From the Executive Director | Professional Division . . . Holly Blair

Happy National Principals’ Month!

This month is dedicated to the incredible, hard-working, and exceptional leaders that we have in every school throughout the state of Maine.

As you all know, the MPA has been celebrating the great things going on in Maine Schools on an (almost) daily basis with our “Maine’s Positive Story of the Day.” In honor of National Principals’ Month, we are going to celebrate one principal for every school day this month. This is going to be the special edition month, “Maine’s Positive PRINCIPAL Story of the Day.” This recognition is viewed internationally on the MPA-Professional Division Face Book page, on Twitter and Instagram @hollyblairmpa, or on the www.mpaprof.org website. I strongly encourage you to check these out every day and cheer on your colleagues from around the state.

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) have partnered with the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA) to honor our great profession with the #ThankAPrincipal. We strongly encourage each of you to jump on social media and use this hash tag to recognize the great principal who may have made a difference in your life, or maybe recognize that colleague who you have the pleasure of working with and deserves the shout out.

We need to flood social media – all media – with the great stories about the strength, wisdom, and true leadership of Maine principals. We need to share the REAL stories with our communities of just how exceptional you all are.

While the Maine Principals’ Association celebrates all leaders all year, we are honored to share the great stories of Maine Principals with the world this month. Please remember that because of you, your schools, staff, communities, and especially – your students benefit from your leadership and all of the difficult decisions that you have to make in order to help all succeed. For that we honor you. Please know that the MPA will always be there to support you whenever you need.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ~ HAPPY PRINCIPALS’ MONTH!
Great Beginnings Series For New and Nearly New School Administrators

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October 28, 2022; January 20, 2023; and April 12, 2023

Click HERE to Register and for More Information.

2022 Assistant Principals’ Conference
“Guiding Schools in Turbulent Times” with Andrew Marotta
~ October 24 and 25, 2022 ~
Live and In-Person at the Samoset Resort, Rockport

Click HERE to Register and for More Information.

PROFESSIONAL OFFERINGS

4-Session Book Study Webinar:
“Stretching At Our Edges”
With Jennifer Abrams

Dates of Book Study Webinar:
January 10, February 7, March 7, and April 5, 2023 ~ 3:00—4:30 p.m. (on each of the four days)

~ Space is Limited to 20 Registrants ~

Click HERE to Register and for more information.

2022 MPA Fall Conference

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
WELCOME RECEPTION
5:00—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 2022
Keynote Presentation (a.m.): “The Time Is Now” with Adam Welcome

Friday, November 18, 2022
General Session III (a.m.): A How-To for Maine Schools: Inclusivity and Safety with Sophie Minn, Student, Messalonskee High School
Keynote Presentation (p.m.): Drummond Woodsum’s Peter Felmy

Click HERE to Register and for more information.

Note to Non-Members

Non-Members are receiving The Maine Apprise in October, November, and December compliments of the Maine Principals’ Association. Member benefits are described on our website. Click HERE for direct link to member benefits and form.

If you would like to receive this newsletter and other member benefits, please contact Patty Newman at the MPA office at 622-0217, ext. 130 or at mpa@mpa.cc to join your professional association!

FREE
Job Vacancies Posting on the MPA Professional Webpage

The MPA is listing job postings for administrative positions (principal, assistant principal, dean of students, CTE directors, etc.) on the www.mpaprof.org website AT NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS!

The only thing we will need is the title of the position, your district name, the date the application closes if you have one, and the link that will take potential applicants to YOUR site.

Please email your job opening to Tammy at tmcnear@mpa.cc.

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Click on the link below to go to our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maine-Principals%27-Association-Professional-Division/1783592959867688

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NASSP Report

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School administrators are highly accomplished at so many different aspects of our jobs, employing high impact leadership and management skills in a dynamic and challenging environment on a day to day and minute to minute basis. One thing, however, that we are not good at is recognizing our own successes and critical importance in the lives of our students. Thankfully, NASSP does recognize our contributions and is a great promoter of our profession and those of us who have chosen educational leadership as our careers. They have spotlighted the principalship during National Principals Month. Here’s what they have to say on the topic:

◊ Each October, National Principals Month recognizes the essential role that principals play in making a school great.
◊ Principals are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. Each October, NASSP, NAESP, and AFSA seek to honor these unsung heroes for their tireless efforts in pursuit of excellence in education.
◊ The National Principals Month is a widely recognized celebration of the principalship, marked by national and state resolutions supporting the event, as well as acknowledgements from U.S. Senators and Representatives, and top government officials. However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that take place in schools and communities across the country.

By clicking on the link above (red), you will have access to a toolkit for celebrating National Principals Month. Even though we aren’t great at recognizing our own accomplishments, we can certainly do a great job of recognizing each other. I’d love to see social media flooded with love for our Maine school leaders throughout October. We all know how quickly bad news spreads, and let’s drown it out with shoutouts for the amazing school leaders in our amazing state of Maine.

Less than one-third of American workers feel very confident in their ability to have enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement.* Horace Mann is a long-time, MPA corporate supporter. Join one of their informational sessions to learn more about addressing potential challenges you could face as you near and live in retirement. Register today!

https://horacemann.com/webinars?utm_source=mpa

*Employee Benefit Research Institute’s 2022 Retirement Confidence Survey
Recognition Counts

Take advantage of the numerous opportunities for you to nominate an exemplary member of our educational community in Maine. Commit a few moments to shine your light on excellence.

Larry LaBrie Award for Outstanding Contributions to the MPA Interscholastic Division
Do you know an outstanding contributor to the Interscholastic Division of the MPA as a building administrator, athletic administrator, or other person (i.e. site/meet director, coach, official, media, etc.)? Each year the MPA honors up to three recipients to be honored with the Larry LaBrie Award at the Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click HERE.

Volunteer of the Year ~ Dr. Phyllis Deringis Service to Maine Youth Award
Do you know an outstanding adult volunteer who is making a difference for students in your school, your district, or possibly beyond? Each year the MPA honors up to two awardees with the Dr. Phyllis Deringis Service to Maine Youth Award at the Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click HERE.

2023 Secretary/Administrative Assistant of the Year Award
We all have them—the incredible people who know every student and parent in the school ~ the people who help keep the districts in order and organized ~ those who greet our students and communities and set the positive tone in our schools and districts—our AMAZING secretaries/administrative assistants. You can recognize their hard work and dedication by nominating them for the 2023 Secretary of the Year! All nominees will be considered for this honorable recognition. The Secretaries will be publicly announced at the Secretaries Conferences in April and then they will be honored at the MPA Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click HERE.

For more information please Contact Tammy McNear at tmcnear@mpa.cc

Deadline for nominations and completed applications (as required) is January 30, 2023.

Calling All Positive Stories!!

The MPA is continuing to spotlight the AMAZING things going on in Maine schools. If each of you have a fun, positive, or a “Kids are GREAT,” story to share we will publish those positive stories out on the MPA website, social media, and email.

Feel free to share pictures that are okay to spotlight as well.

Please e-mail your positive story and/or picture to Holly Blair at hblair@mpa.cc.

Thank you in advance for bringing smiles and positivity to each other.

Do You Know An Outstanding Elementary or Middle Level/High School Principal?

The Maine Principals’ Association, in cooperation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals invites you to nominate an outstanding elementary or middle level/high school principal for consideration as Maine’s 2022-2023 Principal of the Year.

The successful candidates will represent Maine at the 2023 National Principals’ Programs that will be held in the fall of 2023 in Washington, D.C.

The Maine Principals’ Association will honor our state’s 2022-2023 Principals of the Year at an awards banquet during the 2023 MPA Spring Conference.

Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the Year
Click HERE for Nomination Application.

Middle Level/High School Principal of the Year
Click HERE for Nomination Application.

NOMATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON TIME ON DECEMBER 12, 2022
New Faces in New Places

Congratulations on your new position! If your name or that of a colleague has been omitted, please notify the MPA office so that we can recognize you in a future issue of *The Maine Apprise* and correct our records.

Jessica Belanger, Assistant Principal, Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham.

Kimberlee Bennett, Assistant Director, Biddeford Regional Center of Technology.

Marissa Carroll, Assistant Head of School, Washington Academy, East Machias.

Nell Dailey, Assistant Principal, Camden Hills Regional High School, Rockport.

Sara Derosby, Principal, Hall-Dale Elementary School, Hallowell.

William Emery, Principal, Deer Isle-Stonington Jr./Sr. High School.

Sarah Glenn, Assistant Principal, South Portland High School.

Thomas Gray, Principal, Mount View High School, Thorndike.

Erin Hartill, Assistant Principal, Cony Middle/High School, Augusta.

Heather Mitchell, Principal, Katahdin Middle High School, Staceyville.

Ashley Reynolds, Principal, Captain Albert W. Stevens Elementary School, Belfast.

Julie Sanborn, Assistant Principal, Captain Albert W. Stevens Elementary School, Belfast.

Nikole Seeger, Assistant Principal, Camden Rockport Middle School.

Jamie Selfridge, Principal, Caribou High School.

Jane Smith, Principal, Indian Township School.

Maggie Solis, Dean of Students, Williams Elementary School, Oakland.

Tanya Staples, Principal, Fort Fairfield Middle High School.

Gina Stevens, Assistant Principal, Wiscasset Middle High School.

Scott Tumbleson, Principal, South Portland High School.

Lucas Turner, Assistant Principal, Mattanawcook Academy, Lincoln.

Glen Widmer, Principal, Ames Elementary and Gladys Weymouth Schools, Morrill.

Jess Woods, Assistant Principal, Belfast Area High School.

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2023 WinterKids Winter Games

The WinterKids Winter Games Are Returning This January and They’re Going to be WILD!

Mark your calendar for the 2023 WinterKids Winter Games January 9-February 3, 2023. This year’s theme is *My Wild Winter*, and will offer fun and engaging activities over the four weeks. WinterKids will select one school per county to compete for CASH PRIZES. Schools wishing to compete need to complete a short application.

WinterKids is accepting applications from October 1 – October 23, 2022, and will announce the selected schools on November 10, 2022.

Schools selected for the competitive track will receive a comprehensive toolkit with PLAYBooks and incentives for every student! The winning school will receive $5,000, 2nd place wins $3,000, 3rd place wins $1,500, with cash prizes for all the participating schools!

Get more information or apply for a spot in the 2023 WinterKids Winter Games at [https://winterkids.org/winter-games/](https://winterkids.org/winter-games/)
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Count ME In
OPEN ENROLLMENT VIRTUAL TRAININGS

During the 2020-2021 school year, nearly 1 in 5 Maine public school students missed more than 18 days of school. Connect with Count ME In to learn more about improving school attendance.

Attendance Matters: Early Interventions to Address Attendance Challenges October 4, 2022 3-4pm ($40 per person)
This one-hour training will review a tiered model of attendance interventions focusing on the students (and student groups) who are at risk for chronic absenteeism. We will share our collaborative, data-driven approach to reducing chronic absenteeism.

Attendance Matters: Transforming School Climate & Culture Workshop for Teams October 13th & 20th 12:30-2pm ($500 per team)
This two part, team workshop, will provide participants with specific skills and strategies to increase attendance and improve school culture and climate. Teams will be introduced to a collaborative assessment, problem solving and planning approach and empowered to foster a positive school climate and culture.

Celebrating Differences: Everyone Has A Role On The Team November 3rd 3-4pm (Free)
Join us on Zoom to practice engagement strategies that you can bring back to your community to highlight the value of diversity.

https://countmeinmaine.org/newsite/attend-upcoming-trainings/
For more information email: janderson@countmeinmaine.org

Click HERE for Professional Development Opportunities
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Keys to Managing Time for Instructional Leadership
with Kim Marshall
~ September 20, 2022 ~

Rethinking Teacher Supervision and Evaluation
with Kim Marshall
~ September 21, 2022 ~
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Mentor/Coach and Protégé Workshop ~ September 23, 2022
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