

HAVING A FIELD DAY!



Our Annual Field Day is always a highlight of the end of the year and includes unique games such as water-balloon volleyball, chalk drawing contests, and relay races. Thank you to Mr. Barclay and the Maple Street Student Council for organizing a fun morning.



GOLF TOURNEY

The Parent Association hosted the 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 10th at the Golf Club at Equinox. Over 50 golfers attended the tournament to raise \$9,500 in support of the scholarship fund. The scholarship fund helps to offer aid to over 40% of the students who attend Maple Street School each year. Need-based aid is offered to families, ensuring educational access and diversity within the school community. Since 1998, over \$4 million has been awarded to families in need.



WOODY JACKSON: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Artist Woody Jackson spent two days in residence at Maple Street School, painting watercolor landscapes with students. Artists in kindergarten through eighth grade spent time trying to capture the Vermont landscape while learning the fine craft of watercolor painting under Mr. Jackson's gentle guidance.

Mr. Jackson inspired all of the student artists that he worked with. One kindergartener noted, "My cows are not as good as Mr. Jackson's but he told me they were awesome, and that made me feel good." Another student stated, "Mr. Jackson was so nice. He told me it was okay to paint my mountains red. I even painted a cow purple."

Mr. Jackson is probably best known for his partnership with Ben and Jerry's. In 1983, Ben Cohen left Woody a message that would lead to a licensing agreement between the two, allowing Mr. Jackson to become a full-time artist. His cows have become the look of Ben and Jerry's, gracing ice cream containers, the walls of their ice cream shops, billboards and trucks. In his free time, Mr. Jackson coaches his children's soccer teams and visits one or two schools annually as an artist in residence.

Many thanks to Maple Street School art teacher, Leslie Sullivan, to Andrea and Larry Ross for hosting Mr. Jackson at their home, to John Rindell of our local Ben and Jerry's for supplying ice cream for the entire school, and to the parents and faculty of Maple Street School for making this opportunity happen.



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Friends of Maple Street School,



Our 16th graduation on June 4th was a wonderful celebration. We are proud of our seven graduates whose speeches reflected Maple Street School's core values. They spoke of integrity, respecting others, having the courage to care, and expressing gratitude authentically. Our teachers' and staff's steadfast devotion to our founding mission as well as their dedication to these important values helps to inspire our students daily. I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff for their hard work and efforts in making Maple Street School a truly special place. Our faculty takes pride in knowing and loving each child. This year, a few faculty members are moving on from Maple Street to pursue other dreams, including our co-founder Chris Murdock Crawford. We wish Chris Murdock Crawford, Lisa Edry, Mary Mangiacotti, Amy Panitz, and Joan Roach the best, and I thank them for their years of service to Maple Street School.

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I also want to thank all in our community who have supported Maple Street School financially this year. Because of our loyal and generous donors, we were able to give out more scholarship dollars, design and build a new playground, and enhance our outstanding program with events such as hosting Woody Jackson in the art room, visiting musicians, and having outstanding dramatic productions. Thank you for your support.

Finally there is always an open invitation to come and see our mission in action as we are proud of instilling in our students the joy of learning so that they may know the satisfaction of attaining knowledge and understanding.

Fondly,

Dr. Mary F. Bisselle
Head of School



No doubt a child's success depends partly on academic achievement and partly on sustained curiosity and the ability to play. This year, with the help of five donors and a faculty design team, we were able to build a new area for our playground that would enhance our youngest students' experience during recess and after school. Thank you to the donors, designers and builders who made this possible.

Shakespeare Festival:

SATURDAY NIGHT CAESAR ROCKS

This year, our Shakespeare Festival was held on May 8th. Once again combining two of its most revered traditions, the eighth grade Shakespeare play and the spring choral concert, Maple Street's entire student body participated in *Saturday Night Caesar*, a musical rendition adapted and directed by teachers Mary Mangiacotti and Erin Gill Reilly.



The historic play, *Julius Caesar*, was adapted to 1978 Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, with Caesar as a disco dance champion, and included such songs as "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep is Your Love," and "Jive Talkin'." This was the fourth consecutive year that Mary Mangiacotti and Erin Gill Reilly teamed up to create an adaptation for an all-school production, with music becoming an important part of the script for a unique interpretation. "Erin's ability to choose songs and weave them into the story is a real gift," Mary explained. "She creates a magic moment on stage for each of the classes so that all students are involved in a meaningful and entertaining way." Erin added, "Mary's childhood in Brooklyn was a fantastic catalyst to teach the story using an especially funky time in popular music, and encourage all the characters to speak in distinct New York accents!" This was a highly collaborative project with teachers, Maureen Chaffee as stage manager, Geoff Chamberlain on lights, and Zak Hampton as sound engineer, and the entire faculty and staff, whose talents made this an exceptionally delightful evening.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS

On May 31st, 135 people attended the Biennial Spring Scholarship Auction to help raise funds for scholarship. Nearly \$76,000 was raised, all of which goes dollar for dollar to our student scholarship fund.

Auction co-chairs, Sarah Weber and Katie Cyr, were thrilled that so many local businesses donated products and services. Ms. Weber commented, "The overwhelming support of our entire community continues

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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I send warm greetings to you now that summer has finally arrived in Vermont. I want to express our thanks for the ceaseless efforts of Dr. Bisselle and the Maple Street faculty and staff for bringing greater depth and definition each day to the school's mission of academic excellence and joyful learning.

We have much to be thankful for this year. In particular, Maple Street attained its highest enrollment in its history. The 105 students that graced the halls this year, did a wonderful job adding another chapter to the Maple Street experience. Thankfully, there appears to be an even greater number of students on the horizon for next year.

This year also marks a grand transition in that a number of faculty and trustees are concluding their service to Maple Street. We offer our heartfelt thanks to those members of the faculty and the board who have generously given their talents, time, energy and financial support to this wonderful institution. They have all contributed admirably to the enrichment of the Maple Street community. We also owe a large debt of gratitude to the parents, grandparents, and all of the caring patrons and benefactors of Maple Street. As I mentioned at graduation, this is a shared experience. It is heartwarming to take a moment to look back and admire the challenges and growth that each member of our Maple Street family met head on and made their own. We are truly fortunate to benefit from the enthusiastic support of a broad Maple Street community and, we extend our sincere thanks to all of you who, in so many ways, provide Maple Street School with the ability to grow and shine.

Sincerely,

Matthew Samuelson
Board Chair

FRENCH AND ENGLISH PRIZE WINNERS



The newly created Irving Endowment, initiated by our Board of Trustees to honor Janet and John Irving's contribution and dedication to Maple Street School, provides a writing prize. Awarded annually to a seventh grade student who exhibits exceptional writing acumen and creativity, this prize seeks to help strengthen and solidify students' writing skills as imaginative, competent writers. This year's Irving Award for Excellence in Writing went to Kristina Harmon.

Peck French Prize is given annually in honor of George and Norene Peck's contributions and dedication to Maple Street School. It is given to a seventh grade student who exhibits exceptional foreign language skills and aptitude. This year's Peck French Prize goes to Elisabeth Tarazi.



LILY THEBAULT RECIPIENT OF THE JAY HATHAWAY COURAGE TO CARE AWARD

We are proud to award the Jay Hathaway Courage to Care Award to Lily Thebault. When Maple Street began in 1998, the founders decided that we would not have a valedictorian or a dean's list, we would not have awards based on athletics or academics or the arts. Instead, they wanted to highlight the one thing that was perhaps most important; serving our community.



Since then, Maple Street has had a service award in place because it is through service and caring for others that we make a difference. Four years ago, we renamed the award the "Jay Hathaway Courage to Care" award. We chose this name because *Courage to Care* is an Academy Award nominated documentary and book celebrating those who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. It was the simple, everyday people, not heroically looking for accolades, but just truly compassionate people, through simple acts of kindness, who helped others and even saved lives. It is that natural love for others and exuberant love of life, very much like the happy way that Jay Hathaway lived everyday, that inspires this award.

Lily's naturally warm and positive spirit, as well as her outstanding dedication to community service earned her the 2014 Jay Hathaway Courage to Care Award. Lily has embraced all that Maple Street School has to offer. She is a natural leader, serving as president of student council. She also volunteered for many jobs at Maple Street including hosting the talent show, supporting KURA, taking care of younger student on the playground, and going above and beyond in her work-job. In addition, Lily has traveled extensively on unique service trips that have broadened her understanding of the world and its people. She spent time with her church group doing a service project in South Dakota on an Indian reservation and her three-week service trip with her mother in India inspired her to think big about how to help others. Lily is a kind, caring, and compassionate student who works extremely hard and cares deeply about others.

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to amaze me. Local stores, restaurants, and community members continue to give in so many meaningful ways and for that we are extremely grateful."

Dr. Bisselle stated, "I want to express my deep gratitude to the head auction team Katie and Sarah. Their collaborative style, thoughtful process, and joyful dedication seem to me emblematic of Maple Street School. I send a special thanks to the parents and the entire community for supporting our school."

COMMENCEMENT 2014

Dr. Bisselle stated, "Today we celebrate the class of 2014 and all that they have accomplished. Small but mighty, this class, our lucky seven, is a quiet group who have showcased their talent in athletic moments, excelling academically, and brilliantly pulling off a disco version of Julius Caesar complete with platform shoes for the cast. Five of the seven



started at Maple Street in kindergarten. They have embraced our school traditions while also willing to put their own ideas forward. From their "I believe speeches" to the most amazing boys basketball team in the history of MSS, from award winning essays in the Jean Miller Dorset Theater Playwright Competition and the VFW essay contests to their giant art of Starbucks coffee, I-phones and lamps—over and over this small class has "gone big." They also have learned that it is not enough merely to read about issues of inequity, social justice requires action. They are thoughtful, quiet leaders and have developed their moral compasses. It is a privilege to have had them at Maple Street School."



GRANDPARENTS DAY: GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AT MAPLE STREET

On May 9th, we welcomed 80 grandparents from all over the world to spend a day learning with their grandchild. The children were excited to share all of the things that make Maple Street School so unique. The day concluded with an instrumental and choral concert, led by music teacher, Zachary Hampton, which featured every student.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014 AND ... BRAVO TO OUR ALUMNI



Cody Goebel
Sandgate
Burr & Burton

Jordan Ihasz
Danby
Burr & Burton

Ian MacFarlane
Dorset
Burr & Burton

Paige Marion
Manchester
Burr & Burton



Liam Mooney
Manchester
Stratton Mountain School



Nicholas Price
Sandgate
Burr & Burton



Lily Thebault
Dorset
The Taft School

Maple Street Class of 2010, High School, College and Focus

- Trevor Biggs** BBA*-gap year travel to Japan & Switzerland; College of Charleston, International Business
- Tristan Biggs** BBA; Hobart & William Smith, Undecided
- Claire Cofelice** Noble & Greenough School; Washington University-St. Louis, Communication Design
- Erin Cournoyer** BBA; Castleton State College, Honors Bio/Pre-med
- Addie Fulton** Deerfield Academy; Columbia University, Undecided
- Kyle Gatewood** BBA; University of Vermont, Business and Art
- Emma Hallett** BBA; Lehigh University, Integrated Computer Science & Business
- Lara Lathrop** Stratton Mountain School; Williams College, Pre-Med
- Maddy Pagnucco** BBA; New York University, Entrepreneurial Business
- Lily Shaw** Chapel Hill High School; Appalachian State University (Wilson Scholar), Interdisciplinary Art

* Burr and Burton Academy