



Principal News

By Dr. Gwen Bockman

The role of our School Family Community Partnership (SFCP) committee is to collaborate with the school in developing and implementing our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Our SIP goal is to help students become self-directed learners and complex thinkers by demonstrating the ability to comprehend text. Parents serving on the SFCP committee are currently finalizing activities that will help promote literacy at home. Students and parents in first through fifth grade are invited to participate in an evening literacy event. The following are tentative dates and activities:

First Grade: Word Wall White Elephant Bingo, February 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Second Grade: Story Island (a collaborative story writing adventure), March 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Third Grade: Pen Pals (date and time to be announced)

Fourth Grade: Book Swap Café, March 18th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fifth Grade: Game Show Book Quiz, January 7th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A big thanks to Amy Rechner, Tara Hunt, Rebecca Tietjen, Kim Coudreaut, Tammy Lefkowitz, Vicky Oriekaose, Pam Dandridge and Julee Kauling for serving on our SFCP committee. In addition to grade level literacy events, we will continue our at-home reading programs. Debbie Froelich has once again volunteered to organize the Ozzie Reading Program. A big thank you to Mrs. Froelich for all her help! More information on all our literacy initiatives will be sent home at a later date.

In the meantime, what can parents do to help their child develop reading skills home? Laure Elish-Piper, a professor and Reading Clinic director in the Department of Literacy Education at Northern Illinois University, shares six ways parents can get involved in her article titled, "Parent Involvement in Reading" (The Illinois Reading Council, Vol. 37, No 4 Fall 2009). She shared two strategies that can help develop reading comprehension.

The first activity is called 3-2-1. This strategy can be used with any nonfiction text.

Parents and children share three things they learned from the reading, two things they found interesting, and one question they still have about the text. The conversation between parent and child can be done synonymously while reading the text or after both have read the text individually. Parents should prompt their children to go back into the text for more information if needed. Dr. Elish-Piper suggests that this strategy can be used to discuss television, movies and the like. It has also been a helpful way to study for tests.



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Maplebrook Elementary School

Naperville, Illinois

Please check the [online calendar](#) for updates.

[Click here for District School Year](#) holidays, vacations and non-attendance full and half days.

◀ November 2009 ▶

TYPE OF EVENT: All

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Drop Zone - 5th Grade	2 Art Club-1	3 Chorus Drama Club - Group A	4 4th Grade - Naper Settlement Home & School Executive Board Meeting 7 pm Literary Club	5 5th Grade to Robert Crown Center Chorus Hot Lunch - Chicken	6	7 Maplebrook Turkey Trot
8 Drop Zone - 4th Grade	9 Art Club-1	10 Chorus Drama Club - Group B Literary Club Vision and Hearing Rescreening	11 End of First Trimester	12 Hot Lunch - Pizza	13	14
15 Drop Zone- 3rd Grade	16	17 Chorus Drama Club - Group A General Home and School Meeting 9:30 am	18 Educational Support Prof. Day Literary Club Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting	19 3rd Grade P.E. Night Chorus Hot Lunch - Burger/Chicken	20 Yearbook Orders Due	21
22 Drop Zone - 2nd Grade	23	24 Chorus Drama Club - Group B	25 No School - Staff Development	26 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	27 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	28
29 Drop Zone - 1st Grade	30 Box Top Collection					

* Click on each event for more details.

URL: http://schools.naperville203.org/maplebrook/events/index.asp?F_CATEGORY_ID=&YEAR_CHOICE=2009&MONTH_CHOICE=11

A second comprehension strategy is called, “Read, Cover, Remember, Retell.” Children begin by reading only about as much text they can cover with their hand (about a paragraph). They immediately cover the text they read and try to remember what they read. They tell their parent (or partner) what they remember. If they can’t retell what they read, they are to read it again. Eventually, children will be able to retell what they remember automatically in their heads. Look for more ways to help your child at home in our next edition of the Maplebrook Messenger.

Recycled Ink Cartridges

We are cashing in our empty ink cartridges for school supplies. Office Depot has a recycling program that gives us \$3 for each cartridge. The money comes as an Office Depot gift card. Please consider donating your old cartridges to Maplebrook School. This is a great way for us to get free school supplies for the office and classrooms.

“Leave Your Mark” Brick Project

Are you thinking about volunteering this year? Are you looking for a fun project that will leave your mark for decades to come? We are seeking chairs and volunteers to spearhead a brick paver project. The idea is to provide an opportunity for staff and families (current and past) to purchase a brick with their name (and possibly date) engraved on it. A sidewalk will be built leading to our memorial benches using these bricks. This would not be a fundraiser. The paver sidewalk would serve as a historical marker of those who have passed through Maplebrook Elementary School. Please contact Gwen Bockman at 630 420-6381 if you are interested in getting involved. Thank you for your consideration.

Plastic Utensils

Please remember to send plastic utensils in your children’s lunch box. We do not provide these supplies except with hot lunch orders on Thursdays.

Book Donations

We are seeking book donations for classroom libraries. If you have any used books please drop them off in the box located in the vestibule.

Thanksgiving Food for Thought

The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have!

Live simply . . .

Love generously . . .

Care deeply . . .

Speak kindly . . .

Have a wonderful holiday with your family.

Special Events in November

November 7th Turkey Trot 8:30 a.m.

November 11th Veteran’s Day Assembly 8:30 a.m. in the Gym

November 15th American Education Week

November 17th General Home and School Meeting 8:30 a.m. (not 9:30 a.m. as previously communicated)

In Step with the Grades



Read all about the busy days of third, fourth and fifth grade students! Looking for information about kindergarten, first and second grade classes? Look for their weekly newsletters or find it on our website: <http://schools.naperville203.org/maplebrook>

Third Grade

(No update was available at press time.)

Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders are going places near and far, past and present. We ended October hearing traditional and contemporary music with the West Suburban Symphony before “scavenging” details of the Century Art Walk in downtown Naperville. Social Studies will take us to the historic Northeast and its diverse states. School buses will take us to the days of old at Naper Settlement. Math combines traditional computation methods along with flexible ways of working with numbers. The “cold facts” of multiplication and division are becoming automatic for us. We’re thankful for this wonderful school community!

Fifth Grade

At the end of last month, the fifth graders began their drug education curriculum. The classroom teachers taught several of the lessons that were previously taught by a police officer from the Too Good For Drugs program. Mary Browning from the Naperville Police Department came to school to do a presentation on internet safety. This will be followed up in the future with a presentation by Mrs. Vaughan on cyber bullying. In addition to these lessons, the fifth graders will be visiting the Robert Crown Health Education Center in Hinsdale on November 5 for a field trip. They will learn about how drugs and alcohol and cigarettes affect the human body systems.

Fifth grade parents are invited to come to an outdoor education presentation on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the LRC. Mrs. Crowell will show photos of the Lorado Taft Field Campus and explain the outdoor education curriculum. Registration packets containing medical forms and packing lists will be distributed. Fifth graders will be journeying to Oregon, Illinois, for this overnight field trip on January 19-20, 2010.

By Karen Barenbrugge

Art News

With the chill of fall arriving, the Art Room has been “hot” with creativity!

5th Grade

- The 5th grade clay pumpkins and Veteran’s Day Flag drawings turned out awesome!
- We have begun our first of 3 computer art projects. The students are learning about graphic design and will begin to create a new Google logo using Adobe Photoshop.

4th Grade

- The 4th grade learned all about the Naperville Century Art Walk before their field trip. We discussed the various types of art work that we would see such as sculpture, relief, mosaic, stained glass and painting. We had fun touring the Century Walk.
- We also created “Morphed Animals” for which we morphed our faces onto an animal body to show what type we would like to become. We used Adobe Photoshop. These will be displayed at Fine Art Night.

3rd Grade

- 3rd grade made the coolest “Lovely Lizards” using chalk pastels; messy but fun!
- Spooky Silhouettes are being completed.
We will learn about Georgia O’Keefe as we create oil pastel leaf designs.

2nd Grade

- We created beautiful clay leaves and developed watercolor skills as we painted “Fall Reflections.”
- Color theory will be the focus of our Colorful Creepy Creatures as we review primary and secondary colors.

1st Grade

- The artwork of Vincent Van Gogh was the 1st grade focus while painting our sunflowers.
- “Click, Clack, Moo Cows that Type” will be the inspiration for our cow paintings.

Kindergarten

- “Fall Leaves” and “Hand Turkeys” are upcoming projects.

****For Maplebrook’s Fourth Grade Fine Art Night, April 8, 2010, I feature a guest artist for one of the 4 stations that families go through. If you have (or you know someone who has) a special fine art talent that you would like to present; i.e. graphic art, watercolor artist, mosaic artist etc., please let me know. You would do three 20 minute presentations. kbarenbrugge@naperville203.org**

Make sure to stop by the Student Art Gallery in the lobby the next time you’re at Maplebrook!



MUSICAL NOTES

By Ms. Tomei



The Maplebrook Chorus will have its concert with the band and orchestra on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Junior High. Please make sure students arrive at school for rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 7:15 and 7:20 so we can begin at 7:25. **THERE WILL BE NO CHORUS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH** as Ms. Tomei will be out of town for the annual American Orff Schulwerk Association music conference.

Fifth grade reviewed question & answer and call & response in our drum circle as well as an ensemble we played last year. We learned a new ensemble in a West African tradition using drums, bells, rattles, xylophones, and singing. We also began an ensemble in a Latin American tradition using conga drums, bongos, claves, guiros, maracas, guitar, and singing.

Fourth grade reviewed the pitches low La and low So from last year before learning a new rhythm, “syncopa” (eighth note – quarter note – eighth note). We explored this rhythm by singing it, playing it on instruments, moving to it, and reading it in standard notation. We also began drum circle activities and ensembles.

Third grade explored a new rhythm, four sixteenth notes, through singing, instrument playing, movement, and notation. We played this rhythm in an ensemble for xylophones and unpitched percussion instruments and even performed a dance to go with it. We also began to explore the difference between speaking/singing in unison and in a round.

Second grade reviewed quarter note, eighth note, and quarter rest rhythms before discovering that a half note is two beats. We sang, moved to, and played music using this rhythm and know how to notate it. We learned that an ostinato is a pattern that repeats, and we played three ostinatos (containing half notes) simultaneously on different instruments as we sang a song.

First grade continued to work with one and two sounds per beat and reviewing high and low sounds before differentiating between sounds that go up and sounds that go down. We played up and down sounds on glockenspiels to accompany songs and stories, and we learned all four families of unpitched percussion instruments (woods, metals, drums, and shakers & scrapers).

Kindergarten and Early Childhood sang and moved to songs with high and low sounds, fast and slow sounds, and a steady beat. Kindergarten students worked on speaking in high, low, and medium voices, and we played the rhythm of a poem with woodblocks, hand drums, and triangles.



- 7 Maplebrook Turkey Trot**
- 17 General H/S Meeting 9:30 am, LRC**
- 18 5th Grade Outdoor Education Parent Meeting**
- 19 3rd Grade PE Night**
- 25 No School/Staff Development**
- 26, 27 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday**



The **Maplebrook Messenger** is a monthly publication of Maplebrook Elementary School.

Please submit all articles to the editor, Janet Lawrence, in a text file or Word '97 (doc) file by the 15th of every month.

hsmapplebrook@naperville203.org

Write "Maplebrook Messenger" in the subject line.



Home & School Association News



As the weather turns cooler and Thanksgiving approaches, Home & School would like to take this time to thank all the individuals who help make Maplebrook such a wonderful place. First and foremost, the teachers, aides, and others who work with our children daily to make a difference in their lives. Thank you for your commitment, patience, and love! Additionally, thank you to our principal, Dr. Bockman; assistant principal, Mrs. Parrott; secretaries, janitors, nurses, and other support staff that make the days flow smoothly. Lastly, thank you to the Maplebrook families who generously donate time, money, and effort to improve our students' education.

On behalf of Maplebrook Home & School, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Stephanie Bryk
President



CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Home and School would like to thank:

- Lisa Hrynko and Sally Chavez for coordinating our Walk to School Day and for providing warm coffee to all the parents that participated.
- Billy Gerlach and Cabrina Attal for chairing our Book Fair and giving up their days off to run it.
- The parent cashiers who helped out with Book Fair.
- Kathy Christensen for creating all the Diversified Funds programs for October: Pieroni's Pizza Night, Jewel Shop-N-Share, Oberweis bottle cap collection, and Oberweis Dairy Store FUNdraiser.
- Lisa Oliver and Lisa Redpath for coordinating the Gift Wrap program.
- Ann Laboe and Ginny Stablein for organizing the rock wall volunteers.
- Kris Conroy, Donna Allen, Erin Gaza, Steve Gaza, Karin Mulder, Barb Rucarac, Becky Sanford, and Becky Wilde for helping Mr. Moores run the Milers program.
- Katy Geisler and Leslie Hughes for running the Halloween parties.
- All the Room Parents and Room Parent Coordinators for volunteering their time to help out in the classrooms for the Halloween party.
- Our janitors for keeping our school clean. Don't forget to thank them on Support Personnel Day (November 18).
- Our crossing guard for keeping our children safe as they cross the street each day. Don't forget to thank her on Support Personnel Day (November 18).
- All the parents who participated in the October fundraisers.
- John Greene Realtors for their donation to help offset the printing cost of the H&S directory.

YEARBOOK ORDERS NOW DUE!!

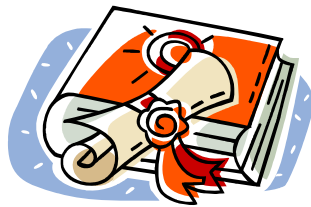
Yearbooks will be guaranteed by **pre-sale only**-this is your chance to order the 2009-2010 **Maplebrook Memories** yearbook for your child.

\$12.50 each, checks only please, made out to Maplebrook Home & School.

Deadline is Friday, November 20th. Extra order forms can be found in the Yearbook bin in the school lobby.

Questions-

Gay Lynn Wons 527-8302 glwons@aol.com or
Ann Laboe 357-1708 ann@laboe.org.



Did you know...

that Home & School pays for all the food, beverages, and paper goods for all 3 of the class parties throughout the year?

got candy?



Halloween has come and gone and why not share it with others?

Maplebrook Girl Scouts are collecting any unopened (individual or bags) candy to be donated to Hased House in Aurora from now until November 12. Last year we collected over 175lbs. of candy! The donation box is in the front lobby.

Thank you!!

Volunteer Needed for Vision and Hearing Screenings

We need one more volunteer to assist students in and out of classrooms for the vision and hearing re-screen scheduled for 8-11:30 am on Tuesday, November 10th.

We would greatly appreciate your help! If you are able to volunteer (even for just part of the shift), please contact **Karen Saban** at **Ksaban@luc.edu** or **630-527-2406**.



THANK YOU!!



Readers are Winners!

Thank you to all the parents and school staff members who helped make the Fall Book Fair a HUGE success!

Especially ... Alex Albright, Kristen Amberg, Ali Azimi, Nancy Barkley, Dee Bigenwald, Sarah Bradley, Karen Brothers, Nancy Benson Colmenares, Kris Conroy, Sue Freese, Fritz Gerlach, Julie Gowan, Kim Haumann, Marsha Helm, Tina McAninch, Christina McDonnell, Ramesh Poola, Debra Poole, Deepa Prasad, Kim Ramey, Karen Saban, Angie Schiltz, Keva Stewart, Audra Tallat-Kelpsa, Becky Wilde, Pam Vaughan, Custodial staff (Ron Wyse, Kevin Bee, and Jeremy Jannisch), and all the teachers!

And thank you to all the families who came out to support the fair. We hope you are enjoying your books!

The Book Fair couldn't happen without all of you!

-- Billie Gerlach and Cabrina Attal, Co-Chairs

NEW THIS YEAR: If you would like to order Anderson's books for holiday giving, you can shop on-line at www.abcfairs.com. Select Maplebrook as your school and we will receive profit from your order. Books will be shipped directly to you.

Walk to School Day



"Walk to
Teacher

On Wednesday, October 7, Maplebrook celebrated its annual "Walk to School Day" with students and their parents walking to school. "Walk to School Greeters" met them at various corners in the neighborhood and led their groups back to school holding signs decorated by the Student Council. The weather cooperated, and an overall average of 77% of the students walked, or rode their bicycles or were bused, to school. The Chicago Tribune sent a reporter and photographer to cover our event, so here's hoping our special day was mentioned in the newspaper! A special "thank you" goes to Starbuck's Coffee on 75th Street for their generous donation of coffee - just right on a crisp fall morning. A big "thank you" goes to Sports Authority in Bolingbrook for donating two \$15 gift cards for our Raffle Prize. All students who walked, rode their bicycles, or rode in a school bus were entered in the raffle drawing. This year's lucky winners are Morgan in Mrs. Gervel's afternoon Kindergarten class, and Maddie in Mrs. Peterson's first grade class. Of the classes where busing was not involved, Mrs. Crowell's fifth grade class had the highest percentage of walkers at 91% - way to go, kids. Let's keep this up for the rest of the year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Our **Traffic Zone** volunteer pool is very shallow these days! Morning and afternoon helpers are so important to keeping traffic flowing smoothly and safely.

If each Maplebrook family would sign up to help even 3-4 times over the course of the 2009-10 school year, it would go a long way to filling the very empty schedule. If you have preschoolers, they can easily accompany you at either shift; your grade schooler(s) will enjoy joining you especially at the afternoon slot!

You can sign up for either /or both time slots on a given day, as many times through the year as you would like to help. The time frame is usually no more than 15 minutes per shift; on nice days, usually much less! Drivers who like to park and wait in the "leave your car" zone: it would be great if you could help, too, while you wait for your student.

Please contact or send an email to **Kelly Houchin** on the traffic committee if you are interested; remember, even just a few times through the year will help so much.

hsmaplebrook@naperville203.org
Write "Traffic Zone" in the subject line.



Diversified Fundraising Updates

By Kathy Christensen

Oberweis Dairy Caps for Schools:

We are excited to announce a new, innovative fundraiser! It is called **Oberweis' Caps for Schools!** We are collecting the plastic caps* from Oberweis 64 oz. glass milk and drink bottles. Oberweis will award H&S 10 cents for every bottle cap collected and there is no limit on the earnings! We are collecting the caps in the classroom* (similar to the Box Tops collection process) after which they will be deposited in a special Oberweis dairy box in the school lobby. Can you imagine how much a full dairy box of caps would be worth?!

(Answer: How about \$500!)

But it gets better! In addition, Oberweis will award Maplebrook a prize of their choice (not to exceed \$200 in value) upon turning in a completely full cooler during the school year. The prize will be purchased by Oberweis based on the input of Home & School and the school administration and will be presented at Fun Fest or at another time convenient with the school schedule!

What a great fundraising opportunity that also incorporates sustainability and recycling (re-use of glass milk bottles and the caps will be recycled after we turn in a full dairy box). If your neighbors, friends or co-workers buy Oberweis products, please encourage them to give their caps to you if they don't have children that attend Maplebrook.

A big **thank you** goes to **Mr. Tom Eberhardt** (Aaron's dad!) of Oberweis Dairy. Tom brought this opportunity to our attention, worked out the details with us and prepared the special dairy box for collection of the caps. We are the **FIRST** school using the Caps for Schools program!

*Please ensure all the caps are washed and dried prior to collection (we don't want any unintended "science projects" brewing in the dairy box!)



Target- Take Charge of Education:

The holidays are coming and that means it's time to shop! If you shop at Target you can help Maplebrook H&S with the Target Take Charge of Education program. It is a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® , Target® Credit Card or Target® Check Card. We will receive a percentage (about 1%) of the amount of each purchase in the form of an annual cash donation. See the Maplebrook website for more information*

* <http://schools.naperville203.org/maplebrook/homeandschool/FundRaising.asp>

Save the dates!

Below please find the dates of our other fundraisers scheduled during the rest of the school year.

Please forward to your friends and coworkers- they probably dine and shop at some of these businesses, too!

2009**–December:**

- 15: '**Colonial Cares**' Maplebrook Night at Colonial Cafe (Have dinner, order carry-out or Curbside ToGo (after 4:30pm) at the Naperville Colonial Cafe. Mention Maplebrook H&S to the cashier. 10 to 20% of Maplebrook totals will be donated to H&S. No form required. (Colonial Cafe 630.420.7722, 8W Gartner Road, Naperville Plaza)

2010**–January**

- 25-27: **Jewel Shop & Share** days for Maplebrook (Shop at any Chicagoland Jewel-Osco and 5% of your total will be donated to H&S. Form* required at checkout).

–February

- 23: '**Colonial Cares**' Maplebrook Night at Colonial Cafe (Have dinner, order carry-out or Curbside ToGo (after 4:30pm) at the Naperville Colonial Cafe. Mention Maplebrook H&S to the cashier. 10 to 20% of Maplebrook totals will be donated to H&S. No form required.

–March

- 10-12: Maplebrook H&S Conference pizza night at **Pieroni's Pizza** (Order pizzas for dinner and 15% will be donated to H&S. Form* required at checkout).

–April

- 24: **Oberweis Dairy Store** FUNDRaiser Days at the Bolingbrook and Naperville South* Oberweis Dairy Stores. (Up to 30% of pre-tax purchases will be donated to H&S when the forms posted on the Maplebrook website are used at checkout).

–May

- 17-19: **Jewel Shop & Share** days for Maplebrook (Shop at any Chicagoland Jewel-Osco and 5% of your total will be donated to H&S. when the forms posted on the Maplebrook website are used at checkout).

* All forms available in either at the school entrance or online at <http://schools.naperville203.org/maplebrook/homeandschool/FundRaising.asp>

Buy Manna Gift Cards And Support Maplebrook!

Support the Maplebrook MANNA fundraising program! Maplebrook receives a percentage from each sold gift card. Here are a few suggestions on how MANNA gift cards can work for your family, friends or coaches...

GIFTS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR COACHES - Downtown Naperville Gift Certificates can be used at over 180 vendors located in Downtown Naperville or consider a VISA gift card.

CLOTHES - Kohls, JCPenney, American Eagle, Gap, Old Navy, TJMaxx and Marshalls to name a few.

STUDENT LUNCHESES: Chipotle, Panera, Noodles, Wendy's, Burger King, Subway and many more.

Maplebrook MANNA order forms are available on the Maplebrook website at <http://schools.naperville203.org/maplebrook/homeandschool/FundRaising.asp>. The order form contains a list of the vendors participating in the MANNA program.

Three simple ways to Order MANNA gift cards...

1. Simply print the MANNA order sheet from the Maplebrook website
2. MANNA Order Sheets are available at the school front desk
3. MANNA Order Sheet will be sent home with students once a month.

After the sheet is completed, send it back along with a check for your order, in your child's backpack, or drop it off at the school front desk.

Orders are processed every other week and the merchant gift cards/certificates are delivered to your student the next week on Thursday.

If you have any questions about the MANNA program, feel free to ask Cheryl Zens at hsmapplebrook@naperville203.org
Write "Manna" in the subject line
or at (630) 548-1938.

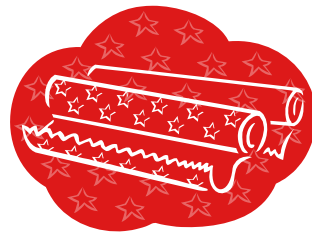


Dear Maplebrook Families,

We thank you so much for all your support and participation in the **Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser**. Again this year was a very successful year! With all the orders **our total sales were around \$7,400.00** . That is great because half the proceeds go to our school.

One more great bonus this year is Innisbrook is allowing us to order throughout the year. We hope all families will continue ordering because the school will continue to receive the profits. To order products the website link is www.innisbrook.com and you must enter our school code 115680.

Thanks Again,
Lisa Oliver and Lisa Redpath



Box Tops for Education Report!

Great job, Maplebrook Wildcats! You brought in a **total of over \$600.00** for the month of September! The classroom that had the most box tops is: 2DL- Mrs. Arizaga with 902! In second place, is 4K- Mrs. Kleinwachter with 836! In third place is 1P – Mrs. Petersen with 798! The winning classroom receives a McDonald's gift certificate for each student. The contest runs every month throughout the school year. Our goal this year is to reach \$2,500 by February 28th. Good Luck to all the classrooms for October!