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On April 18, District 30's Environmental Awareness Committee (EAC) collected over 3 tons of electronic equipment during the fifth annual Electronic Equipment and Durable Medical Equipment Recycling Drive, which was held at Maple School. EAC

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members include **Arnold Kahn, Barbara Goldstein, Arnie Kahn, Cindy Sheridan, Meaghan Costello, Chris Young, George Becker, Kris Anderson** and **Nancy Calandra**. Student Council members **Cheyenne Deegan, Rachel Wurtzel, Christiana Salonakis** and President **Shalee Weber** also assisted throughout the morning.

This effort was coordinated in conjunction with Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN), an Joffitec program of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Chicago, and the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Exchange, a service that connects people with disabilities to organizations and individuals with available durable medical equipment. It reuses, recycles, and refurbishes the equipment, which is ultimately distributed to children with disabilities throughout Illinois.

Arnold Kahn thanked everyone that volunteered their time at the event. "As in the past five years, this year was again extremely successful in filling almost two trucks with computers, electronics, cell phones, and medical equipment. I especially want to thank Maple teachers Meaghan Costello and Cindy Sheridan for being there Saturday. In addition, Board of Education member Barbara Goldstein has helped every year the ATEN drive has been in existence. Thank you also to George Becker, Frederico Lopez, and Lucio Catagone for their valuable assistance in moving equipment and making the building accessible," he said.

Three District 30 students were recently named winners in the 2009 CHARACTER COUNTS! writing contest. They include Wescott School's **Zach Cohen**, a third place winner in the fifth grade division; Maple School's **Ben Burns**, a second place winner in the sixth grade division; and Maple School's **Nicole Binder**, a third place winner in the seventh grade division.

These individuals were honored at the Glenview Village Board meeting on May 5, where they received savings bonds, medals and certificates.

Maple School Principal Steven Waitz has announced Maple School's

lars of the CHARACTER COUNTS! coalition: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship and fairness. They include the following individuals: Sixth graders, **Sarah Nwia, Stavroula Antonopoulos, Benjamin Samborn, Michael Tuchler, Hanna Bilimoria, Kyfie Boersma, Jan Siegen, and Aaron Forman**; seventh graders, **Leah Reinfrank, Emily Mirochnik, Daniel Way, David Simon, Emma Stanicek, Brittany Holzman, Mario Tursi and Alex Yuktumets**; and eighth graders **Adam Wax, Josh Hoffman, Maria Nauman Shalee Weber, Jeff Collins, Alex Diesbergen, Christina Naum and Dasha Kopudsky**.

The Northfield Food Pantry's services recently reached an all time high. Over 470 families are now eligible to visit the pantry each month. That is up from 250 families a year ago. Community members willing to help out or make a donation should contact Food Pantry Supervisor Jill Brickman (847) 724-8300, or go to www.northfield-township.com.

On Tuesday, April 14, Maple School's eighth grade volleyball team won the two-day Central Suburban Middle School Conference Tournament! The first day involved pool play, with the top two teams in each five-team pool advancing to the semi-finals on Wednesday. During pool play, Maple beat Gemini 2 games to 0. They then played Wilmette and won 2-0. Their third match was against Northbrook Junior High, where they split 1-1.

Their final pool match was against Shepard, where they again won 2-0. Maple ended the day on Tuesday, as the first seed for their division with a 7-1 pool play record. Northbrook Junior High also advanced from their pool. In the other pool, Springman won with Wood Oaks advancing. On Wednesday in the semi-finals, Maple started off by playing Wood Oaks, where they won the best-of-three games match in two games. Maple advanced to the championship game against Springman. In the championship game, Maple won the first game. Springman beat Maple in the second game, sending the championship to a third and final game.

Maple's regular volleyball season record was 11-2. The 12 team members include team captains: **Mike Jang and Bradley Margolin, Cody Bolan,**

Rich, Ricky Poulsen and John Suh.

They didn't twitter, tweet or take flight, but Wescott School first graders sang as beautifully as birds during the new musical "Bird Brains", written by music teacher Bill Vaananen. The children presented the show on April 22, for parents and students, and gave an encore on April 23 for their fellow first graders at Willowbrook School.

Vaananen wrote original songs about a variety of birds, including "Bird Brains!", "Red, Red Bird" (reggae), "Bye, Bye Blackbird" (swing), "Chickadee Country" (country/western), "The Blue Jay Blues" (Blues), "Rockin' Robin" (rock and roll), and "The Race To Save The Lord God Bird" (contemporary).

Willowbrook and Wescott first graders spent their kindergarten year together at Willowbrook's Kindergarten Center. At the show's conclusion, everyone reunited for a snack and to get reacquainted.

This activity was organized by Wescott Principal Dr. Terri Carman, Willowbrook School Principal Melissa Hirsch, Wescott music teacher Bill Vaananen, Willowbrook music teacher Kurt Barker, and the first grade teachers: Kris Anderson, Sallie Magruder, Nicole Schaffer, Sue Stoehmann, Sheila Ander and Helen Weeks. Joan Marsh created the backdrop scenery of colorful birds and trees.

On Earth Day, April 22, Brownie Troop #1923 and Wescott School's first grade Daisy Troop cleaned around the perimeter of the school. In addition, several fifth grade families and boy scouts cleaned and planted flowers on Saturday, April 25. In the April 24 Wescott Word, Principal Dr. Terri Carman thanked these Wescott family members "for working together to keep the area outside of the school clean and beautiful during Earth week and every week of the year."

Maple Principal Steven Waitz recently announced the students who made the third quarter honor roll. A list of these pupils is available in Maple School's office.

Parents of incoming kindergartners are invited to attend the Kindergarten "Kick-off" from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, in Willowbrook School's multi-purpose room. Everyone will have the opportunity to greet Principal Melissa Hirsch and Kindergarten teachers Nancy Calandra, Pat Liss and