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Important Dates Coming Up:

Thurs., Feb. 12: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13: Classroom Valentine Parties
Mon., Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS -- Teacher Work Day
Tues., Feb. 17: No School for ExCITE Students -- Teacher Staff Development Day
Tues., Feb. 24: 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.
Mon., March 2: Science Fair Set-Up 4:00-7:00 p.m. (Gym)
Tues., March 3: Science Fair 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Gym)
Thurs., March 5: 5th Grade Camp Parent Meeting 6:30-7:00 p.m. (M.P. Room)
Mon., March 9: PTO Executive Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Conference Room)
Mon., March 9: PTO General Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Annex)
Mon., March 16: Lux Parent/Student Information Night 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 19: Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Office Conf. Room)
Fri., March 20: Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Office Conf. Room)
March 23-27: NO SCHOOL -- SPRING BREAK
Tues., March 31: 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.
Sat., April 4: The MAX 6:30-10:00 p.m. (Hillcrest Country Club)
Fri., April 10: NO SCHOOL
Mon., April 13: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS -- Teacher Plan Day
Mon., April 20: 5th Grade Visit and Lunch at Lux 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 16 – NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

As a reminder, Monday, February 16th is a teacher work day, therefore the elementary students do not have school.

2009/2010 Kindergarten (3rd notice)

If you have a child, or know someone with a child who will be coming to Maxey for Kindergarten this fall, please call Melanie in the school office at 436-1153 (option #4), if you haven't already. Registration materials will be mailed out mid-February, and registration here at school will be on March 19th and 20th.

Specialist Times for Parent/Teacher Conferences

The specialists will be conferencing at the following times:

Nathan Armagost (P.E.) Feb. 12 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)

Sylvia Bailey (Vocal Music) Feb. 12, 17 3:45-5:45pm (Room 702)

Stephanie Benischek (Vocal Music) Feb. 12 3:45-6:00pm (Room 630)

Sheri Christen (Media) Feb. 12 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)

Beth Hergott (Art) Feb. 12 3:45-5:30pm (Room 108)

Devin Kosmicki (P.E.) Feb. 12 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)

Greg Tebo (Computer) Feb. 12 3:45-6:45pm (Media Center)

Maxey Student Information Form

There will be a green Maxey student information form for the 2009-2010 school year coming home in K-4th grade Wednesday folders today. It is very important that you complete this form and return it in a timely manner (no later than April 9). We do use this information to develop class lists for next year. Please fill out a separate form for each of your students that are currently in grades K-4. If you have an incoming Kindergartner, you will receive a separate form for them at registration. There is a copy of the form attached to this email as well.

The Max (2nd notice)

The committee is going strong with our planning and the event is coming together. We have received a few donations from area businesses and a few Maxey families. We appreciate so much the effort our families put in to making the event such a huge success. Are you still wondering about a donation item? We are open to almost anything. Gift cards to area businesses, get away packages, craft items, jewelry, electronics, books, care packages. We have had a few suggestions from others for offering: babysitting services once a month for a year, lawn service, a free baked good a month, a dinner party etc. We know our families are creative, so please have a little bit of fun with your donation. Still not sure, please contact Jen Graff (488-1227), Christa O'Dell (327-0010) or Cindy Dalton (486-0374) and we will be glad to help out. On Feb. 18 in your child's Wednesday folder you will be receiving a formal invite and RSVP to join us at the event. Please respond quickly as we usually have a great turn out and we want to be able to provide a night of fun and relaxation while raising money for the school. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. We are still searching for a raffle item if you would like to donate a large item, please let us know!!

Maxey Nature Club (2nd notice)

A new after school opportunity for Maxey students (2nd-5th grades) is Maxey's nature club, beginning later this month. Many children today are suffering from a lack of time outdoors. Research is beginning to show that when children spend more time outdoors, they are healthier, behavior improves, and they are better learners with increased interest in science. Maxey is in the process of planning and installing an outdoor classroom/nature exploration area on the school grounds. In nature club, students will learn how to be good stewards of natural resources in their city, neighborhood, and school. Nature club will be a FUN way for kids to get some guided "hands-on" outdoor time each Thursday after school. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Yearbook Sales! (2nd notice)

February 9th - February 20th

Cost - \$14.00

Order forms will be coming home on Friday. Orders may be turned into the office or your homeroom teacher.

Questions? Feel free to contact Cyndie Wiesen @ cyndiewiesen@earthlink.net

Wanted: A volunteer to help children grow! (2nd notice)

We are looking for volunteers to help guide students through a learning exploration in their area of interest. Time commitment is twice a week for approximately 30 minutes. Materials and training are provided. If interested, please call Tracey Peterson at 436-1153.