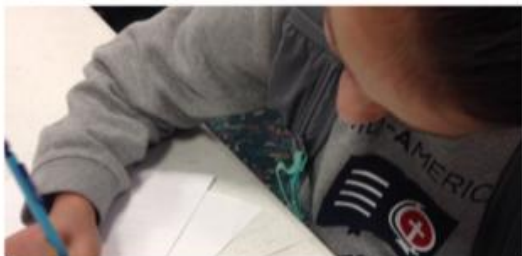




A STRONG END TO THE YEAR

Recently, the students of Mid-America Preparatory School have been taking standardized tests. We, the *Haps @ MAPS*, would like to congratulate all the students on a job well done! We're proud of everyone for putting their best foot forward and working hard! So, give yourselves a pat on the back! You deserve it!



To finish the year out, we're having two major events: the Spring Concert and our graduation ceremony! (See the events page for details.) For the Spring Concert, our students will have made exceptional, detailed science projects for everyone to view at the beginning of the evening. We've put our all into these projects to make them the best they possibly can be. Please feel free to come and view all the exciting experiments!

That same evening, the MAPS band and some of Mr. Keith Pace's students will be performing various songs for all to enjoy! The elementary classes will also be performing under the direction of Mrs. Denise Prosser. These students have practiced for quite a while now and are bursting with excitement to be able to share their progress with you!

The last big event of the year will be our MAPS graduation ceremony! We'll be watching all our graduates move up and onto bigger things! We're excited to see how they grow in knowledge and spirit. Please join us in celebrating this great event!

Española Palabra del Mes *(Spanish Word of the Month)*

El Fin- the end

[el-f-ee-n]

English Word of the Month

farewell- goodbye

[f-ai-r-w-eh-l]

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SPOTLIGHT

Krista Clark
+
Mason England
+
Mrs. Allen



Here within the walls of MAPS, there is a precious young lady by the name of Krista Deanne Clark. This sweet eleven year old from Pana, Illinois is in Mrs. Denton's 5th grade class. Her favorite subject is English, "because it's the easiest." At home, she likes to draw in the presence of her two dogs and one cat.

Her favorite memory here at MAPS is Winter Follies, which must be why she wants to become a professional dancer when she grows up. Krista has really grown in the years she's been at MAPS. We have watched her gain new friends and really come out of her comfort zone. Every time you see her laugh or smile, you just want to smile right along with her! She is a great person to have in our school. *-Jaisa Wehrle*

Mason Lee England is a smart, quiet sixth grader currently in Mrs. Allen's Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade class. This fun twelve year old is from Tower Hill, Illinois and has three sisters; one younger and two older. Mason said that he does not have a favorite subject, for he likes them all the same. When at home his hobbies include playing video games and taking care of his little sister. His favorite memory since attending MAPS has been Winter Follies.

When Mason grows up he would like to become a professional game maker and create the coolest games. Some interesting facts about Mr. Mason: his favorite color is blue, and he has nine pets. His pets include four cats, four dogs, and one Degu (Day-Goo). A Degu is a South American animal that is a cross between a chinchilla, hamster, and a kangaroo! Very cool! It was a privilege to interview this young boy with his smile that can light up a room, and his very contagious laugh. *-Kaitlyn Allen*

Spotlight Continued



For this edition of our newspaper, I was given the opportunity to interview our kindergarten and first grade teacher (And, coincidentally, our principal's wife): Mrs. Jennifer Allen. Mrs. Allen is a fun, vibrant, out-going woman who fits right in with our family here at MAPS. Her instincts to care for and protect others make her a natural in the world of teaching, and it shows in the sweet, happy smiles of her students!

Mrs. Allen received her teaching certificate from Greenville College and volunteered at several schools before taking her position at MAPS. All her children (three daughters: Lucy, Lola, and Daisy.) are currently attending our school and so, when the opportunity opened up to teach, she quickly applied. She's overjoyed to be able to spend so much time together with her husband and children.

I asked what her philosophy as a teacher was and she replied, "At this age, I want for them to be independent learners. It's a big step, so I try to make it fun. I don't want it to be all worksheets." As far as the future goes, Mrs. Allen hopes to grow with the school and be here as long as she's able.

Mrs. Jennifer Allen is a wonderfully kind and gentle person. We are incredibly happy and grateful to have her here as a teacher and look forward to see all the great things to come from her and her class! -
Chantal Hosin



Upcoming Events

Science Fair- Wednesday, April 29th from 6-7pm. Spring Concert is to follow.

Muffins With Mom- Friday May 8th from 8:15-9:30 am.

All School Field Trip- Monday May 11th, leaving MAPS at 5:30 am.

TAMING YOUR TONGUE

Verse:

"He who restrains his lips is wise." Proverbs 10:19

Lesson:

At amusement parks, the bumper-car ride is always popular. People enjoy driving recklessly for a few minutes, bumping deliberately but armlessly into other people's cars.

Some people have a bumper-car mentality in their relationships with others. Using blunt words, they deliberately bump into others' feelings, which is anything but harmless.

Solomon wrote, "He who restrains his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19). But James said, "No man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). He said that with the tongue we bless our God who created us, but we also curse those whom He has created (v.9). Lest we think that Christians do the blessing and non-Christians do the cursing, we need to remember that James was writing to Christians.

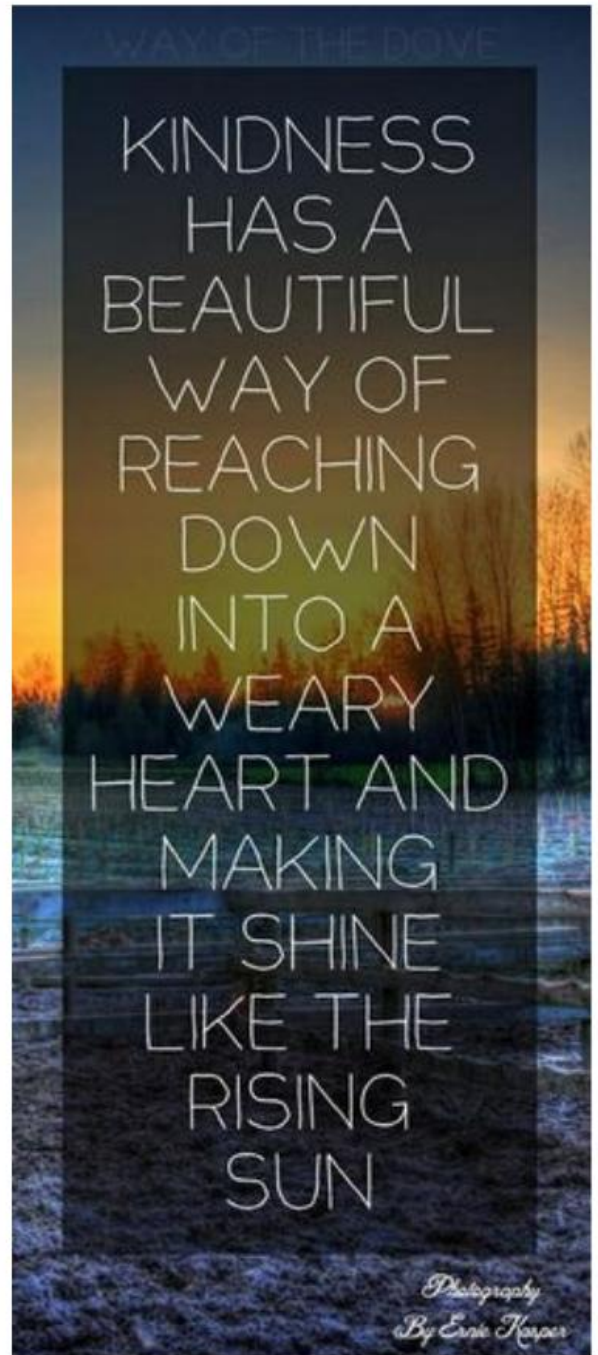
To tame our tongues, we need God's help. In Romans 6:13, Paul said that we need to make a choice to present the parts of our body "as instruments of righteousness to God," not "as instruments of unrighteousness to sin."

Today and every day, choose to present your body including your unruly tongue as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:2) to be used by Him as an instrument of blessing.

To bridle your tongue, give God the reins of your heart.

Prayer:

"Lord, tame our tongues that we may speak of your name always and spread the good news." - Amen



MAPS Testimonies

Question: How do you show kindness to someone?

Max Wehrle- "You give courage and love....you be nice and don't do mean things"

Gracie Houser- "To pray for them and help them"

Tanner Fry- "Helping them out"

Lexi Morrison- "You are nice to somebody and you care for people"

Student Special

We asked a student to write a special article for this edition of the HAPS@Maps. We let her pick whatever topic she was comfortable with and she wrote to her heart's content.

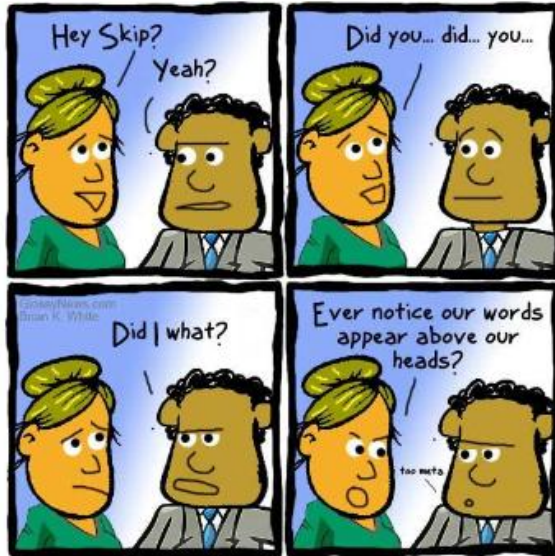
We are very proud and excited to share this Student Special by Bailey Prosser. Enjoy!



Bailey Prosser

Whether it be a hard day at school, a homework overload or anything that is stressful, there will always be something to lift us up or encourage us when we are feeling down. It is God's word that can give us encouraging words. If you are one that feels that you have the weight of the world on your shoulders then cast your care upon our Lord whose shoulders are big enough to carry that burden for you. Psalm 16:8 tells us "I have set the Lord continually before me and because he is at my right hand I will not be shaken." Those are words to live by and that verse tells us that as long as we have Jesus involved in our everyday lives and as long as we cast our cares upon him we will be firm in the trials of this earth.

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RIDDLES & JUNK

Q. when do monkeys fall from the sky?

Q: Can February March?

Q: what do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Q: when do people start using their trampoline?

Kids 'n Dogs



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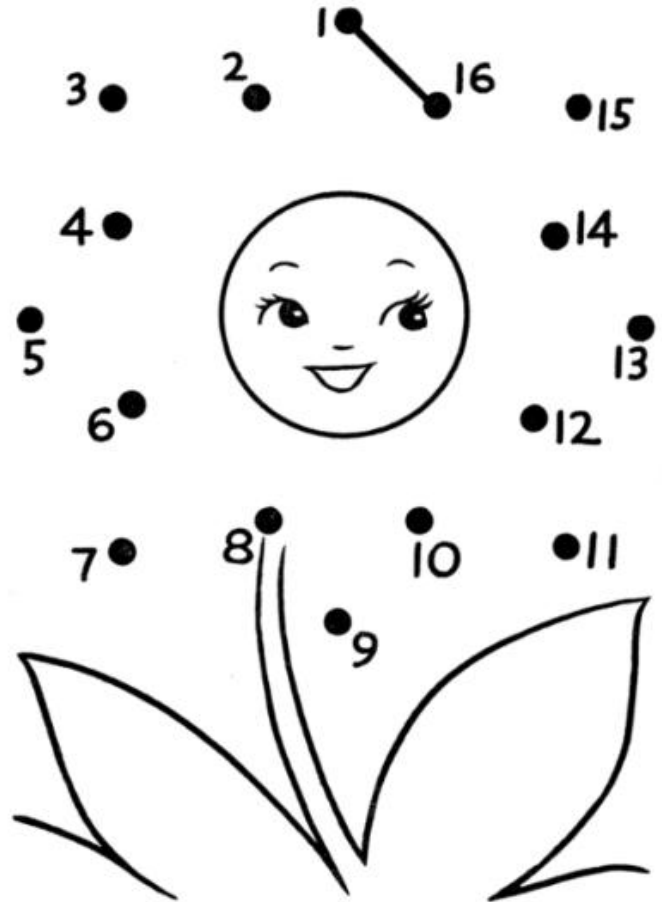
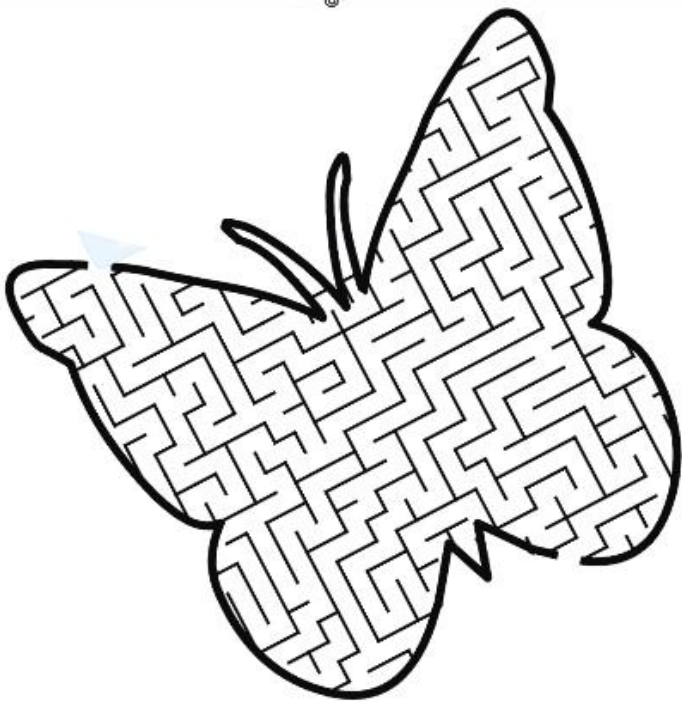
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KIDZ KORNER 

APRIL SHOWERS
BRING
May Flowers



you make
all things
NEW!
Revelation 21:5

Dear Readers,

We are sad to say that this is the last edition of *The HAPS@MAPS* for now. It has been a great experience for us to learn so many new things about you guys and to hear your opinions. Thank you to everyone who participated in the making of *The HAPS@MAPS*.

Whether you helped us in choosing the name for our paper, sent in a question to our Dear Daphne column, answered some of our questions for our MAPS Testimonies, let us pry into your personal lives for the Spotlight Student/Teacher, or even just took the time to read our paper, we want to thank you for your support. Have a great last few weeks of school, and after that, have a great summer!

Love,

Jaisa

Kaitlyn

Chantal

Mrs. Short

The HAPS@MAPS Crew

So Long!

RIDDLES & JUNK

Q: when do monkeys fall from the sky? A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: when do people start using their trampoline? A: Spring-Time

Q: Can February March? A: No, but April May

Q: what do you call a rabbit with fleas? A: Bugs Bunny

ANSWER KEY

JUMBLE

Unscrambles:

1. het=the
2. ese=see
3. ghtli=light
4. l=l

Answer to riddle:

I see the light!