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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates Coming Up:

Thurs., Oct. 2: Traditional Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 7:30 p.m. (Media Center)
Wed., Oct. 3: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Media Center)
Sat., Oct. 4: The Great Pumpkin Run (Pioneers Park)
Mon., Oct. 6: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Media Center)
Tues., Oct. 7: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Media Center)
Wed., Oct. 8: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Media Center)
Thurs., Oct. 9: Traditional Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 9: Book Fair 8:15 – 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 – 7:30 p.m. (Media Center)
Mon., Oct. 13: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: Teacher Plan Day
Thurs., Oct. 16: Group/Club Picture Day and Individual Retakes
Tues., Oct. 21: Early Release Day (PLC)
 Grades K-5: Start at 9:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:18 p.m.
 ExCITE: Start at 11:00 a.m., Dismiss at 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 24: End of 1st Quarter
Fri., Oct. 24: Fall Parties (classrooms)
 2:45-3:30 p.m. – ExCITE, Knd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th grades
 1:35-2:20 p.m. – 4th grade
Oct. 27-31: NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

Phone Numbers for Student Directory

Now that all census forms have been turned back in and entered, the PTO will be able to begin working on the directory. Due to many families no longer having a landline for their home phone, there is not a phone number listed for these students. A form went home with these students last Wednesday. Please indicate whether or not you want a phone number listed, and if so, what that phone number is. There is room for only **ONE** phone number. This form needs to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, October 3rd. If you do not return your form, we must assume that you do not want a phone number listed, and no number will be listed for you in the directory. Thank you for your help.

Traffic, Student Drop Off and Student Pick Up

For the past nine school years we have had our challenges with vehicle traffic due to student drop off and student pick up procedures. These challenges were created when LPS adjusted its student bussing qualifications, due to the failure of a tax override petition. As our student number grew, also the number of vehicles increased to drop students at school in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. This school year we have increased about 65 students over last school year in 1st-5th grades. In addition, we have made the transition to all day kindergarten which has increased our drop off and pick up of about another 75 students. Thus, the increase of 65 students in grades 1-5 and the implementation of all day kindergarten have increased the number of vehicles to drop off and pick up these additional 140 students during the times of 8:50-9:05 and 3:38-3:50 p.m.

We continue to ask for your patience and we hope you realize that our first priority during these times is the safety of your children. Therefore, directing traffic into the car pool lanes and monitoring adult behavior in regards to following expectations is left to the drivers. We do not have the resources to "police" adults in how they follow rules or how they drive. We are preoccupied in making sure our 768 students arrive and depart our school grounds safely.

We have asked the City of Lincoln's Traffic Engineering Department to recommend any changes to our present student pick up and drop off procedures. This includes the turning left into the front car pool lane off of 75th Street. I will report back to you when I receive their recommendations.

We do believe it is pretty amazing that we dismiss 768 students at 3:38 p.m. daily, and the last car goes through the front car pool lane by 3:50 p.m., and that it is done safely for students.

You are reminded that personal vehicles are to use the front/west car pool lane and the north car pool lane (off the parking lot) is reserved for commercial day care vehicles and LPS busses for drop off and pick up. Once again, we do not have the resources to "police" the behavior of adults who choose not to follow these expectations. It is understood that these individuals are responsible for their actions. This is true for drivers who do not follow the expectations in designated "crosswalks" or choose to park in no parking zones, etc.

We continue to believe that with a little patience and understanding 768 students can be dropped off at school and dismissed safely. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Specialist Conference Times

Following are the dates/times that our specialists will be available for conferences:

Nathan Armagost (P.E.):	Oct. 2 & 9 from 3:45 – 6:45 (media center)
Megan Bailey (Speech/Language):	Oct. 2 from 3:45 – 6:45 (room 110)
Syliva Bailey (Vocal Music):	Oct. 2, 7, 9 from 3:45 – 5:45 (room 702)
Stephanie Benischek (Vocal Music):	Oct. 2 & 9 from 3:45 – 6:00 (room 630)
Suzanne Budzinski (Speech Language):	Oct. 2 from 3:45 – 6:45 (room 110)
Beth Hergott (Art):	Oct. 2 & 9 from 3:45 – 5:30 (room 108)
Devin Kosmicki (P.E.):	Oct. 2 & 9 from 3:45 – 6:45 (media center)
Bob Krueger (Band):	Oct. 9 from 3:45 – 5:00 (room 703)
Dottie Ladman (Strings):	Oct. 2 from 3:45 – 6:45 (room 703)
Tracey Peterson (Gifted Facilitator)	Oct. 2 & 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 (room 306)
Greg Tebo (Technology):	Oct. 2 & 9 from 3:45 – 6:45 (room 202)

Desperately Seeking Kindergarten Lunch Volunteers

We are desperately seeking parent volunteers for Kindergarten lunch starting in November and for the remainder of the school year. The lunches have been running so smoothly with all of our volunteers. We couldn't do it without you, and hope you know how much we appreciate all you do! Please consider signing up to help out in the future months. The sign-up calendar is located on a table in the front lobby area. Thank you again for all of your help and support!

Dental Visit

On Thursday, November 13th, the dentist will be visiting Maxey. If you have not already submitted dental information, please complete the following and return it to the health office or email the information to: awahlst@lps.org

Every year the School Health Office is required under Nebraska law to do health screenings on students. One of those screenings is for dental problems. If your child has seen the dentist in the past year you can complete the form below and return it to the health office and it will meet that requirement.

Parents: The dentist will be visiting Maxey on November 13th to screen all students who have not submitted a form indicating a regular dental check up in the past 12 months.

Please complete the following information on your student, detach, and return to the health office.

Thank you,
Dianne Smith RN, School Nurse
Alane Wahlstrom, Health Technician

STUDENT NAME _____

DATE OF LAST DENTAL VISIT _____

NAME OF DENTIST _____