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MAXEY Messenger



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We hope your family is enjoying "summer break" and that all are safe and healthy.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Sandi Carrington-Robertson (Mrs. CR) is our newly appointed assistant principal. Sandi comes to us from Arnold Elementary where she very successfully served as assistant principal for four years. Prior to this she was coordinator at Eastridge Elementary, team leader at Cavett Elementary and teacher at Hartley and Pyrtle Elementary Schools. Sandi will be a valuable asset to the children and their families at Maxey Elementary School. You may contact her at the following email address: scarring@lps.org. Mrs. CR now becomes the editor of the "Maxey Messenger."

Sheri Christen is our newly appointed media specialist. Sheri recently served as assistant principal at McPhee Elementary School and also teacher and coordinator at Belmont Elementary School. Sheri has had a passion to become a media specialist for the past several years. She has already been working in the Maxey Elementary School media center. If you would like to meet Sheri, she will be working in our media center during the next three Tuesdays during "summer library" where your children can come check out books. Sheri can be contacted at the following email address: schrist@lps.org

We have hired our sixth kindergarten teacher. Her name is Kim Meyer and she comes to us from Arnold Elementary. Kim was most recently an Early Childhood Special Education teacher at Arnold, and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, experience, and wisdom about pre-school children. She will be a real asset to an incredibly strong team of kindergarten teachers.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Livingston, soon to be Sarah Winans, will be teaching 4th grade. She comes to us from Arnold Elementary where she taught third grade, and prior to this taught second grade at Elkhorn. She is currently working on her Masters degree as well. Sarah is very child-orientated, and will make a wonderful addition to the fourth grade team.

Marlea Thompson comes to us as a half-time Early Childhood Special Education teacher who will also work in the ExCITE program.

Maxey Rain Garden

We are anticipating the installation of our new rain garden by next week. As you may recall, we received a grant from the City of Lincoln to install a rain garden to use as a teaching station for our students as part of their water conservation study in elementary school. The City of Lincoln contracted with Campbell Nursery to do the actual installation. The location of our rain garden will be on the south side of the building between the second and third grade instructional pods.

Summer Office and Media Center Hours

The Maxey office will be open this summer Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Media Center will be open on the following Tuesday mornings from 8:30-11:30am: June 17, 24, and July 1

Important Dates for Beginning the 2008/2009 School Year

Monday, August 18: Maxey Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, August 21: 1st Grade Parent Information Night
Monday, August 25: 5th Grade Parent Information Night
Tuesday, August 26: 2nd Grade Parent Information Night
Thursday, August 28: 4th Grade Parent Information Night
Tuesday, September 2: 3rd Grade Parent Information Night
Thursday, September 4: Kindergarten Parent Information Night

As of today, here is our 2008-09 "Line Up" of Certified Staff

Excite Pre-School Program: Alisa Meyer
Marlea Thompson

All Day Kindergarten: Judy Sorensen, Team Leader
Linda Freye
Dawn Cade
Sibyl Gruhl
Diane Ziemer
Kim Meyer

First Grade: Kim Uhing, Team Leader
Joan Daharsh
Erin Campbell
Mindy Pinkelman
Kati Wobig

Second Grade: Chris Dinneen, Team Leader
Holly Southwick
Bobbi Heibel
Jim Glenn-Hash
Barb Gray
Sherri Key

Third Grade: Carmen Zalman, Team Leader
Ann Hagaman
Pam Siefert

Shari Bitney
 Krissy Lassek

Fourth Grade: Dwight Thiemann, Team Leader
 Kim Meyers
 Carole Glenn
 Nancy Dondlinger
 Sarah Livingston

Fifth Grade: Sean Bailey, Team Leader
 Kris Oakland-Maxwell
 Ruth Beechley
 Suzan Schoening

Specialists: Beth Lenzen, Art
 Sylvia Bailey, General Music
 Stephanie Benischek, .75 General Music
 Nathan Armogost, Physical Education
 Devin Kosmicki, Physical Education
 Greg Tebo, Technology
 Sheri Christen, Media

Reading Recovery, 1st Grade: Becky Balfany and Joni Calkins

Gifted Facilitator: Tracey Peterson, .75

Special Education: Jenni Absalon, Resource
 Angie Maranville, Resource
 Megan Bailey, Speech Language

School Psychologist: Terri Nelson (2.5 days)
 School Social Worker: Unassigned by LPS (1 day)

Administration: Patrick Decker, Principal
 Sandra Carrington-Robertson, Assistant Principal

A Message from the Maxey PTO

Attached is a list of the PTO committee chairs for the 2008/2009 school year. The positions with a "1" are unfilled at this time. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jon Eslick, Maxey PTO President, at 202-6313 or jdeslick@hotmail.com.