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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- Thurs., March 20: End of 3rd Quarter
March 21-28: ----- NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK -----
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: 5th 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: 5th Grade Band Concert for Students (M.P. Room) 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
5th Grade Band Concert for Parents (M.P. Room) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Sat., May 3: Mayor's Run 8:00 a.m.
Fri., May 9: 5th 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)
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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 4th quarter, Report Cards go home with Students

Spring Break: Office Closed

The Maxey office will be closed during spring break. Mr. Decker will be working in and out of the building, and will occasionally check messages. If there is an emergency, feel free to email him at pdecker@lps.org or call him on his cell phone at 817-1890.

LPS Backpack Extra Mile Program

Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln Food Bank are sponsoring the "BackPack Extra Mile Program". The purpose of this program is to raise funds for LPS children who attend LPS schools in poverty areas, and qualify for free or reduced lunch, to provide them food on weekends. Specifically, LPS Schools like Elliott Elementary, Clinton Elementary, and Hartley Elementary Schools work with the Lincoln Food Bank to provide weekend meals for these students. Many of these students often go hungry on the weekends, because schools are not in session on Saturdays and Sundays, where on weekdays they receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. The Lincoln Food Bank actually packs "weekend" meals for many of these students and send it home with them in a backpack. The problem is there is not enough funding to provide these "weekend" meals to all the students who qualify for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. LPS is sponsoring the "Backpack Extra Mile Program" to raise the additional funds to send home "backpack weekend meals" to more children. The program will culminate with a "LPS Backpack Extra Mile Walk" on April 26 at 10:00 a.m. at East High School.

The staff at Maxey Elementary School is behind this LPS project 100%. We are going to present this project to Maxey students at a brief student assembly on March 14 where students who wish to participate may collect a sponsorship packet for "pledges". DO KNOW THAT PARTICIPATION IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY. We ask that students only seek pledges from family members and NOT do any door-to-door soliciting.

We do know that less than half of our LPS elementary students of poverty who receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch are provided these weekend "backpack meals", due to lack of funding. We also know that every dollar raised through pledges that are donated to the Lincoln Food Bank will provide \$7.00 of food for these children. If each student raised pledges of \$2.00, Maxey School would donate \$1400.00 to the Lincoln Food Bank which would equal \$9800.00 of food that can be provided to these children of poverty.

I know it is difficult for those of us who live and work in the Maxey area to realize we have such poverty in some of our LPS schools. These students of poverty many times do not have enough to eat for evening meals and especially weekend meals. The "Backpack" program can help.

This past Friday, some of our Maxey Student Council members went to visit Elliott Elementary School and observe how the "Backpack Program" works and see how the food is prepared and placed into each backpack.

Students will be bringing more information home about this project after their informational assembly. Again, family and student participation is completely voluntary!

If you have questions about this program, feel free to contact fifth grade teachers Amy Kozak and Sean Bailey who are co-chairing this event for Maxey School or Shari Stystkal, Supervisor of LPS Budgeting at LPS who is coordinating this event for all of LPS (436-1636).

Youth Art Month

The month of March is Youth Art Month. The city of Lincoln celebrates Youth Art Month by displaying Lincoln students' artwork throughout the city. Several students from Maxey Elementary were chosen to display their artwork.

2008 Youth Art Month Exhibit

Graycee Meyer 2nd Grade, Mrs. Key
Carly Smith 4th Grade, Mrs. Lassek

Graycee and Carly's artwork will be displayed during the month of March at the Nebraska State Office Building, First Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2008 Maxey Elementary Banner

The 2008 Maxey Elementary Banner will be displayed during the month of March at the downtown Wells Fargo Bank. The banner will then travel throughout Lincoln for the next 2 years. Visit the Wells Fargo Bank to view Maxey Elementary's banner, several other elementary school's banners and artwork created by 6-12 grade Nebraska students.

Ventures in Partnership (VIP Traveling Exhibition)

The VIP is a traveling art show that travels between Lincoln businesses. Students artwork selected for this years VIP Traveling Exhibition are:

Anna Kuhlman, 5th Grade, Mrs. Schoening
Katherine Peng, 5th Grade, Mrs. Schoening
Joel Keim, 4th Grade, Mrs. Dondlinger
Reid Donovan, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Siefert
Felicity Nielsen, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Dinneen
Katelyn Pomajzl, 2nd Grade, Mrs Key

Artwork will be displayed at LPS District Office from April 14 to May 9.

Girls on the Run at Maxey

Girls on the Run will be starting their spring season with veteran Maxey coaches Ann Hagaman, Colleen Toalson, Nancy Johnson and newcomer Carole Glenn. The spring season runs from March 31 to May 23. GOTR is a national nonprofit organization that combines exercise and education to promote self-esteem, goal-setting and healthy living in 3rd through 5th grade girls. Coaches will meet with the Maxey team from 3:45 to 4:45p Tuesdays and Thursdays to play active games and train for a 5K run/walk. Girls should get their registrations in as soon as possible since we have a limited amount of spots. They can be sent to the address on the form, dropped off at the greeter desk, or given to Ann Hagaman. Extra forms are available. Please contact Amy at girlsontherun@neb.rr.com or (402) 610-5355; or visit www.girlsontherunofnebraska.org to learn more about the program, or to find out other ways to get involved.

Excite Program Information

Maxey School is pleased to announce that during the 2008-2009 school year, Maxey will be a site for a CENTER BASED Excite program. The program will run from 11:30 – 3:30 Monday through Friday and will have approximately 16 students. Excite is an early childhood program offered through Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln Action Program. In the CENTER BASE option of Excite, children attend half-day center experiences five days per week. The child's day includes many different activities including listening to stories, working with other children in small and large groups and socializing with other children through play. Children receive a nutritious lunch and a snack. Children eligible for kindergarten (5 by October 15th) are not eligible for Excite. Applications are available in

the office along with further information regarding the application process. All applications are reviewed at District Office who makes the determination of enrollment.

Scott 5th grade information

The Parent Information Night for parents with 5th graders going to Scott next year will be on April 17th. There will be two sessions that evening. Families with last names beginning with A-M are invited to come to the 6:00-7:00pm session. Families with last names N-Z are invited to come to the 7:15-8:15pm session. Please call them at 436-1218 with any questions.

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-4th grade. If you have an incoming Kindergartner, you will receive a separate form for them at registration.

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!