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## New School ~ New Life Experiences

By Bridget Soden, grade 9 - *Jr. Pawprint* Student Mentor



Being a freshman at Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School is actually quite interesting. They're a lot of different things that are new to me. I came to Maple Hill in 7th grade and a lot has changed since then. I have more responsibility now as well as more opportunities. I went to my first Homecoming this year and it was honestly pretty awesome. The pep rally was really cool and gave me so many ideas for my grade when we become seniors. I really

enjoyed spirit week, especially seeing how much effort is put into it. It was much cooler than 7th and 8th grade spirit weeks to be honest but those days were fun, too.

Even with fun, there are many things that I have to do as a student. I have more responsibility to make sure I do my school work and to have everything on time. The work is hard but you'll learn that you can do it and that you are the one who will make or break your future. I learned a lot in this couple months and met many people that will help me and the future freshmen. Especially Mr. Hunter, he has something positive for you every day and you can talk to him about anything.

Having the 7th and 8th graders in the school helps them to learn more things about the school. So when they become freshman it'll be a little bit easier for them to navigate the halls and find their classrooms. There are a lot of cool things about the school, such as the library or the many places where you can sit with your friends and just relax. I hope that the freshmen to come and future students of Maple Hill will enjoy this school as much as I do.

# My journey to AMERICA

By Jasleen Kaur, grade 7

First I landed in New York City. And then I came to my home. After that I get admission in my new school **Maple Hill**. On my first day it was Thursday, 6th September. I make new friends in the school. Everything is different from INDIA here. I did not have lockers in my old school. This school has disciplined students but some of them little naughty. All classes have a big TV. They have a speaker to listen to the announcements and everything needed by a student.



In India, I lived in an [apartment building](#). You can see what it looks like by clicking these [links](#) to see the [Jamuna Apartments](#).

I am enjoying everything here except one thing. I don't like the food here. One day I tasted a Spaghetti and it tasted very bitter to me, I don't know why. Instead of "Spongebob Squarepants," I watched "Doremon." My favorite episode is [The Snow Day in March](#). Thankfully, I am really enjoying to be here.



# The Wall of Honor Push Up and Plank Challenge

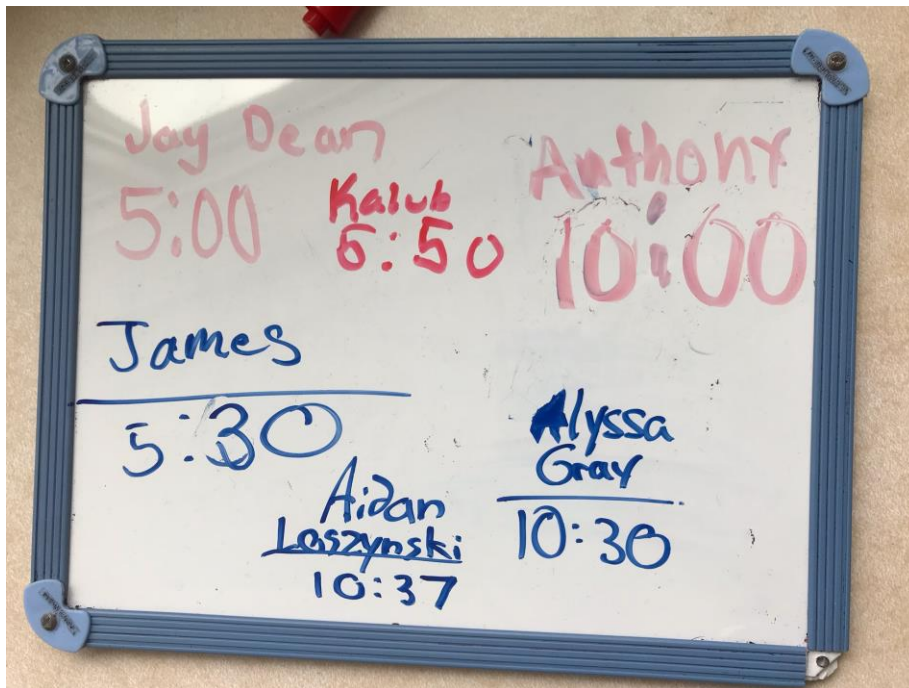
By: Aidan Loszynski, grade 7

On November 8, in 4th block at Maple Hill Jr. Sr. High School, students were presenting their narratives for the Wall Of Honor interviews. There was a challenge called "Active Heros" where they raise money for veterans who are committing suicide because they are poor and living on the streets. We raised money to get them homes in a mini neighborhood with houses that have a bed, and stove a couch, and a TV.

It was time to announce the winner of the WOH essay. The winner was Kerrigan McCarthy.

After that my mom starting doing the push up challenge with Ms.Hill. So I decided to jump in, and my mom did it again with me. She did 40 in total in two tries. My first try I put 20 dollars in to go a couple times so I did 48 push ups then I got a drink, and more people did it.

I saw planks so I decided to go again, and my mom, and Kalub



Vandewall did it with me. It was really hard for two minutes so my mom gave in. I looked at the leaderboard before I started doing it, the high was 10:30 which was really long by Alyssa Gray. I thought to myself, "There is no way I can beat that."

Meanwhile, me and Kalub went through a painful 5 minutes. Then Kalub gave in at 5:50. I was still going because the cheering of my classmates. I was literally burning everywhere it felt, but I kept going because I had made it this far, and I couldn't quit here so I powered through the next 4 minutes. When there was 1 minute left I was

contemplating going to get a drink, but I couldn't quit so the final seconds I was celebrating then when the countdown was over I plopped onto the ground like an elephant weighing over 400 pounds. Then Alyssa came, and congratulated me, and we took a picture with the leaderboard.



We felt pretty good after that.

Then we helped bring flags to the VFW (Veterans Of Foreign Wars) pick up truck.

Then Mrs. Fowler counted the money we made. It was a



stunning 200 dollars. That day "Active Heros" got a lot of help from a school they had never heard of. Surprisingly, we did all of this on one question - Why we honor the American

flag.



# Ariana Grande's Heartfelt Comeback

by Jojo Delardi, Demi La Voie, Lilah Dowling, grade 7

On May 22, 2017, Ariana Grande had a concert in Manchester, England. At the end, there was a bombing that killed some of her fans. This devastated people all around the world, especially Ariana. She took a week to think about what happened and decided to do a charity concert. It was called One Love Manchester. There were artists like Justin Bieber, Katy Perry and Miley Cyrus who performed all for a good cause. They raised \$13,000,000 for the families to pay for their loved ones funerals. She returned on her tour about a month later and finished up in September 2017. While on her break, she wrote songs about what she was going through. A few of them would end up being on one of her most successful albums.

In April, she came back from a four month hiatus (break) with her new single "no tears left to cry." It was about fighting darkness with light, and not being afraid to be happy again. It was at #1 in 88 different countries. In May, Ariana went on Jimmy Fallon and announced that her album would be named *Sweetener*. "It's about bringing light to a situation or to someone's life or somebody that brings light to your life, sweetening the situation," said Grande. Finally, on August 17th, *Sweetener* was released. Bringing songs like *Breathin* and *God is a Woman*, everyone loved it. She went on TV and had some performances. She was having the time of her life, when another tragedy happened.

On May 10th, before *Sweetener* came out, Ariana broke up with her two-year-long boyfriend, Mac Miller. Lots of people were sad, and they couldn't believe what happened next. Ariana already had a new boyfriend, Pete Davidson. The two confirmed they had been dating on May 18th, just over a week since her last break up. Fans were not pleased. Ariana got lots of hate and she was very upset. She didn't care, and on June 2nd, she revealed she was engaged. Everyone thought she was moving too fast. Ariana was

thriving with her album, up until September 7th, when her ex, Mac, died from a drug overdose. Ariana took this very hard. She finally bounced back and was performing again in October. On October 14th, Ariana and Pete broke up. Ariana apparently broke up with him, saying “it was too much too fast.” Ariana was living her best life when Pete, who does skits on “SNL,” made a joke about their failed engagements. Ariana was not here for it, shading him in a few tweets. Then finally, she tweeted “no drags.... no shade..... jus love, gratitude, acceptance, honesty, forgiveness ... and growth.” That night, 30 minutes before Pete was supposed to be on SNL, Ariana surprised fans by coming out with “thank u, next,” a song about how she was thankful for her exes. She called out by name all of her exes from the past couple of years. That included Pete and Mac.

“Thought I'd end up with Sean  
But he wasn't a match  
Wrote some songs about Ricky  
Now I listen and laugh  
Even almost got married  
And for Pete, I'm so thankful

Wish I could say, "Thank you" to Malcolm  
'Cause he was an angel”



She then announced that her next album would be named “thank u, next.” She also announced it would be coming by the end of the year. The song has been at #1 on the world charts for almost two weeks now. Grande has learned how to take any negative situation and turn it positive. She is teaching the future generations

how to be happier and she is also giving them some great music. Ariana deserves everything coming to her, and she can only go up from here.

# *Creed II* - A Movie Review

Lilah Dowling and Demiris La Voie, grade 7

On November 24th, we went to see *Creed II*. It is a sequel to *Creed*, which is about Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan), a man who has no idea who his father is. He was always getting in fights when he was younger, and he ended up in Juvie. He always loved boxing, and now that he was older he did it as a hobby. His mother was always wealthy, and he didn't know why. One day when he was younger, he got in another fight. His mother told him to stop, because she didn't want him to end up like his father. She explains that his father was a professional boxer, and one day he went for a fight. It was with Russian boxer, Ivan Drago. He started the fight with his famous coach, Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) by his side. He died in that fight and left his wife and son. Rocky retired from boxing and made a restaurant in Philadelphia. Creed finds Rocky and tells him who he is. He says he wants him to train him. Rocky doesn't want to at first, but ends up training him for a huge fight. \*spoiler alert\* Adonis wins. The movie ends like that, leading up to the sequel.

In the sequel, we find Adonis with a girlfriend and he just became the #1 heavyweight champion in the world. Right after he wins, he proposes to his girlfriend, Bianca. (Tessa Thompson) She has hearing issues and she has to have a hearing aid to hear. She says yes. A couple of months later, Adonis gets a challenge from another boxer, Drago's son. Creed wants to take it. His family and friends, including Rocky say he shouldn't. He decides to take it. A couple weeks later, he finds out his girlfriend is pregnant. He now has much more to lose if he gets injured in the fight. Will Creed lose the fight and lose much more than just that, or will he win?

# DreamCatcher - A KPOP Band

By Bridget Soden



DreamCatcher is a Korean girl group formed under Happy Face Entertainment. The group was originally called MINX consisting of five of the members, they later debuted as DreamCatcher adding two new members. The group officially debuted on January 13, 2017, with the single “Nightmare.”

The group consists of seven members, JiU, SuA, Yoohyeon, Siyeon, Dami, Handong, and Gahyeon. DreamCatcher is known to have a more dark and mysterious concept. Unlike the other girl groups more upbeat and colorful music, DreamCatcher is mostly rock and R&B.

On July 27, 2017, they released their EP called “Prequel” which reached No. 5 on Billboard World Albums Chart and peaked No. 1 on the US iTunes K-pop Top 100 Chart. On October 3, 2018, members Dami, JiU, Siyeon, and Yoohyeon competed in a show called Mix Nine of YG Entertainment broadcasted by JTBC. Sadly they had to leave due to conflicts with their schedule.

DreamCatcher will be having a world tour in Europe called their “Fly High” world tour. As of February of 2018 they became the first girl group to complete a full tour of Europe. DreamCatcher released their new single *What* and their album *Alone in the City* on September 20, 2018. DreamCatcher has not won an award on Korean music shows, however. They have really good music and have amazing talent, so please go support them.



# Stray Kids: Another KPOP Band

By Bridget Soden



Stray Kids or the abbreviation SKZ is a South Korean boy group formed under JYP Entertainment. The group was formed through the 2017 reality tv show *Stray Kids* and is composed of nine members. Bang Chan, Woojin, Lee Kno, Changbin, Hyunjin, Han, Felix, Seungmin, and I.N. The group made their pre debut with their album extended play *Mixtape* in January 2018 and officially debuted on March 26 with their album *I am Not*.

Stray Kids have a music consist of a mix between hip hop and electronic sound, as well as lyrics with very deep meanings. On October 17, 2018 JYP released their first song “Hellevator” and its corresponding music video. This music video was the start to the survival tv *Stray Kids*, which all nine members competed in, however members Lee Kno and Felix were eliminated but were brought back for the final line-up.

On January 8, 2018 the second song in the album “Beware” and music video of “Spread My Wings” was also released. “Beware” reached number 2 on Gaon’s Album Chart and *BillBoard’s* World Album chart. On March 5 *Stray Kids* performed there first concert at JangChung Arena with songs “District 9”, “Grow Up” and “Mirror” form there new album *I am Not*. *I am Not* sold about 54,000 physical copies in March as well as reaching number 4 on Gaon’s Album Chart.

On April 14 the group performed at KCON Japan which was their first debut overseas. As well as on August 5 the group released their song “My Pace” with EP *I am Who*. They released their newest song “I am you” on October 4 with their EP *I am You*. This group is full of talent and surprisingly enough one of their members is actually from Australia.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stray\\_Kids](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stray_Kids)

# *Speak, The Graphic Novel*

By Laurie Halse Anderson      Illustrated by Emily Carroll

Book review by Anthony Berrios, grade 7

**Speak** is about Laurie Halse Anderson and when she was thirteen. The book shows her depression when a senior raped her at a party where there was underage drinking. But in the graphic novel, the main character that represents her is Melinda Sordino, an outcast in high school. She lost her best friend and decided to barely ever speak again. But every quarter, she get better by drawing trees for an art project and expresses her feelings in her drawings. Her parents hate each other. But even after all this, **IT** is still following her almost everywhere and when people find out about **IT's** secret, **IT** hunts Melinda down for speaking.



I rate this book a **4 out of 5 stars** because the book and storyline was good, but the pictures didn't really describe what was going on so well. I do recommend this book, just be warned. After reading this, you'll see the world in a different way.

## Builders Club and Book Club

By Demiris La Voie, grade 7

Builder's Club is about doing better for our school and community. It is run by Mrs. Squier, the librarian. It does projects to raise money for the Ronald Mcdonald house and other things. New members are welcome!

Book Club isn't just a boring "read a chapter, talk about it" club, it's so much better. You can choose whatever book you would like, and read however much you want. Not to mention there are great snacks as well. Book Club is looking for more members who love reading and making new friends.

# Stan Lee - A Legend Dead but not Forgotten

By Jojo Delardi, Demiris La Voie, grade 7

The  
died at the  
November 12,  
characters  
forgotten.



legend Stan Lee  
age 95 on  
2018. He and his  
will never be

We all know and love  
Spiderman. Stan Lee made Spiderman in August 1962. Ever since,  
the character has become one of the most famous  
superheroes around the world. There have been countless  
movies and video games made about him.

Stan Lee didn't make just Spiderman, but other Marvel  
characters, like The Avengers. He has even had a cameo  
appearance in each Marvel movie. This has made him even more  
loved by the fans. He also made The Fantastic Four and The X-  
Men. They are some of the most famous superheroes as well.  
The Marvel Cinematic Universe movies, (the characters of the  
Avengers) alone have made over 17 billion dollars.

Stan Lee's last appearance will most likely be in *Spiderman:  
Far From Home* coming out next summer. He will also appear in  
*Captain Marvel* in March, and *Avengers 4* in May.

People all over the world are honoring Stan and his amazing  
imaginary world. He will not be forgotten.

# Maple Hill's Favorite "SpongeBob" Moments

Compiled by MH Jr. High Newspaper Club



We were sad to learn that Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of SpongeBob SquarePants and Friends, died on November 27, 2018, at only 57 years old. These are some of our favorite "Spongebob" memories.

**Lilah and Eva:** "What's funnier than 24... 25!"

**Demi:** "I'm a Goofy Goober!" song

**JoJo:** F-U-N song and "Spongebob longpants"

**Emily C:** Patrick summons all the ice cream with super power

**Bella:** The episode when Patrick's pants fell off and we saw his underwear!

**Tori:** SpongeBob says, "It may be stupid, but it's also dumb!"

**Mr. Hunter:** Moment when Squidward wanted to move into his own place

**Mrs. Fowler:** "I-MAG-IN-AAA-TION" and "Free Balloon Day" and "Krusty Krab Pizza"

**Peyton:** When Mister Krabs was dancing to the song on the radio

**Ben:** "Hi is this the Krusty Krab?" "No, this is Patrick!"

**Dean:** The theme song

**Sean:** Sandy Cheeks

**Brady:** Patrick

**Violet U:** When Spongebob roasts Squidward

**Violet J:** When Squidward eats tons of burgers and gains a lot of pounds and "Krabby Land"

**Mrs. Squier:** When Spongebob was in driving school and Flats the Flounder says he's going to "KICK YOUR BUTT" to Spongebob.

**Ashlyn:** "Is mayonnaise an instrument?"

"No Patrick, mayonnaise is not a instrument."

\*Patrick raises hand again.\*

"And horseradish isn't an instrument either."

**Ms. Brasie:** We sing "The Campfire Song" around the fire pit in the backyard in the summertime.



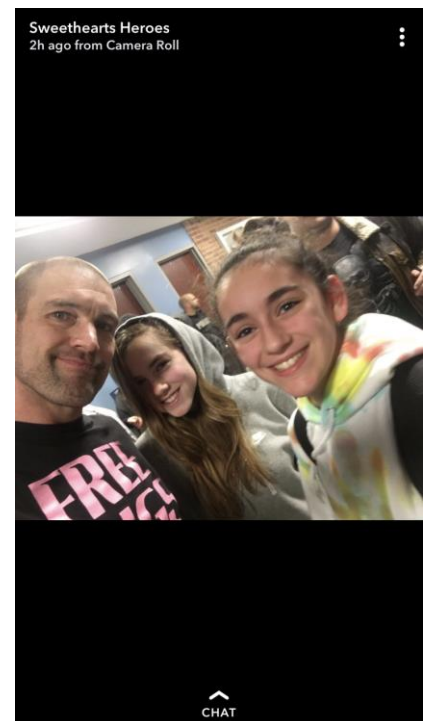
# Sweethearts and Heroes

By Mackenzie Garcia, grade 8

I wasn't sure what to expect, quite honestly. I had already known who Tom and Rick were because they had done the presentation at my mother's school where she teaches. But since I wasn't there, I didn't know how much it would speak to me and my peers who were around me.

I was shocked to see the beginning with the loud wrestling videos and sound effects, because I had expected it to be something like a stereotypical quiet "bullying is bad" presentation like schools usually set up. My friends and I looked at each other; 'What's going on?' I was also surprised to hear how loud Tom spoke, even with his microphone off. He was clearly trying to get a point through our heads, and he knew that the only way to do this was to make us hear it.

I winced when he brought up the twelve year old girl that had taken her life on Facebook live years back, and though I, thankfully, didn't watch it or ever will,



I heard about it and was surprised when he brought it up. He wasn't going easy on us on this point, but why should he? Bullying usually gets worse as the kids get older, even though we all should know better.

I especially liked how he didn't lecture just us as students, but included the teachers and everyone in the room in the conversation. For example, we were taught by everyone what to do while we were on fire. But we were never taught what to do while seeing someone being bullied/getting bullied ourselves. And what's more likely? Getting bullied, right. It really opened my life how much we don't know, even if it's right in front of us.

Now I had already known what Rick looked like because my mother had shown me pictures from her own school's presentation. But it still shocked me. Not in a, "Wow, what happened to his face?" kind of way, but in a, "How did you not give up life completely?" way. If it were me, I feel like I would've said, "What's the point?"

Unfortunately, that's how most people think, both students and teachers and just everyone in general.

Sweethearts and Heroes generally gave us a message not just about others bullying us, but us bullying ourselves.

All in all, I'm glad I was able to watch the presentation, and I hope it spoke to others like it spoke to me. And I hope they continue presenting their stories. Thank you, Tom and Rick (and Amos)!

