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Important Dates Coming Up:

May 17-23: Educational Bosses' Week

Thurs., May 21: School-wide Nature Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Outside)

Fri., May 22: Kindergarten Family Day (current Knd) 2:15-3:15 p.m. (Classrooms)

Mon., May 25: NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY

Mon., May 26: No School for ExCITE Students—Teacher Staff Development Day

Wed., June 3: Maxey Field Day

Thurs., June 4: Last Day of School for Students – Report Cards Go Home

Important Dates for Next School Year

Mon., Aug. 17: Maxey Open House 6:00-7:00p.m.

Wed., Aug. 19: First Day of School 9:00-2:38p.m.

School dismisses 1 hour early (2:38p.m.) the first week of school (Aug. 19, 20, 21)

Thurs., Aug. 20: Third Grade Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30p.m.

Mon., Aug. 24: First Grade Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30p.m.

Tues., Aug. 25: Second Grade Parent Information Night 6:00-6:45p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 27: Fifth Grade Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30p.m.

Mon., Aug. 31: Fourth Grade Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 3: Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30p.m.

Maxey 4th Graders Do Well on State Writing Exam

The Maxey staff is pleased to announce that 97% of our 4th grade students passed the Nebraska State Writing Exam. Thirty-eight of our students scored at the "exemplary level" and two students had "perfect" scores. Nine of our students having special needs passed the exam.

We are excited about our 4th grader's achievement on this important exam. It is the result of good teaching at all grade levels and hard work on the part of our students and of the support they receive from their parents!

Update on Maxey Certified Personnel for 2009-10

“Goodbyes”

We say “goodbye” to **Jenni Absalon**, Resource Teacher, who has been elected President of the Lincoln Education Association and **Mindy Pinkelman**, 1st grade teacher, who is transferring to Adams Elementary as a second grade teacher.

“Change in Assignments”

Holly Southwick, 2nd grade teacher, is graciously moving to first grade, since we only need five sections of second grade next year. **Alisa Meyer**, ExCITE teacher, is moving to half time special education resource at Maxey at her request.

“Additions”

Melissa Hartter has been hired for our 7th section of Kindergarten. **Kelly Reineke**, 1st grade teacher at Hill Elementary, comes to Maxey first grade. **Mark Boysen**, 3rd grade teacher at Pershing Elementary, comes to Maxey 3rd grade. **Lindsay Setzer**, a recent graduate, comes to Maxey 5th grade. **Leisa Marquart**, special education teacher in Greeley, Colorado, comes to Maxey to teach full time special education resource.

We have added a grade level section to kindergarten, first grade, third grade, fifth grade, and additional special education staff, due to student growth at Maxey Elementary. We are once again quickly filling up any vacant space we had acquired with our new additions.

Field Day Volunteers

We are still looking for parent volunteers for our Field Day on Wednesday, June 3rd. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be in the morning from 9:15-11:15. Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th grades will be in the afternoon from 1:15-3:15. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please contact Devin Kosmicki by email, at dkosmick@lps.org. Thank you in advance!

Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing, so please come check it out if you are missing something! We will be donating all leftover items to Hartley Elementary on June 8th, so make sure you come look for any items before the end of the school year.

End of the Year Book Returns

All books and materials are due back at the Maxey Media Center by Wednesday, May 20th! This is to allow us to account for all items, repair and plan replacement for damaged or lost items. Thank you for helping your child locate items and return them to the media center. Please check your child's Wednesday folder for information about specific overdue items.

Sheri Christen
Maxey Media Center

Cans4Books

I am sorry to report that Maxey did not win the Cans4Books drive. We DID collect 93 pounds of cans! That is great! The winning school, Randolph, collected 1,383 pounds. Oh, well. Maybe next year? Thanks for your donations to this important cause!

Sheri Christen
Maxey Media Specialist

KFOR Summer Fun Punch Tickets

Summer is almost here! Buy your KFOR Fun Punch Tickets now and have fun all summer long. Order forms have already been send home so check your child's backpack. Additional forms are available in the office. There is a limited supply and the deadline is May 29th. If you have any questions please contact Jon Eslick at jdeslick@hotmail.com.

Art Fair THANK YOU!!

I want to thank the PTO, parents, volunteers, custodians, staff and students for all their help and support in the Maxey Art Fair. It was a fun filled night and a huge success.

Thank you to the Art Fair Committee –Melissa Hartter, Suzi Sailer and Julie Widman -for all the help and support. I am excited to find out what creative and fun filled fundraiser they will come up with for next year!

Thank you Angie Cole for setting up parent volunteers to hang and display all of the artwork. Angie and parent volunteers ended up hanging and taking down over 1,600 pieces of artwork. WOW!! The halls looked amazing!

Thank you to Bindu Bhoopalam for volunteering the time and materials for the Henna tattoos. I know students – and myself – appreciated this beautiful and cultural art technique.

Thank you to all the parents that volunteered their time the night of the art fair to do face painting – the students loved it!

Thank you to Paint-Yourself-Silly for another successful, artistic and fun filled fundraiser.

Thank you to all the artists that volunteered their time the night of the art fair:

Albert Maxey – Burkholder Gallery

Julie Lemons – Noyes Art Gallery

Lux Center for the Arts

Barb Ridder

Karen Krull Robert

Emma Clute

If anyone is interested in learning more about the artists, his or her artwork or gallery, please contact me at 436 – 1153 or blenzen@lps.org

With great appreciation and gratitude,
Mrs. Hergott

In Need of a Contractor / Handy Man????

I want to give thank you to Jeb Mierau and Mrs. McMellan for all their help in the Paint-Yourself-Silly fundraiser. Jeb Mierau and Mrs. McMellan volunteered their time to frame, hang and display the Paint-Yourself-Silly tiles that are on display at Maxey.

If you are in need of a contractor or handy man, please contact Jeb at 304-0664.

Student's Art Being Sent Home

All students' 2D pieces are currently being handed back. Students will place their artwork in their folders and the sides of the folder will be stapled up (to avoid anything falling out). Students' artwork will be sent home the week of May 26, 2009. Students are asked to carry the folder home – this is to avoid the art getting smashed in their backpack. Sending a paper bag or gift bag for your son or daughter to carry their art in would also be helpful – handle this as you see fit.

Principal's Choice

The following students' artwork will be framed and displayed in Mr. Decker and Mrs. Peterson's offices for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

Kindergarten – Davis Beckner, Ava Heasty, Elyse Jovanovich, and Zach Thorell

1st Grade – Luke Borgmann, Anisha Kadubandi, and Jack Xu

2nd Grade – Josie Arduser, Schuyler Duntz, Andrew Minchow, and Izzy Toothaker

3rd Grade – Luke Bigelow, Morgan Heasty, Cruz Longoria, and Camryn O'dell

4th Grade – Brandon Goodyear and Sunho Lee

Volunteer to Frame Artwork

Volunteer needed to frame Principal's Choice art pieces. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hergott at blenzen@lps.org or 436-1153

Volunteer to take down 5th grade Masks

Volunteer(s) needed to take down the 5th grade masks. The use of a ladder will be necessary. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hergott at blenzen@lps.org or 436 – 1153