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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- 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 4:30-7:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Thurs., March 13: Maxey Science Fair 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Thurs., March 13: PTO/5th Grade BBQ 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: 5th 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 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.
- 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)
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 4th quarter, Report Cards go home with Students

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 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 \$14.00 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 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 Friday, some of our Maxey Student Council members are going 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).

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.

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.

Irving 5th grade information

The Parent Information Night for parents with 5th graders going to Irving next year will be on March 4 and March 6 from 7:00-8:30pm, you can choose which one you wish to attend. Information from Irving was sent home to those students who they show attending Irving next year. Please call them at 436-1214 with any questions.

Pound 5th grade information

The Parent Information Night for parents with 5th 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. Please call them at 436-1217 with any questions.

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.

Kindergarten for 2008-09

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 were mailed out at the end of February, and registration here at school will be on March 13th and 14th.

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!