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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Upcoming Dates

- Thurs., Dec. 20: Orchestra Concert for Parents (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan.2: No School -- WINTER BREAK -- Office Closed
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.
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.
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ECSE: No School -- Parent Contact Day
- Thurs., Feb. 28: Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

The Maxey Beginning Orchestra, chamber duo, and String Ensemble will present a concert on Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 pm in the Maxey multi-purpose room. Students should arrive at 6:40 to be tuned. We will also play for the school at 2:15 that afternoon. Dress for the afternoon concert is nice school clothes, and for the evening concert dress up (like for church).

On Friday, December 21, there will be no String Ensemble rehearsal after school. Rehearsals for both orchestras will resume on January 3rd/4th.

Second Graders Move into Their New Classrooms

The day has finally come for second graders to move into their new "Teal" pod. Second graders will report to their new classrooms on Thursday, January 3, which is the first day back from Winter Break. All second grade students will have an opportunity to visit their new classrooms before Winter Break.

Some Concerns in the Car Pool Lane

I am receiving written and verbal complaints about some car pool drivers (west drive) "standing" in their cars from 8:40-9:00 a.m. waiting for their children to be able to enter the building at 8:50 a.m. By doing this, the flow of the car pool lane is hampered. It certainly is beneficial for the parent and child "standing" on the curb, but does serve as an irritant to those wanting to drop off their children and leave. The expectation for those using the car pool lane is to drop off their children and leave. I, along with many others, would appreciate everyone following these expectations. If you have concerns or a disagreement with these expectations, please be so kind to make an appointment with me, so I can hear your reasons. I realize it is difficult to meet everyone's individual needs when you have over 500 families and 700 students. However, when it comes to traffic flow and safety for children we all need to think of the overall "good" of our students. This also means that we may have to give up something we want to make it better for ALL students.

For those of you using the north car pool lane with personal vehicles to drop off students in the morning, I request that you not do this. Again, it certainly is convenient for you individually, but not in the best interest for the safety of all of our children. For the safety of children, it is best to separate busses and commercial daycare vans from personal vehicles.

Have a Safe and Restful Winter Break

The staff at Maxey Elementary School wishes each family a safe and restful Winter Break. Although the office will be closed the entire Break (December 22-January 2), Mr. Decker is available for emergencies on his cell phone (770-1730).

Our custodial crew will be working December 26, 27, 28 and January 2 from 6:45 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Notification of Absences

Please remember to call the school office if your child is going to be absent for any reason. It is important to call the office even though you have told the child's teacher. The office is open at 7:30 a.m., but you can always call before that and leave a message on the machine. Thank you in advance!

Lost and Found

Please be sure to check the lost and found for any items your child may be missing! Everything will be picked up and taken to Hartley at the end of the day on Thursday, December 20.

The Spirit of Giving

The Spirit of Giving is going wonderfully!! We have 28 Maxey families and the 2nd and 3rd grade teachers helping 30 families in need over the Holiday Break. Several of the classes have taken up collections that brought in hundreds of dollars for the schools. We also have hundreds of dollars in donations from Maxey families. And again this year the Monson family is donating Smart Chicken! We have recognized the kindness of these families, teachers, and students on a poster in the main hallway. Thank you all for your generosity!

While it is too late to sponsor a family, it is not too late to get involved in the Spirit of Giving. Donations to the schools can be accepted up to the holiday break and really anytime throughout the year. Again, we would like to thank our generous Maxey families!!

If you would like to contribute or if you have questions you can contact Jody or Doug Wilken at 489-0299 or Cacey_Chance@msn.com (our e-mail is working for now), or Holly and Sean Leach at 328-9331 or hleach@neb.rr.com.

Greetings from the MAX committee!

As you finish up your holiday shopping, please keep in mind the names of those businesses that you visit. They could donate a great item or a gift certificate for the MAX silent or live auction. Those toy and game stores, clothing and decorating boutiques, service businesses all are great auction items. The list is endless.

In January, you will receive a donation sheet to be filled out after you have contacted and obtained the donation. If every Maxey family obtained an auction item (\$25 or more), we would have truly amazing auction baskets of items to bid on the night of the event.

Remember to mark your calendars for the MAX, April 19, 2008. It will be a blast!

Happy holidays~
The MAX co-chairs
Lisa Herbert, Stacey Hobbs, Tiffany Mickells