



# Mustang Matters

## The Maxey Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization Newsletter

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### **Coming Soon**

**September 20**

**FUN NIGHT**

**September 28**

**Last Day for Purchase of Maxey T-Shirts & Apparel**

### **What happened at the September PTO Meeting?**

Page two of this newsletter contains minutes of the meeting. Thanks to Christa O'Dell for producing them so quickly.

### **Join the PTO – Yes, there is still time**

It is not too late. Membership forms were distributed to all families in the August packet. Lost yours? Additional forms are available at Maxey. Simply fill out the form, enclose a check, and submit to the Maxey office or your child's teacher. A major benefit of PTO membership is the School Directory that lists all Maxey families and classes. One copy is distributed to each PTO member.

### **Maxey Apparel – Still Available**

The final order for Maxey spirit apparel will be September 28<sup>th</sup>. You may send your orders and payment to Angela Barry, 7505 Red Oak Court, Lincoln, NE 68516. Questions? contact Angela, (402) 420-1750 or [barry.angela@yahoo.com](mailto:barry.angela@yahoo.com). The order form is included in an attachment accompanying this newsletter.

### **Earn \$ for Maxey: Collect Box Tops and Best Choice UPC's.**

Support Maxey's P.E. Department by collecting Box Tops for Education labels found on several products- General Mills, Ziploc, Huggies, Betty Crocker, and other products. Simply clip the Box Tops for Education label off the product and collect them throughout the month. We are also collecting Super Saver and Russ's Best Choice UPC symbols. Similarly clip the UPC symbol off the packaging. Finally, we also collect Campbell Soup labels that are then donated to another school that is using them to purchase school supplies. Envelopes or Ziploc bags are great for collecting at home. When your bag or envelope is full, simply bring it to school and put it in the pink collection box at the front entrance. All labels can go in the same pink collection box. Please do not drop loose labels into the box. It's much easier to have them in an envelope or Ziploc bag. Invite your neighbors, grandparents, aunts and uncles to collect Box Tops too. The more we collect, the more money we earn for our school. It's easy! Start collecting today! Thanks to all families who clipped and saved in the past and those doing so this year! Questions? Please call Vanessa Riekenberg at 484-5798.

### **Help Ensure Child Safety: Be a McGruff House Volunteer**

The Maxey PTO Safety Committee and the Lincoln Police Department encourage you to consider becoming a McGruff House volunteer. A McGruff House is a place that can provide a temporary safe haven for children while they are on their way to or from school. If a child is bullied, hurt or encounters a frightening situation they can stop at a McGruff House for help. McGruff House volunteers provide only emergency help and are not meant to become regular stopping places for children. Volunteers should often be home during the times that children are traveling to and from school but there is no requirement that a volunteer has to always be home at those times. Volunteers must also submit to a confidential criminal history check on a yearly basis to ensure that we would be sending our children to a safe place. Questions? Want an application to be a McGruff House volunteer? Please contact Lauri Chapin at 486-9593.

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# **PTO General Meeting**

## **September 10, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

**Principal's report:** Mr. Decker welcomed everyone to the 13<sup>th</sup> year of Maxey. He thanked the parents for entrusting their children to Maxey where they can learn and feel safe. Construction on the building is coming along. The new yellow pod is up and running with just a few items still needed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade pod is planned to open sometime between fall break and November with all construction being finished in January. The expansion of the multi-purpose room will be finished soon which will greatly help in seating everyone for lunch. We chose to stay at the school and co-exist with the construction rather than being bused to Abbot. So far, this has worked out OK. When the construction is finished, we will have all grade levels in the pods, 6 classrooms in each pod, a larger multi-purpose room, and adequate early childhood and special education areas. The portables will be removed.

A Powerpoint presentation in support of the Mobile Lab was given by Sean Bailey and Nancy Dondlinger.

**Teacher's Report:** Teachers were introduced by Sybil Gruhl.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 2007 meeting are available on the web site. Thank you notes were received and shared at the meeting; Diane Gilfillan and Mary Helen Peters thanked the PTO for hand shovel's in recognition of Librarian's Day, thanks from Kelly and Melanie Schilousky for the bouquet sent for their daughter's service, for a Gymboree gift card from Megan, Sean, Aubrey, and Ellie Bailey, from Dawn Cade for a Gymboree gift card, and for an ice cream gift card for Alane Wahlstrom and Dianne Smith.

**Treasurer's Report:** A review of the budget was given by Tina Horn. 2 items are up for amendment; 1) To increase the staff appreciation budget by \$1,000 for a total of \$1500, and 2) to increase grounds development by \$1000 for a total of \$3000. If you need a cash box for an event you need to plan ahead and request early.

**President's Report:** Mr. Decker is interviewing 2 candidates tomorrow to lead the after school enrichment classes. The MAX is April 19<sup>th</sup> and Fun Night is September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be both a book fair and a book exchange this year. The book fair will be run by the specialists during the same time as parent teacher conferences, October 4 -11.

**New Business:** The grade level equitability and technology expense lists were reviewed. The 2 items for amendment were voted on. The motion to increase the budget for staff appreciation passed and the motion for the grounds development budget increase failed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Fun night is Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Sybil Gruhl requested a sign-up for fun night be posted in the teachers lounge.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser is planned at McDonalds. Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00. 20% of the proceeds will go to the school.

After school classes - response has been great. 121 students have registered and a bunch more came in today.

Web site - if committees need something posted let Lanny Boswell know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

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