



Board of Education Recognitions

October 2025

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Creative Crew Maplewood Middle School Submitted by Principal Dara Gronau	Congratulations to the Creative Crew from Maplewood Middle School for winning the state championship for the NJ School Boards Association STEAM Tank Challenge. Last week, the students traveled to Atlantic City and won \$2,500 after rising to the top out of more than 550 teams with their winning project, The Crossguard. Led by teachers Ms. Zavocki and Mr. Wright, the winning team celebrated last week, included: <table><tr><td>Teddy,</td><td>Frank,</td><td>Roark,</td></tr><tr><td>Nic,</td><td>Mila,</td><td>Maddie,</td></tr><tr><td>Clara,</td><td>Sam,</td><td>Sylvia,</td></tr><tr><td>Sam G.</td><td>Zareen,</td><td>Brice,</td></tr><tr><td>Leila,</td><td>Finn,</td><td>and Lena.</td></tr></table> We're so proud of those students and of Ms. Zavocki for their creativity in building the mechanized gate designed to improve traffic safety around MMS.	Teddy,	Frank,	Roark,	Nic,	Mila,	Maddie,	Clara,	Sam,	Sylvia,	Sam G.	Zareen,	Brice,	Leila,	Finn,	and Lena.
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MMS Music Ensembles Maplewood Middle School Submitted by Ms. Regina Bradshaw	Great job to Maplewood Middle School's music ensembles represented our district with excellence at the Celebration of Sound Music Festival earlier this year. The Select Chorus led by Mrs. Regina Bradshaw, the Honors Wind Symphony led by Mr. Chris Balas, and the Eighth Grade Orchestra led by Ms. Annamaria Chilimintris each performed beautifully before the festival judges and received the highest possible rating of "Superior."