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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Dates Coming Up:**

- Thurs., Dec. 4: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performs for 2-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Thurs., Dec. 4: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert for parents 7:00 p.m. (M.P. Room)
- Tues., Dec. 16: 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.
- Tues., Dec. 16: Cici's Pizza Night (percentage of sales go to Maxey)
- Tues., Dec. 16: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band performs for students
- Tues., Dec. 16: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert for parents 7:00 p.m. (M.P. Room)
- 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

## **Nicole Selzer – "Future Forecaster"**

"Nicole Selzer has been selected as a 10/11 Future Forecaster. She will be featured Friday, December 12th on the 5 p.m. newscast and read part of her award winning essay on the air. Fifth graders across the state are asked to submit an essay describing what Nebraska's weather means to them. Entries are accepted through December 31st with an essay selected weekly through the school year. If interested in more information see: [www.kolnkgin.com/futureforecasters](http://www.kolnkgin.com/futureforecasters)."

## **THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM**

The Spirit of Giving program is entering its fourth and probably most critical year. The poor economy has impacted us all, but its impact is greatest on those who were

struggling already. Hartley School has 95% of its kids receiving subsidized lunches and over 100 kids in the backpack program. I am sure that Clinton's numbers are very similar. I learned today that a boy at Hartley was selling his toys at the school so that he could buy a winter hat. These families need our help just to have food through the winter break.

We are asking Maxey families to share their family's Spirit of Giving with families from Hartley and Clinton. We have several suggestions for helping these kids:

1. Gift cards to grocery stores, Wal-Mart, or Super Target.
2. Sponsor a family by purchasing a gift for each member of a family and buy a holiday meal(s) for the family.
3. The schools can also use socks, underwear, sweat clothes, coats, gloves, and gift cards (especially to shoe stores), which they use to supply emergency clothes for kids that come to school dressed in ragged clothes or clothes that do not fit.

Last year the schools had over 150 families that requested help. Unfortunately, that was a goal we could not meet. This year the numbers are even greater and we need as many Maxey families as possible, individually or in groups, to commit to helping.

If you would like purchase gifts and a meal for a family, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible so that we can contact the school, contact a family, obtain a wish list, and allow you time to shop and have the gifts delivered.

Please consider participating in the Spirit of Giving program. It has been a heart warming and positive experience for our family, and is now a Wilken family tradition that our kids look forward to each year.

If you have questions or would like to help you can contact Doug or Jody Wilken at 489-0299 or at Cacey\_Chance@msn.com.

### **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.

### **New LPS Permit Policy for 08/09 School Year**

If after the first day of school a student who is attending an elementary or middle school closed to transfer moves from their area of attendance address or from their permitted address, the student will be allowed to finish the current school year. They would not be allowed to continue the following year. If we are looking at a family situation, all requested grade levels would need to be open for a family to be approved to continue at a school closed to transfer. Upon receipt of the denial, the transfer appeal procedure could be followed. Please call Student Services with any questions at 436-1688.