Gratitude in Our Hearts

In this month of gratitude, we want to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation for the invaluable work you do every day. Your leadership, compassion, and quick thinking make our schools a safe haven for learning and growth. Your dedication to the well-being of your school community does not go unnoticed, and we are profoundly grateful to have you as our guiding lights.

Support and Care, Always

Remember, you are not alone in this journey. Reach out at any time for support, guidance, or simply a listening ear. Together, we can face any challenges that come our way. Your well-being is essential, and we are here to support you, just as you support our students and staff every day.

Thank you for your incredible work, your unwavering dedication, and your compassionate hearts. You are the backbone of our schools, and we are privileged to have you leading the way.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Principals’ Conference on November 15-17, 2023, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay.
**PROFESSIONAL OFFERINGS**

**Great Beginnings Series For New and Nearly New School Administrators**

October 12, 2023; February 1, 2024; and April 9, 2024

Click [HERE](#) to Register and for More Information.

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**Seminar for School and District Secretaries, Special Education Secretaries, and Administrative Assistants**

April 2, 2024 ~ Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor
April 3, 2024 ~ Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland

More Information to Follow.

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**MPA Winter Webinars**

Sign up for one, or all!!

Webinar 1—January 9, 2024
Leading An MTSS School with Tom Hierck

Webinar 2—January 16, 2024
Getting the Most Out of the Marshall Memo with Kim Marshall

Webinar 3—January 23, 2024
The Power of the Doodle: The Neuroscience of Sketchnoting and Nonlinguistic Representation with Jed Derybury

Webinar 4—January 30, 2024
Using What We Know About the Adult Learning Process to Maximize School and Classroom Intervention Effectiveness with Kim Anderson

Webinar 5—February 6, 2024
Slow, Flow Art: A Mindful Approach to Connecting Creativity, Gratitude, and Nature with Charlene Lutz

Webinar 6—February 13, 2024
The Science of Reading and Its Implications for Early Elementary Students with Ann Ervin

Webinar 7—February 27, 2024
Making the Move from Teacher to Leader with Alex Kajitani

Webinar 8—March 19, 2024
Redefining Rigor with Depth of Knowledge with Erik Francis

Webinar 9—March 26, 2024
Connecting the Dots to Nurture the Whole Teacher with Allyson Asprey

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**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 click on the link below to submit your positive story and/or picture.

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

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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 Awards Banquet in the Spring. 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 Awards Banquet in the Spring. Click HERE.

2024 Secretary 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 2024 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 Awards Banquet in the Spring. Click HERE.

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

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 2023-2024 Principal of the Year.

The successful candidates will represent Maine at the 2024 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 2023-2024 Principals of the Year at an awards banquet in May at the Augusta Civic Center.

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.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON ON DECEMBER 11, 2023

Deadline for nominations and completed applications (as required) is January 19, 2024.
2023–2024 MMEA EVENTS

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- Registration Deadlines
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NASESP National Distinguished Principal of the Year

Anita Wright, Piscataquis Community Elementary School, Guilford

NASSP Principal of the Year

Shawn Vincent, Whittier (Bruce M.) Middle School, Poland
Members,

We are excited to announce our continued partnership with Gipper, a platform used by thousands of schools to create custom graphics for social media. Whether you’re sharing updates and announcements, promoting an upcoming school event, or recognizing students and faculty, Gipper makes it easy to reach your stakeholders with graphics branded for your school. Click here to go to Gipper.

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I hope you all take advantage of this special offer! If you have any questions please email Bryan at Gipper: bamos@gogipper.com.

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