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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Dates Coming Up:**

Thurs., Dec. 18: Orchestra performs for students  
Thurs., Dec. 18: Orchestra Concert for parents 7:00 p.m. (M.P. Room)  
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2: NO SCHOOL -- WINTER BREAK  
Mon., Jan. 12: PTO Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Conference Room)  
PTO General Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Annex)  
Mon., Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Tues., Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS -- Teacher Work Day  
Tues., Jan. 20: Cici's Pizza Night (percentage of sales go to Maxey)  
Tues., Jan. 27: 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.  
Wed., Jan. 28: Report Cards go home with Students

## **Office Hours During Winter Break**

The Maxey Staff wish all Maxey Families a safe and wondrous Winter Break. Our secretaries, Mrs. Wurm and Mrs. Schilousky, have earned well-deserved time off and will not be at work during Winter Break. I will be working some days, but will not be working December 25, 26 and January 1 and 2. As always, if someone needs to communicate with me, please use email (pdecker@lps.org), the school telephone (436-1153) which has voice mail or contact me on my cell phone (402-817-1890). I will reply to you when I can. The office and school will be closed on December 25, 26, and January 1 and 2.

Again, enjoy time with family, friends, and significant others during the Winter Break!

## **Sandi Carrington-Robertson Appointed Principal of Pyrtle Elementary School**

I am pleased to announce that our Assistant Principal, Sandi Carrington-Robertson, has been appointed as "Principal" of Pyrtle Elementary School effective January 20, 2009. I am excited for Ms. "C-R", because she is MORE than ready to become a principal and this is something she has wanted to become in recent years! Personally, of course, I am saddened by this news, because I am losing a trusted colleague and a person I highly respect. I hope you all support Ms. "C-R" in her promotion, as Pyrtle Elementary will benefit greatly from her leadership.

I will be posting the Maxey Assistant Principal position in the "LPS Vacancy Bulletin" for the next two weeks and will proceed with interviews right after Winter Break.

### **THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM**

Thank you all for the generous participation in the Spirit of Giving program! Maxey is providing a great deal of assistance to so many in need. It is unfortunate that the coordinator at Hartley wasn't able to provide more family wish lists for our Maxey families to sponsor. We do appreciate everyone's understanding and willingness to help in other ways.

At Hartley, the cash and gift card donations will be matched by some area businesses! Smart Chicken is again donating cases of chickens that will be distributed to both schools this week also! Donated items and gift cards will be collected throughout this week, however, Hartley would like to have them in by Wednesday, December 17, if possible. Most of their distribution will be handled Wednesday after school, not on Friday as we originally planned. Any contributions can still be dropped off to the Maxey office through Friday, as we will be making another delivery to both schools then. Again thank you for all your help and generosity during this holiday season! If you have any questions or would like to help, you can contact Doug or Jody Wilken at 489-0299 or at Cacey\_Chance@msn.com. Thank you.

### **Winter Has Arrived**

The cold and snow has arrived. We remind parents to bundle up their children for outside recess when the air/wind chill temperatures are above 10 degrees. Please remember to label your child's clothing with their name printed on it.

If LPS determines the weather is bad enough to call a "snow day", you will be notified by the "Connect Ed" telephone system implemented last school year. You will receive a call around 5:00 a.m. notifying you of this decision.

Do remember if school is "called off" all LPS night activities are usually canceled or postponed also.

### **Updating Your Information**

In order for us to contact you via "Connect Ed", we need current telephone, cell phone and email addresses. If these have changed since completing the annual census information last August, please send an email to Melanie in the office at [mschilo@lps.org](mailto:mschilo@lps.org) with your updated contact information. Please note that the "Connect Ed" system cannot make phone calls to long-distance telephone numbers.

### **Student Medications**

With the cold and flu season upon us, here is a reminder about school health policies for administering medication. All medications need to be sent to the Health Office. School personnel can administer medication to a student with a doctor's written prescription and a signed school medication consent form from the student's parent or guardian. Medication must be brought to school in the prescription container with a label stating the student's name, physician's name and direction for administering the medication. Over the counter medication can be given with a written order from the doctor and school medication consent form from the parent. Over the counter cough drops should be left at the health office with a school medication consent form or a note from the parent. If there are any questions, please call the Maxey Health Office at 436-1153, x 2.