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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Upcoming Dates

- Wed., Nov. 21: No Elementary School -- Teacher Plan Day
Nov. 22-23: No School -- THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tues., Nov. 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
Thurs., Dec. 6: 5th Grade Chorus Concert for Parents (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 11: 5th Grade Band Concert for Parents (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20: Orchestra Concert for Parents (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan.2: No School -- WINTER BREAK
Mon., Jan. 7: PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m.
PTO General Meeting/Open House/Tour (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.

Lincoln Food Bank

Don't forget, the Maxey Student Council is sponsoring the Lincoln Food Bank this month! The donation barrels will be located in the front hall till Tuesday, November 20...a few extra days to donate! Please contribute non-perishable items such as canned foods, boxed items such as noodles, mac and cheese, pudding, jello, stuffing etc. Thank you in advance for your contributions! --Maxey Student Council--

School Directories

This year has been difficult for the directory. Normally they are out by fall break, however there is a software incompatibility issue with the school district and our old software program. All names, addresses, phone numbers and all other information has to be entered by hand. This takes a lot of time and our directory volunteers are also parents and are busy. I assure you they are working very hard to get the directory finished and to the printers sometime this week. After the printers receive it, we normally look at two weeks to get the printing finished and the directories distributed to PTO members. I don't know what the Thanksgiving break will do to the timeline, but we will try our best. Thank you for your patience.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM

As the holiday season looms around the corner, we are once again looking for families who would like to make the holidays a little more joyful for a less fortunate family. More importantly, you can share with your kids the values, which are corner stones of all beliefs, of caring and giving to those who are in need.

We are looking for Maxey families that are willing to share their Spirit of Giving with a family from Hartley, Clinton and Elliot Elementary schools. Your family would buy a gift for each member of the family and buy a special dinner for the family. Your family can share the fun of shopping for the family and in most cases you can even meet the family and deliver your gifts. Of course we will also deliver your gift for you if you wish remain anonymous.

Last year the schools had nearly 100 families that requested help. Unfortunately, that was a goal we could not meet. This year we are trying to get as many Maxey families as possible, individually or in groups, to commit to helping a family and then have the schools offer assistance to the number of families for which we have commitments. If you would like to help, we would like to hear from you by November 26 so that there is enough time to contact the school, contact the family, obtain a wish list, allow time to shop and deliver the gifts.

If you cannot support an entire family the schools can also use socks, underwear, sweat clothes, coats, gloves, and gift cards (especially to shoe stores), which they use as emergency clothes for kids that come to school dressed in ragged clothes or clothes that do not fit. Classroom supplies are also welcome. Last year we received a generous contribution of hundreds of pounds of Smart Chicken from the Monson family. So as you can see virtually any contribution is welcome and greatly appreciated.

The families at Hartley, Clinton and Elliot Elementary schools are facing more challenging times than ever this year. The increased cost of food, gas, electricity and natural gas is cutting deeply into the already tight budgets of the families at these schools. As you know these schools have a very high percentage of their families who receive 100% subsidized school meals and have 50-75 families participating in the Backpack Program that supplies food to the recipient so they have food to eat over the weekend. Without our help these families will likely have little or nothing to share during the holiday break.

Please consider participating in the Spirit of Giving program. It has been a heart warming and positive experience for our family, and is now a Wilken family tradition that our kids look forward to.

Any one that that has questions or would like to help should contact Doug or Jody Wilken at 489-0299 or at Cacey_Chance@msn.com, or Holly or Sean Leach at 328-9331 or at hleach@neb.rr.com. Remember, the earlier that you commit to helping a family the earlier we can get you a wish list from the family.

Monday, January 7 PTO Meeting

On Monday, January 7, PTO will host an open house for Maxey parents and patrons to visit our new construction areas at our school site. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. where we will have a brief business meeting until 7:15 p.m. The tour and open house will begin no later than 7:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.