr. Bogert for posting the story.

On a different note, writing these essays was an amazing experience because it really helped some people realize the impact these pledges can create! Good luck to everyone that entered!

### **Maple Hill Mario Kart Championship** News from Mr. Finney

The Esports Lab will be open after school from 2:00-3:00 for Grade 7 on Thursday, November 7, and for Grade 8 on Tuesday, November 15. You can only attend on the date your grade is scheduled. You will practice first and then compete.



# Flag Football Pictures 2022

Rock, Paper, Scissors  
for possession and  
direction

Nothing builds crowd  
enthusiasm like a  
good Pep Band!  
Thanks, Anthony!



Checking out the standings!



**Lots of  
action on  
the fields!**



## International Club Learns Abouts Diwali

By Lexi Gibson, Vivienne Palmer, Hailee LaRose, grade 7

At the October meeting, International Club learned about Diwali and tried traditional foods eaten during that holiday. Diwali is a festival about goodness and light. It is about: out with bad karma - in with good karma; out with ignorance - in with education and knowledge; out with sickness - in with health.

During Diwali, people eat sweet foods. At the meeting, people tried mango, lychee (mild fruit) and strawberry puddings. People also make Rangoli which is colorful sand art.

Ms. Oligney and Ms. Fitzsimmons are the advisors of International Club. The next meeting is after school on Wednesday, Nov 9, in Room 209.

Hudson Donato added that Mrs. Fowler's advisory decorated Jasleen Kaur's tree outside by the gym. We put pictures and information about Diwali on the tree because Jasleen celebrated Diwali. Mrs. Fowler added that Jasleen was a student at Maple Hill until she passed away in 2021. She definitely represented the meaning of Diwali because she valued education. She knew four languages! She had a bright, happy personality.



*We hope everyone who is in the All County Concert this weekend has a great time performing with people from other schools!*

# Nutrition Committee

By Jess Wiley, Grade 8

Students in grades 7 - 12 have been invited to participate on the Maple Hill Nutrition Committee. At last week's meeting, we were talking about what we as students would prefer and why some people don't buy. Here are notes from the discussion.



- Students don't have the option of having their lunch for free, meaning they don't know what they are buying and don't want to waste any money on trying them.
- Schools' foods and beverages have to meet certain guidelines. For example, water bottles have to have a limit of plastic, and other things that are inside the water.
- The company that made the dippers last year stopped making them during Covid.
- The Red Bird chicken sandwich that everyone enjoyed was inspired by I believe Chick-fil-A sandwich. It was made using ingredients that were allowed to be given out for school lunches. It might also soon become a weekly meal.
- All breakfasts are always fresh along with the lunches and they don't reheat anything from the day before. The only microwaves in the cafe and kitchen are for people reheating meals they bring and not for school lunches.
- You are encouraged to grab a fruit because that is the full meal you're supposed to take and even if you don't eat the fruit someone nearby you might eat it if they're hungry.
- The snack vending machine is broken and the water bottles that were used for the beverage vending machine have increased in price meaning the school would pay more than we would for the water bottles.
- When they are testing out a new meal they usually put it out on the menu for a day and if people enjoy the meal they will keep making it.
- The school has a menu online on what you can buy on what days for breakfast and lunch. Here is a [link to Food Services](#) info and menus.

## **The Best Halloween Candy is....**

The Quarter 1 English Lab class wrote brief argumentative pieces about the best Halloween candy. Then they made a bar graph with their data. Overall, the results were a three-way tie for Reese's, Hershey's and Skittles. They all received three votes each out of 21 votes. After a run-off vote, the winner was Reese's.

Here are some choices from people in the class. What's your favorite?

The best Halloween candy is Skittles because they come in all sorts of flavors and colors. Some people like cow tails but they need to remember that no one likes caramel mixed with gross filling. Therefore, Skittles is a better Halloween candy than cow tails. ~ Kahlen Haught

The best Halloween candy are Reese's cups because they are sweet and the peanut butter gives it the perfect combination of ingredients. Some people like Skittles but they need to remember that red Skittles have an ingredient called Red 40 that people worry may cause cancer. Therefore, Reese's are a better Halloween candy than Skittles. ~ Victoria Morris

The best Halloween candy is candy corn because it's the only candy that is just for fall/Halloween season and it is delicious. Some people like other candies but they need to remember that candy corn is the original Halloween candy. Therefore, candy corn is a better Halloween candy than all other candies. ~ Hunter Marquis

The best Halloween candy is M & Ms because they are very tasty. Some people like Skittles but they need to remember that M & Ms are way tastier than Skittles. Therefore, M & Ms are a better Halloween candy than Skittles. ~ Bella Martino

The best Halloween candy is Reese's cups because it is chocolate with peanut butter inside, tasty and delicious. Some people like Hershey's or Kit Kats, but they need to remember that Reese's are a better snack. Therefore, Reese's is a better Halloween candy than Hershey's or Kit Kats. ~ Raiden Chaney

The best Halloween candy is M & Ms because they are very chocolatey and yummy. Some people like Reese's cups but they need to remember that M & Ms are very chocolatey and yummy. Therefore, M & Ms are a better Halloween candy than Skittles. ~ Liam Neimatalo

The best Halloween candy is Skittles because you can taste the rainbow and they are very yummy. Some people like Whoppers but they need to remember that Whoppers feel like your teeth might break. They are crusty and very crunchy. Therefore, Skittles are a better Halloween candy than Whoppers. ~ Sophia Kinney

The best Halloween candy is Reese's pieces or Lifesaver gummies because they are both really scrumptious and full of flavor. If you gave me a bag of them - they're gone! Some people like Almond Joy but they need to remember that Almond Joys are for old people. Therefore, Reese's pieces or Lifesaver gummies are a better Halloween candy than Almond Joy. ~ Grace Garner