

Our mission is to maximize learning for all students

MAXEY Messenger



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Important Upcoming Dates

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.

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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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.

Michael Opoku Returns to Maxey

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. In addition, the fifth grade chorus will

perform three selections with Mr. Opoku during the Dec. 6th Concert. During the residency and also on the evening of Dec. 6th, 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 set parameters as far as spending is concerned.

Exxon/Mobil Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Stan Mills and Brooke Rivera at the Exxon/Mobil station at 70th and Pioneers, Maxey School has been awarded a \$500 Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance Grant. This is the 6th year that Maxey has received the award. The money will be used at Maxey to enhance curriculum and instruction. Funded by the Exxon/Mobil Corporation, the Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Mobil retailers like Stan Mills and Brooke Rivera with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

The Spirit of Giving

The Spirit of Giving is going wonderfully!! We have 26 Maxey families and the 2nd and 3rd grade teachers helping 28 families in need over the Holiday Break. We have another five Maxey families making donations to the Schools. And again this year, the Monson family is donating Smart Chicken! We have recognized the kindness of these families and teachers on a poster in the main hallway. Thank you all for your generosity!

This year Clinton has 85 kids in the Backpack Program, with 20 kids on the waiting list. I believe Hartley and Elliott have over 60 kids each in the Backpack Program and waiting lists as well. The Backpack Program often provides the only food available to these kids over the weekend. In all of these schools, a majority of the kids get reduced price or free lunches. As you can see the need is great in these schools and across Lincoln.

It is not too late to get involved in the Spirit of Giving. We will continue to accept offers to help families for as long as our Maxey families feel they have time to fill the needs of these kids and their families. Please remember that it takes about a week to contact a family in need. 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 douglas.wilken@us.army.mil, or Holly and Sean Leach at 328-9331 or hleach@neb.rr.com.

Maxey Students Continue to Excel!

Mathfax, a math competition for Grades 3-5, has started off with a bang! The rankings after the first test are as follows: Grade 3: Tied for 11th place out of 24 schools. Grade 4: Tied for 9th place out of 27 schools. Grade 5: Tied for 8th place out of 35 Schools. Keenan Allen (gr. 3) and Daniel Thompson (gr. 5) have both placed in the top 20 out of hundreds of students! Nice job Mustangs!

Maxey Student Council News

The Student Council has adopted a military family. The family moved from Louisiana and has few connections in Nebraska. The father recently came back from overseas due to their child's health, and the family is currently in Omaha where this child can receive medical attention at Omaha Children's Hospital. We will be using proceeds from our Wednesday sales and other donations to support this family. We would ask your help in supporting the family by donating items from the list below or other means you see fit. You can bring items to student council sponsors or members in student council.

Jahel – 27 months (developmentally delayed)
Jaden – 17 months

Boys Clothes or toys
Soft blocks, balls, cars
3T clothes and winter coats
6 ½ shoes
7 ½ shoes

Adult Bed
TV stand
Kitchen utensils, bowls,
Women's shirts size 1-2 XL

Kalei – 4 years

Girls Clothes or toys
Pet Shop ponies
Dolls
6 pants
5 shirts
winter coat

Thank you in advance.
Student Council students, Mrs. Kozak, Ms. Wobig, and Mrs. Meyers

MAXEY SCHOOL AND LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for persons interested in working with highly gifted students in the area of math. These students are in need of individuals that can follow their lead, as they work right at the cutting edge of their own learning!

Qualifications are listed below, and are **recommended** qualifications. If interested, see Tracey Peterson, Maxey Gifted Facilitator. Please don't hesitate! We need you!

Requirements: University level academic standing of Junior, Senior, BA/BS or above; minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and at least 15 semester credit hours in subject with a subject G.P.A. of 3.5 or above. (If you are unsure if you fit these requirements, but are interested, please apply anyway. They will review your transcripts and let you know)

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.