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# MAXEY Messenger



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

- 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 3: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Info Night (M.P. Room) 6:30-7:00 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, March 10 PTO Meeting**

Pam Dinneen, Lux Middle School Counselor, will be our speaker from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Maxey multipurpose room annex. Mrs. Dinneen will be providing parents tips for helping a smooth transition for children moving from elementary school to middle school. Pam will be the sixth grade student counselor for 2008-09.

### **5th Grade Camp Parent Information Night**

This will be held on Monday, March 3rd from 6:30-7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. Hope to see you there!

### **Student Drop Off/Pick Up**

Here are some suggestions to make "drop off" and pick up" operate more smoothly:

1. Drop off students between 8:50 and 9:00 a.m. Have students "ready" to exit the car when you enter the car pool drive.
2. Be patient and understanding that hundreds of families drop off and pick up their children within a short time span.
3. Cooperate by the following the rules. They were made for the safety of your children.

Talking about following rules... it is quite noticeable that the north car pool lane (next to the parking lot) is being used in the morning for dropping off students. We continue to ask that this lane be reserved for LPS busses and commercial day care vehicles. We do not have the resources to supervise adults in the morning to direct traffic into this lane, nor do I think we should be expected to supervise adults. Therefore, if you choose to drop off your students in the north lane, you do so at your own liability. I am especially concerned about the students that are dropped off in the parking lot and cross the north lane to enter the building in front of the school. This is extremely dangerous and not safe for children. We ask that students not walk in the parking lot or north lane unless escorted by an adult. Again, failure to follow these expectations puts liability on the violators. Staff are attempting to make Maxey School as safe as possible for all students. We need the cooperation of adults for this to happen. Thank you for helping.

### **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 there next year.

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

The specialists will be conferencing at the following times:

Nathan Armagost (P.E.) 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. 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)  
Dottie Ladman (Strings) Feb. 21 3:45-5:00pm (Room 703)  
Beth Lenzen (Art) Feb. 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. 28 from 3:45-6:45pm (lab/media)

### **Mathfax Competition Update:**

We have only one test to go, and we are doing great!!!! Here are the standings as of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008:

Mrs. Hagaman's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math class: 13<sup>th</sup> in the Nation, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region! Placing in the top 50 students in the Nation is Dylan Perry. Placing in the top 10 in the region are Dylan Perry, Keenan Allen, Andrew Smith and Currey Zalman.

Ms. Wobig's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Class: 12<sup>th</sup> in the Nation, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the region!!!! Placing in the top 10 in the region are Daniel Thompson and Nicole Seltzer.

Mrs. Schoening and Mrs. Maxwell's Math Classes: 16<sup>th</sup> in the Nation, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the region! Placing in the top 10 in the region is Matt Whipple!

Best of Luck going into the final test in March!

### **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.