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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year**

- 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: PTO Bar-B-Que Fundraiser 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Multipurpose Room)  
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: 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert for Students (M.P. Room) 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Fri., May 9: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert for Parents (M.P. Room) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Report Cards go home with Students

### **Monday, February 18 – NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

As a reminder, Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Plan Day, therefore the elementary students do not have school.

### **Pound 5<sup>th</sup> grade information**

The Parent Information Night for parents with 5<sup>th</sup> graders going to Pound next year will be on March 6 and March 10 from 6:30-7:30pm, you can choose which one you wish to attend. Pound will be mailing information to those families who will be attending school their next year.

### **Specialist Times for Parent/Teacher Conferences**

The specialists will be conferencing at the following times:

Nathan Armagost (P.E.) Feb. 19 from 4:45-7:45 and Feb. 28 from 3:45-6:45 (Media)  
 Megan Bailey (Speech/Language) Feb. 21 3:45-6:45pm (Room 110)  
 Sylvia Bailey (Vocal Music) Feb. 21 and 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (Room 702)  
 Stephanie Benischek (Vocal Music) Feb. 21 and 28 from 3:45-6:00pm (Room 630)  
 Diane Gilfillan (Media) Feb. 21 and 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)  
 Devin Kosmicki (P.E.) Feb. 19 and 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)  
 Dottie Ladman (Strings) Feb. 21 3:45-5:00pm (Room 703)  
 Beth Lenzen (Art) Feb. 19 and 28 from 3:45-5:30pm (Room 108)  
 Tracey Peterson (Reading Recovery/Gifted Facilitator) Feb. 28 3:45-6:45pm (Room 511)  
 Jamie Swartz (Speech/Language) Feb. 21 3:45-6:45pm (Room 110)  
 Greg Tebo (Computer) Feb. 19 and 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (lab/media)

### **Maxey Student Information Form**

Please find attached the annual Maxey student information form for 2008-2009. It is very important that you complete this form and return it in a timely manner. We do use this information to develop class lists for next year. Please fill out a separate form for each of your students that are currently in grades Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have an incoming Kindergartner, you will receive a separate form for them at registration.

### **2008-2009 Kindergarten**

If you have a child, or know someone with a child who will be coming to Maxey for Kindergarten this fall, please call Melanie in the school office at 436-1153, if you haven't already. Registration materials will be mailed out at the end of February, and registration here at school will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **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!

### **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.