

# CLAUD E. KITCHENS OUTDOOR SCHOOL AT FAIRVIEW FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Thanks go out to the following people and or organizations...

The Maryland Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation for continuing to support our "Sixth Generation" Chestnut saplings. Stop by to see the progress these trees are making.

Facilities Department for giving our dorms a fresh coat of paint.

Food Services for providing a new and improved menu for our program.

MAEOE for asking Claud E. Kitchens to support their statewide conference held here in February.

Everyone that comes out to attend our Maple Sugar Festival on Saturday, March 6th.

Kara Reed, for purchasing LCD projectors to support our instruction.

Jill Burkhart, for purchasing additional microscopes and electronic-microscopes to enhance our instruction for students.

Sandy Graff, for also purchasing materials to support our instructional program.

Clarissa Harris, from Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife and Heritage Services for donating a black bear pelt and skull to enhance our Furry Forensic lesson.

## MAPLE SUGAR FESTIVAL AT FAIRVIEW ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

We will be holding our annual Maple Sugar Festival on Saturday, March 6, 2010 and would like to extend an invitation for you to come out with your entire family to enjoy this event. The festival will run between the hours of 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This event is free to the public. Activities will include a sap boiling demonstration by Chuck Bowler, arts and crafts for the children, and other demonstrations to educate the public on how maple syrup is produced from by collecting sugar water from our Maple Trees. Wayne Eckley, Fairview teacher, is the event coordinator. He has sought out support once again from students in the Ag Program at Clear Spring High School who will be assisting with the collection of sap and the crafts for students. A special thank you to Sue Lowery and Terrie Shank at Clear Spring High School for assisting with this special event. Wayne is coordinating the sale of maple syrup from his Fairview

office. Please contact Wayne at 301-766-8138 to place your order of maple syrup. We would like to thank all students from Washington County High Schools for assisting with this event!

**Please review the additional attachments for more details concerning the Maple Sugar Festival.**



## Fairview To Host Outdoor Education Center Summit as part MAEOE

On February 4th and 5th, Fairview is pleased to be hosting the Outdoor Education Center Summit as part of MAEOE's state-wide conference. Educators from across the state will be visiting Fairview as part of the activities associated with the annual conference which is being held at Rocky Gap State Park and Resort. During their stay, there will be a round table discussion in our Round House on various topics such as instructional rigor in an outdoor setting and No Child Left Inside. These discussions will enhance our professional development as outdoor/ environmental educators. Thanks to WCPS Food Services Department for providing a delightful menu for this event! If you would like to learn more about this conference go to...

<http://www.maeoe.org/conference/>

## WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME TO GO GREEN?

- Compost at the end of each meal.
- Reduce water consumption and recycle rain-water with the use of rain barrels. Call us if you wish to buy a rain barrel for a real cheap price.
- Put lights on timers to reduce electricity consumption.

## FAIRVIEW'S FIRST EVER FISHING RODEO TO BE HELD IN APRIL 2010

We are excited about our first ever Fairview Fishing Rodeo which will be held at Claud E. Kitchens Outdoor School at Fairview Willow Pond on Saturday, April 24. Wayne Eckley has done a fabulous job working with Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service, Inland Fisheries and the Albert Powell Hatchery who have graciously donated trout for this event. This special day is for students from pre-

k through grade twelve. There will be lots of door prizes and awards. More details will be forthcoming to include a press release, but we want to mention this now so that you can mark your calendars. Stay tuned to our March Newsletter to learn more about this fishing rodeo!



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