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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- Fri., Jan. 25: Report Cards go home with Students
Tues., Jan. 29: Early Release Day (PLC)
Grades 1-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
A.M. Knd.: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 11:14 a.m.
P.M. Knd.: Start at 12:04 p.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day
Jan. 29-30: 4th Grade State Writing Exam
Mon., Feb. 18: No School for Elementary Students -- Teacher Plan Day
Thurs., Feb. 21: Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 26: Early Release Day (PLC)
Grades 1-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
A.M. Knd.: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 11:14 a.m.
P.M. Knd.: Start at 12:04 p.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day
Thurs., Feb. 28: Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Mon., March 10: PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m.
PTO General Meeting (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.
Wed., March 12: Science Fair Set-Up 4:00-7:00 p.m. (Gym)
Thurs., March 13: Maxey Science Fair 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Gym)
Thurs., March 13: Kindergarten Registration (Office Conference Room) 8:00am-6:00pm
Fri., March 14: Kindergarten Registration (Office Conference Room) 8:00am-4:30pm
Mon., March 17: 5th Grade Parent/Student Info Night at Lux 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Tues., March 18: Early Release Day (PLC)
Grades 1-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
A.M. Knd.: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 11:14 a.m.
P.M. Knd.: Start at 12:04 p.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day
Wed., March 19: ECSE Parent Contact Day -- No School for ECSE Students
Thurs., March 20: End of 3rd Quarter
Tues., April 1: LPS Pfizer Science Fair (Pershing Center) 5:00 p.m.
Wed., April 9: Report Cards go home with Students
Thurs., April 17: Maxey Art Fair (Gym/Multipurpose Room) 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Sat., April 19: "The MAX" Fundraiser
Tues., April 22: 5th Grade Visit/Lunch at Lux 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Mon., April 28: ECSE Parent Contact Day -- No School for ECSE Students

Tues., April 29: Early Release Day (PLC)
 Grades 1-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
 A.M. Knd.: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 11:14 a.m.
 P.M. Knd.: Start at 12:04 p.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
 ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day

Tues., April 29: 5th Grade Band Concert for Students (M.P. Room) 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
 5th Grade Band Concert for Parents (M.P. Room) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Fri., May 9: 5th Grade Outdoor Education Day

Thurs., May 8: Orchestra Concert for Students (M.P. Room) 2:15-3:00 p.m.
 Orchestra Concert for Parents (M.P. Room) 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Mon., May 12: PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m.
 PTO General Meeting (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.

Fri., May 23: ECSE Parent Contact Day -- No School for ECSE Students

Tues., May 27: Early Release Day (PLC)
 Grades 1-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
 A.M. Knd.: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 11:14 a.m.
 P.M. Knd.: Start at 12:04 p.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
 ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day

Fri., May 30: End of 4th quarter, Report Cards go home with Students

Maxey Fifth Grader Organizes Humanitarian Aid Service

Maxey fifth grader, Lan Portnoy and her mom, Deb, will be traveling to Vietnam in March on a humanitarian aid expedition with an organization called The Catalyst Foundation. Each day in Vietnam, thousands of children go without food, housing, education, and basic necessities. Eighty volunteers (who will be paying their own expenses) from the U.S. will be working to improve living situations for these children, as well as promoting education and good health. Lan and her mom will be part of this group.

Lan and Deb's expedition has five major goals they hope will be achieved:

1. Three hundred at-risk children will attend a special camp where they'll get a chance to eat nutritious meals, attend educational workshops, receive new backpacks full of clothes, shoes, and school supplies, and share in the joys of simply being a child.
2. They will help distribute a month's worth of rice for 300 families.
3. New bikes will be given to 200 children. A bike will enable the children to go to school and their families to go to market or the nearest health clinic.
4. They will help provide basic medical checkups to nearly 600 children in three rural villages.
5. Money will be raised to build 100 new homes for families currently living in a garbage dump. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity Vietnam, the Catalyst Foundation is dedicated to building 100 homes in 2008, starting during the aid expedition.

A donation jar will be placed in each classroom at Maxey. Maxey students and their families may consider donating their nickels, dimes and quarters to this cause. By working together, a difference can be made in helping these needy and deserving children's lives.

5th Grade Art Project

Dear 5th Grade Parents:

The 5th grade art classes will be beginning their mask-making unit in a couple of weeks. Students will begin designing and embellishing their masks on **Feb 11**. Students are encouraged to bring materials that would make their masks more individualistic and personally unique. If you would like to send extra craft items that you have at home for other students to use in addition to the items your son/daughter will use for their mask, it would be very kind and helpful. Generosity like this is greatly appreciated by many of the students and myself! Please handle the following as you see fit.

The following list includes materials appropriate for the students' mask unit:

Vaseline (for the face when applying the gauze)	Buttons
Feathers	Fur
Beads	Seeds, acorns
*Low temp glue sticks (small round size)	Nuts, Bolts, Screws
Sequins	Seashells
Glitter	Puff paint/Fabric paint
Raffia	Ribbon
Silk flowers/greenery	Bottle caps
Rings from pop can tops	

These materials will need to be brought to art class on or before **Feb. 11**. Thank you for your wonderful support of the art program!

*** If parents or certain family members are crafty and would like to help in the making of the plaster masks, it would be very helpful and greatly appreciated. 5th Grade students will begin making the plasters of the masks on **Feb. 1** and the time frame is from 1:45-2:35pm. If interested, please contact Miss Lenzen at blenzen@lps.org or 436-1153. Thank you!

-Beth Lenzen, Art Specialist

10th Annual HyVee Dollars for Education

HyVee's Dollars for Education program at Maxey began Monday, January 14th, and will conclude Friday, April 4th, 2008. All five HyVee stores will be participating.

Here's how it works:

A box has been placed in the main hallway to collect receipts. For every \$100 worth of HyVee receipts collected, HyVee will donate \$1.00. The maximum donation per school is \$1000. Liquor and tobacco receipts, as well as receipts from HyVee stores outside of Lincoln, will not count. The receipts will be counted weekly and turned into HyVee. The checks to each school will be issued through the LPS Foundation before the end of the year.

Thanks for you support – Mr. Tebo

Maxey Chess Club Begins January 28th For All Students In Grades 1-5

The Maxey Chess Club makes its first move Monday, January 28. The club is open to all students regardless of experience in grades 1-5. The second semester club meets the

following 14 Mondays from 3:38-5:00 in the Maxey Annex: January 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 31; April 7, 14, 28, and May 5, 12, and 19.

Maxey Chess Club is taught for the eighth year by Ken Kiewra, a UNL educational psychology professor. The club has won several state chess titles and is the defending champion in both the primary and elementary sections. The second semester registration fee is \$100 and should be paid at the club's first meeting. Checks should be made payable to Ken Kiewra.

Where is my lost shaker of salt???

Do you have it? If so, bring it to Maxey for an update on MAXARITAVILLE! We will have a meeting of all committee chairs and any one who wants to help on January 28 at 6:30. You'll get an update on the plans for this fun and fantastic fundraising event, an update on where we are, and offer you opportunities to help out. Join us:

WHEN: Monday, January 28 at 6:30

WHERE: Maxey Multi-purpose room

For more information, contact The MAX chairs: Lisa Herbert at 484-7592, Stacey Hobbs at 484-8884 or Tiffany Mickells at 488-1748.

Please look for the "Save the Date" label and donation sheet that will be coming home with your oldest/only children today. You won't want to miss this super fun event!

We welcome any and all donations. So if you know a business owner, ask them if they would either donate an item or make a financial contribution to your child's school. It's like asking them if they'd like to buy wrapping paper or candy. We need your help to ensure a successful fundraiser for Maxey.

Get Ready To Make Your Mark On Maxey!!!

Have some fun at PAINT YOURSELF SILLY and help out our Art Department at the same time!

Each student or family will have the opportunity to create their own tile. We will then professionally arrange the finished tiles in permanent frames that will be displayed throughout the school and showcased for the first time at the Spring Art Show. All of the profits will go directly to the Maxey Art Department.

More information and sign-up sheets to paint your tiles at Paint Yourself Silly (Pioneer Woods Drive location) will be sent home in next week's Wednesday folder. The tiles will cost \$15.00 a piece. This will be replacing the Family Dinner. We hope that you are as excited as we are about this project! Start helping your kids think about their tile masterpieces!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
Melissa Hartter 327-9621, Julie Widman 327-8930 or Suzi Sailer 488-4383

Thank you in advance for supporting Maxey's Art Department!!!