

# Maple Ridge School Fund



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# The One Room School

- Built in 1887
- Giles & Buys Road
- School District #7 of Laketon Township until early 1960's
- 1 of nearly 100 one-room schools in Muskegon County



# Restoration & Preservation

- **1974:** Decision by MAISD
- Create a “living” historical experience for school children
- Reeths-Puffer Board deeded school for \$1
- **1977:** Manpower training participants from the Muskegon Area Skill Training Center began work
- **1979:** Restoration Complete



# Living History Lessons

- Operated and maintained by the MAISD
- Provides 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders a real-life setting
- MAISD prepares teachers with
  - historical information
  - lesson plans, materials
  - training
- Students are prepared by teachers
- Each year hundreds of children benefit

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Mona Shores' Campbell Elementary fifth-graders, from left, Emma Franklin, Mackenzie Main and Alexis Pierce show their math answers on slates while spending a day at Maple Ridge School, a turn-of-the-century, one-room schoolhouse in Laketon Township.



Katie Tibbitts, 10, uses stilts during recess outside Maple Ridge School while Paige Langlois, 10, waits her turn. Popular games in the early 1900s were tag, hopscotch, leapfrog relays, marbles, Red Rover, baseball and basketball.

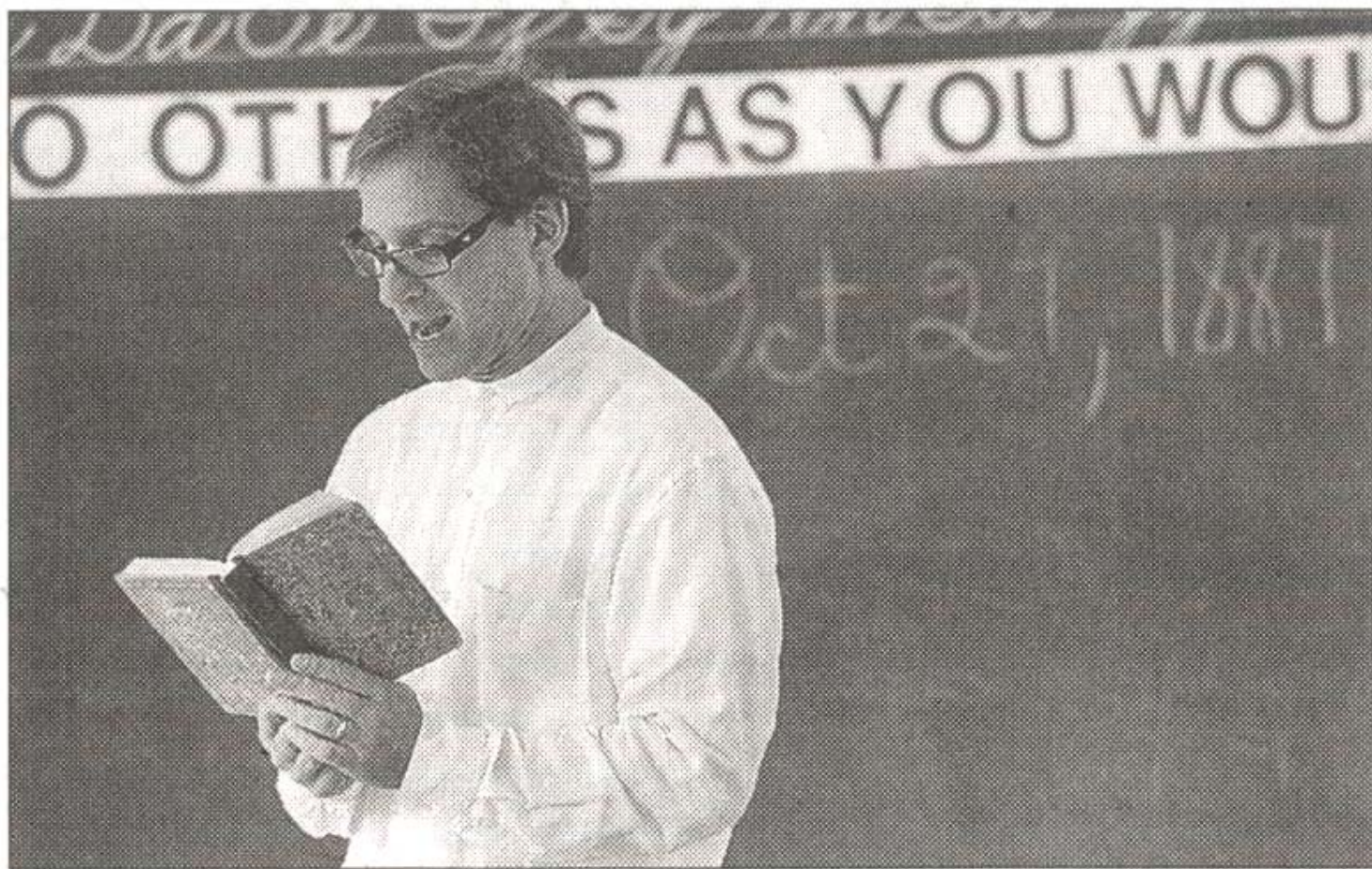
Tyler Bryant, 11, volunteers to be a dunce (though he didn't do anything wrong) during his class' visit. The dunce stool had been for students who didn't do their homework or didn't use their time wisely for studying. Other children would make faces to try to make the dunce laugh, which would result in more time on the dunce stool or having to turn to face the wall.





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Hunter Carlson, 10, works on an assignment from McGuffey's Fifth Eclectic Reader. His class read a story in the book called "The Venomous Worm," which warned of the evils of alcoholism. The moral lessons in McGuffey Readers were very popular in schools, especially during the mid-19th century.



Campbell Elementary fifth-grade teacher Fred Meston reads to his class from a McGuffey Reader. Other assignments Meston's class worked on during their visit to Maple Ridge School included word scrambles and recitation of tongue twisters, which had been popular in helping children learn proper pronunciation.

# Maple Ridge School Fund

- Established in 2004
- Through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County
- By Miss Alice Gates
- For the long-term restoration and maintenance of Maple Ridge



# About Alice Gates

- 1934: Maple Ridge grad
- 1938: North Muskegon High School grad
- 1942: Hired by the U.S. War Department as a clerk
- High-ranking computer analyst for 37 years
- Traveled to France, Italy & Japan as part of career
- Today: Retired and lives in Chester, Maryland



# Funding the Future

- Fund continues to grow
- Requires further contributions
- Generates needed funds to keep the school operational as an authentic learning experience for local students
- Call 231-722-4538
- E-mail [info@cffmc.org](mailto:info@cffmc.org)
- Visit [www.cffmc.org](http://www.cffmc.org)

# Educational Experiences

- Call David Klemm at 231-767-7255
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