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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- 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.

Fri., May 9: 5th Grade Band Concert for Parents (M.P. Room) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 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!

-Beth Lenzen, Art Specialist

!WANTED!

The Art room is in need of the following items:

- Old Newspapers for tables
- Old Styrofoam egg cartons or containers

Please drop these items off in the art room or in the office. Your help and donations are much appreciated.

Thank you,
Beth Lenzen *Maxey Elementary Art Specialist * blenzen@lps.org

Student Council Update

The Maxey Student Council has been very productive this past holiday season. During the month of November our school sales were donated to YMCA Strong Kids in the amount of \$200. We also adopted a military family for the month of December and were able to buy clothes and toys for the three children. Thank you for all of the donations that also went to this family. We appreciate the heart our students, parents and supporters show when asked for help. Our January sales proceeds will be donated to Make A Wish Foundation. Again, thank you for your continued support!

-Maxey Student Council, Amy Kozak, Kati Wobig, Kim Meyers

10th Annual HyVee Dollars for Education

Just a reminder that the HyVee Dollars for Education box is on a table by the front door. For every \$100 worth of HyVee receipts collected, HyVee will donate \$1.00. Thanks in advance for your contribution!

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!!!

Yearbook Sales Fast Approaching...

Mark your calendars now - yearbooks will be sold from February 11th through February 22nd. The cost is \$13.00 per book if ordered during the scheduled days. Look for more information as the 11th approaches.

Maxey Book Exchange

February 4-8, 2008

Book forms will go home in Wednesday folders on January 30th. Books can be brought to school starting on Monday, February 4th - deadline is Wednesday, February 6th. The exchange will take place for 1st-5th graders on Thursday, February 7th and for Kindergarten and ECSE on Friday, February 8th. Two class popcorn parties will be awarded for the following: Class with highest percentage of students participating and class with most books donated.

If you have any questions, please contact Mikki Sandin at 327-8589.