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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- Fri. Jan. 11: End of 2nd Quarter
Mon., Jan. 14: No School -- Teacher Work Day
Mon., Jan. 21: No School -- Schools will be Closed
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.
Thurs., March 13: Maxey Science Fair
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

Mathfax Contest Update

Mrs. Hagaman's 3rd grade math class is in 3rd place regionally, and 16th place nationally (out of 50 participating schools). Currey Zalman, Andrew Smith and Keenan Allen have all placed in the top 20 regionally!

Ms. Wobig's 4th grade math class is not to be out done! They are 14th out of 60 nationally, and FIRST PLACE regionally. Daniel Thompson is leading the charge by placing 16th out of 1,315 students nationally!!!!

In 5th grade, Mrs. Schoening's and Mrs. Maxwell's classes are doing great! They placed 24th out of 74 schools nationally, and 3rd out of 12 schools regionally. Placing in the top 20 are Matt Whipple, Myan Bhoopalam and Nathan Toothaker.

Congratulations to these sharp students!

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.

Dear Maxey Students, Staff and Families (note from the Principals of Hartley and Clinton Elementary Schools)

Thank you for your generous donations to Clinton and Hartley Elementary. Your willingness to put others before yourself is greatly appreciated. Words cannot express our gratitude for your acts of kindness. You made a difference in the lives of hundreds of our students this holiday season. The funds that you donated will be used to provide families with essentials during family emergencies, pay for scholarships allowing children to take advantage of various learning opportunities, and purchase books for children. Please know how much your caring and thoughtfulness toward the children of Clinton and Hartley is appreciated. As you know, it is difficult to concentrate on learning if you don't have the basics. Being able to provide that boost to children is a great thing for the children, but is also encouraging to staff members. With your help, we know we are not alone as we nurture our students. On behalf of our students and staffs, please accept our thanks. Please see attached poem as well.

Sincerely,

Mona F. Manley
Principal
Clinton Elementary

Jeffrey J. Vercellino
Principal
Hartley Elementary

Construction Update

As many of you know, our second graders moved into their new classrooms from their portable classrooms last Thursday, January 3.

We anticipate the newly constructed kindergarten classrooms, early childhood special education classroom and the new "specialist" classroom will be completed near the end of January. At this time, the students in Ms. Freye, Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Cade, Mrs. Holton and Mrs. Benischek's music classes will move into their new spaces.

African Marketplace

We are fortunate, once again to have a master percussionist from Ghana, Mr. Michael Opoku serve as artist-in-residence at Maxey. This program, sponsored by the Maxey PTO, serves to enrich both music education and multicultural education curriculum goals for all Maxey students. Students will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Opoku during regularly scheduled music classes Jan. 7-11. During the residency, Mr. Opoku will offer an "African Marketplace" for students and parents who wish to purchase imported items as memorabilia. The "African Marketplace" is always very popular with students. Parents may wish to discuss this event with students in advance. Parents may find it necessary to instruct children as to responsible shopping and bargaining for goods. Parents may also wish to set parameters as far as spending is concerned. The African Market will be held in the vocal music room #702 from 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. and after school until 5:00 p.m. this whole week.