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Submissions:

We want to hear from you! Please submit articles, artwork, shout outs, and letters to sspikes@macomb.k12.ok.us

Please be sure to include your name on anything you submit. No anonymous work will be accepted. You can also submit photos for consideration for both the school newspaper and this year's yearbook.

Elementary Office

There are a bunch of exciting things going on for the elementary this month. Fall break is the 13th through the 18th, pre-k through 2nd grade have a field trip to the pumpkin patch in ada on the 22nd. Fall carnival is on the 23rd and on the same day 4th grade has a field trip as well. Pre-k through has an eye exam on friday. And then the 5th and 6th grade have a tournament from the 27th through the 1st.

–Cassi

3 Year Old Program

The 3 year old program has been learning about dinosaurs. They made dino prints, had a fun dinosaur sensory bin and read some cool dinosaur books. This week they are learning about farms. We have read some farm books, learned some silly farm songs and we are going to make homemade butter and we have an awesome farm sensory bin for the kids to play and scoop and use their imagination. We are also learning about AB patterns, sorting colors and have been practicing our counting and our shapes. We are looking forward to doing lots of fun fall activities in the next few months. -Adilyn Beauchamp

Pre-K

The Pre-k class is working on building their listening skills after fall break. They plan on going to the pumpkin patch and they cannot wait! After their trip to the pumpkin patch they plan on reading Spooky the Square Pumpkin and they are also learning about pumpkins so it's very fitting, besides learning about pumpkins they are also learning about apples and the class is very excited about it and they all love it.

-Zane Caldwell

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Kindergarten

Ms. Boyle's kindergarten class is awesome. Every kid walks in with a smile on their face ready to learn shapes,numbers,alphabet,and how to read. They have also been learning manners which is really important for kids their age . The kids' favorite activity is circle time. They sit on the rug and learn affirmations. Those affirmations help them think if doing some stuff is right or wrong.

- Narsi Bueno

First Grade

The amazing 1st grade class is working on adding/subtracting numbers within 20. They have been working on word problems, and trying to solve them. This month, they have been studying pumpkins. On October 22nd they will be going to the Pumpkin Patch. It is located in Ada, Oklahoma. Parents are more than welcome to come join us at the Pumpkin Patch.

- Kayla Hatler

Second Grade

The second grade class is currently working on single digit and double digit addition and subtraction and they are doing amazing, they are also focusing on possessive nouns, suffixes, synonyms, and action verbs. They have a super fun and exciting field trip to the pumpkin patch on the 22nd, lights on and the trunk or treat is at 5:30 to 6:00 on the 23rd. K–2nd students need to bring 2–2 liters of pop for the ring toss. The 2nd grade teacher has also said that she is very proud of all of her students and they have come so far but she'd like to point out one of her students, Landyn Robertson has come a very long way since being at Macomb and can't wait to see how much more he improves throughout the year.

–Cassi

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Third Grade

The 3rd grade class is currently working on dividing syllables to help improve their reading skills. In math, they're exploring the basics of multiplication. As part of their science lessons, students are studying the human circulatory system and will soon have the chance to test their own blood pressure. In history, they're learning about the early fur traders in Oklahoma. The class is diving into books about the solar system. Additionally, the 3rd graders are practicing alliteration and writing their own poetry. Under the guidance of the fantastic Ms. Phillips, students are also helping care for an injured frog while learning all about frogs and their habitats in the process.

- Gio Rivera-Jimenez

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Holsenbakes 4th grade class is currently learning prime numbers, state capitals, reading ,and writing. The 4th grade class are improving their reading skills and they have come a long way since the start of school. Everyday they learn new stuff that helps them grow their test scores. Ms. Holsenbake says those kids have lots of talent and they are such an amazing class to teach. This October 23 the 4th grade class is going to the OKC memorial in Oklahoma city which is awesome it will show them the history of Oklahoma.

- Narsi Bueno

Fifth Grade

Mr. Adams 5th grade class is learning about many things. In math they're learning how to round, add, subtract, and measure using fractions. For ELA they're practicing sentence types. Science they're learning about water flow and pollution. Mr. Adams wants to shout out his 5th grade class for doing hard things from the get-go of the school year. He has 25 wonderful kiddos.

- Aubrey Murch

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Sixth Grade

The 6th graders are currently diving into World Space Week, and it's been an exciting time in Ms. Blackwell's class. From October 6 to 10, they've been exploring space with a special focus on the International Space Station. The students are especially enjoying the hands-on projects, including creating 3D images that really allow them to stretch their imagination and creativity. After fall break, they'll shift gears and begin reading the novel *Hatchet*, which promises to bring adventure and deeper reading discussions. In math, they're working on multiplying mixed numbers and improper fractions, continuing to build strong foundational skills that will support them throughout the year.

- Deja Givens

Sophomore News- Ms.Blankenship/ Mrs Riggs

The Sophomore Class is currently getting prepared for the upcoming Fall Carnival, which will take place on October 23rd. As part of their participation, they will be organizing a fun activity called the "Teacher Pie in the Face" jar. In English class, sophomores are currently learning about clauses. After fall break, they will move on to lessons focused on point of view, vocabulary, and improving reading comprehension skills. These topics are important for building stronger language and critical thinking abilities. At this time, the Sophomore Class is not holding any fundraisers. However, their sponsors, Ms. Blankenship, and Mrs. Riggs are putting in a lot of effort to help make the Fall Carnival a success and are already working on ideas for future fundraising events. Their support is helping the class stay on track and build momentum for the rest of the school year.

- Gio Rivera-Jimenez

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Mrs. Southerland- Agriculture

Regional opening closing contest is October 14th at Tecumseh High school. October 21st is the chapter meeting with pumpkin painting and movies. November will be fun and full of community service.

- McKenzie Brummett

Mr. Knoke- History

This month's History classes have been pretty tame. US History will be moving into the Gilded Age, dealing with the continual growth of technology and the industry. Moreover, World History will begin the Roman republic era which will pick up after the war of actium. Oklahoma History finished their regional essays. In which, each group had to go over 1 of the 6 tourist regions in Oklahoma.

Ms. Blankenship- English

English 1 is working on the 1st project over plot, setting, and characterization, a map, and a candy store with characters and candy. English 2 are doing biographies, they are writing over someone they respect and three characteristics they respect. English 3 are working on the second project. They will do a plot line over a dark romantic story timeline of the author. English 4 is the beginning of project 2. They will each make three sided posters over challenges, errors, journey, failures, and success over college, parenthood, and work force.

- Lanie Kinsey

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Ms. Spikes-Math

The math of finance course has been working on personal financial literacy in Everfi. In addition, Kara Robinson with TFCU has been coming out and presenting to the class once a month. Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 have been working on functions while Geometry has been working on truth tables and deductive and inductive reasoning. Forensic Science has been working on types of testimony and has started looking at the criminal investigative progress. Meanwhile the yearbook class has been busy working on the newsletter and working on getting the yearbook layout down.

They also took a group of 54 students to the Stem Day at OBU. Our students got to experience hands-on science through several different activities. The students all said the field trip was an enjoyable experience

High School Boys Basketball

High school baseball is over due to an unfortunate loss at districts which means it's time for basketball. In case you did not know we have a new high school boys basketball coach, Coach Samaha. This month we got together and asked him questions about this season. He said, "I look forward to seeing these boys come together and play as a unit." We also asked him what his practices have been looking like. Coach Samaha said, "We have been working on our togetherness, toughness, and our teamwork." Highschool boys basketball will also be having their first game November 4th at home against New Lima.

- RyLee Hancock

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High School Girls Basketball

Unfortunately highschool fastpitch season is over, which means it is time for basketball. We asked Coach Hancock what he has been looking forward to this season, he said, "I look forward to having a successful season and building upon our success from last season." High school girls basketball came runner up at districts and had lost in the first round of regionals. He also said "This season I hope and plan on being district champions and a better run at regionals." Coach Hancocks says "Practice has been looking like the girls have been in softball for three months, but we will adjust." Highschool girls basketball will be having their first game November 4th at home against New Lima.

- RyLee Hancock

Junior High Baseball

Baseball is over so the boys in off season are working on getting better and preparing for spring ball.

- McKenzie Brummett

Junior High Softball

Softball for the Junior High just ended. They had an end of the season party celebrating a great season, They talked about things to do better and this next season. -McKenzie

Student Council

The Student Council will be hosting a Movie Day on October 8th for junior high and high school students, featuring the film *Halloweentown*. On October 9th, we will show *Frankenweenie* for the elementary students. Admission is just $1.00, and concessions will be available during the event.

We are also working hard to have T-shirts ready for distribution right after fall break. Thank you to everyone who has supported us by making a purchase!

Additionally, on October 22nd, the Student Council will travel to Meeker for the fall District meeting, where Richard Hight will be the guest speaker. I can't wait to attend!

- Shaiann Kalkbrenner

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Student Center

The center aims to create a welcoming environment where we can connect with students, build relationships, and share God's love within our community. Each week, we share a verse and offer words of encouragement to the student. We launched a new year of FCA (Fellowship Christian Athletes), which will be held weekly for athletes and any student interested in participating in a short bible study, along with lunch. In the months ahead, we plan to provide supplies for special projects that promote school spirit at games and other small initiatives. We enjoy the time spent with each student who visits, as it allows us to get to know them better and offer encouragement when needed.

- Adilyn Beauchamp

E-Sports

The Macomb E-Sports teams has had an eventful month recently. This month, our Fortnite teams consisting of Zane Caldwell, Tristan Schmult, Daylon Roberts and Kaleb McCullough won 4 games so far! Hopefully we'll be able to see even more in the future! On the other side, our Rainbow Six Siege teams have improved in their games. They're putting up better performances and still continue to improve their teamwork and hone in on their mechanical skills. Furthermore, The e-sports class will be hosting a Mario Party Tournament at a fall carnival. So be sure to tune in and see the outcome, maybe even join in and win yourself! Finally, Mr. Knoke would like to shout out and thank the players of the e-sports teams for their dedication in showing up for the monthly tournaments.

- Gio Rivera-Jimenez, Kamdyn Valkosak

Cheer

The cheer team is hosting new cheer tryouts on October 3rd and the 4th. The cheer team will be going to the Thunder clinic on November 22nd, 2025 from 8 a.m- 12p.m and they might even go to a Thunder game and perform at the halftime show.

- Shaiann Kalkbrenner

Cross Country

Cross country has regionals on Saturday, October 18th at 9am. They also have State at North Rock Creek Saturday October 25th.

- Aubrey Murch