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## End of Year Celebration and Open House, 6:30 p.m.

[Maple Dale Elementary](#)

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As the end of the school year nears, Sycamore Community Schools invites community members, students, staff, parents and business and city officials to

celebrate the end of the first full school year in a new Maple Dale Elementary School, 6100 Hagewa Drive. On May 6 at 6:30 p.m., district administrators will dedicate the school to the students and community. Community members can then explore the new Maple Dale until 8 p.m.

Thanks to the support of the community and the passage of a bond issue in November 2010, Sycamore was able to build a new school for approximately 575 pre-kindergarten through fourth-grade students on the same property as the previous Maple Dale Elementary, which includes the gymnasium that was built in 2001.

With 60 percent of the former school building constructed in 1959, the Ohio School Facilities Commission, an independent state organization that provides free, in-depth evaluations of Ohio's public school buildings, recommended in 2010 that 18 of 23 mechanical or structural systems at Maple Dale be replaced or repaired.

The new school, which opened on August 27, 2013, provides an improved learning environment for students and an energy-efficient school that will cut energy costs by 50 percent. The new Maple Dale Elementary is now expected to last more than 50 years.

While the school has been fully-functioning since it opened in August, the final phase of the construction process was to complete a wing to house the district's preschool program. This wing was completed at the end of March. By moving the program to Maple Dale from Symmes Elementary, Sycamore will alleviate capacity issues at Symmes Elementary and provide a more central location for families. The district preschool program will begin at Maple Dale in the 2014-15 school year.

"We are so grateful for the support of our community that allowed us to address the concerns at Maple Dale Elementary in a manner that kept us fiscally accountable, protected the community's investment and, most importantly, created the best educational environment for our students," said Adrienne C. James, Ed.D. "This celebration is the culmination of a long and thoughtful process that ensured the district stayed within our financial parameters and that Sycamore's facilities continued to support academic achievement."

Ron Brooks, Maple Dale principal, agreed.

"There are so many wonderful things about our new school and our students



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and staff are making it their home," Brooks said. "We have beautiful new classrooms and outdoor learning spaces. We now have a technology infrastructure that better supports our technology equipment from our previous school. We have realized new efficiencies with this building, including energy and learning efficiencies. We have more parking and better handicap accessibility. The new Maple Dale truly is a place that will support our students and our future."



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