

# Maplewood & The Link's Afterschool Newsletter for April 2010



Vision Statement: The Link will provide an Afterschool program that is caring, safe, fun-filled, and educationally enriching to help young people...Soar beyond Expectations!!

## K.O.P.S.



*The Link's Afterschool program, K.O.P.S. or Kids Observing Public Safety, came to a close April 8<sup>th</sup>. Four local law enforcement agencies were involved in the five month program. The Indiana State Police, Connersville Police Department, Fayette County Sheriff's department, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.*



*Each week, a different law enforcement agency taught students what roles their departments play in the community. During the program, students had the chance to ask local law enforcement officers questions about their jobs. A few even expressed an interest in becoming police officers. Students also learned they can have positive contact with law enforcement officers. The goal through weekly activities was to teach children about safety while having fun at the same time.*



*A Maplewood Afterschool student receives a trophy for participating in the KOPS program from Sheriff Billy Wayson and Bill Browne of the Indiana Dept of Natural Resources. Also presenting trophies were Indiana State Trooper Rich Shoemaker, Travis Wooley of the DNR, Sheriff's Deputy Leonard Baker, and Connersville Police Detective Craig Pennington.*



*The final date for the program was Thursday, April 8, and Afterschool Students celebrated its success with a cake specially made for the occasion. The Link hopes to repeat the program during the 2010 ~ 2011 school year.*



BASE Afterschool is a Link program. For information about this or other programs offered through The Link, contact us at 765.827.0553.

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