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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Dates Coming Up:**

Wed.-Fri. Aug. 20-22: School out 1 hour early, release at 2:38 p.m.  
Thurs., Aug. 21: Reading Recovery Parent Info Night (Media Center) 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
Thurs., Aug. 21: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (classrooms) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Mon., Aug. 25: First day of school for ExCITE students (11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)  
Mon., Aug. 25: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (M.P. Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Tues., Aug. 26: 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., Aug. 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (M.P. Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wed., Aug. 27: Last day to order POGO cards  
Thurs., Aug. 28: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (M.P. Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Mon., Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY  
Tues., Sept. 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (classrooms) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Thurs., Sept. 4: Kindergarten Parent Information Night (classrooms) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wed., Sept. 10: Individual Picture Day  
Thurs., Sept. 18: Maxey Fun Night 5:00-7:30 p.m.  
Tues., Sept. 30: 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.

## **Welcome Back!**

We are very excited to begin the 2008/2009 school year! Our preliminary student enrollment is as follows:

ExCITE: 17 students/2 teachers  
Kindergarten: 134 students/6 teachers  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 115 students/5 teachers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 147 students/6 teachers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 129 students/5 teachers  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 126 students/5 teachers  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 104 students/4 teachers

TOTAL: 772 students

### **Updated Census Forms**

You should have received your census form to look at and update when you were at Open House. Please make sure you look it over, make any changes, sign the front and back, and return it to your child's teacher no later than August 29<sup>th</sup>. It is important to do this so we have current contact information for your child. Thank you in advance!

### **Carpool Lane Procedures**

Let's take a moment to review. We ask you NOT to use the north carpool lane unless you have a special pass. These are given out to a few of our special needs students. This drive is for commercial day care vans and the LPS school bus.

The west drive is reserved for vehicles dropping off students and picking them up. As a reminder, we ask students to enter and exit their vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicle. Please remember that traffic into the drives is one way. It is a good idea to tell your students the general vicinity of where you are going to pick them up at dismissal time. Please be aware of the crossing guards and crosswalks. These are safe places for students to cross streets. We have "traffic directors" leading into each of the drives. Please follow their directions. We do this to keep students safe.

Students are not allowed to walk in the parking lot unless accompanied by an adult. Please do not ask your children to walk in the parking lot unaccompanied by an adult. If you are going to enter the parking lot with your vehicle, please park it in a parking stall. It is not safe for those walking in the parking lot if you are "standing" in your vehicle. We do not recommend you use the parking lot to pick up your children. However, if you must, we ask you to park your car in a parking stall and go meet your children at the cross walk leading to the parking lot and escort your children to your car. Please keep in mind these rules are for the safety of ALL children.

### **Review of Procedures for Visiting Maxey School**

LPS has standardized procedures for parents, patrons, and guests visiting Maxey Elementary School. As you are aware, all schools now have paid "Security Entrance Monitors" (greeters) located near the main entrance of every building. Simply stated, anyone who wishes to travel into the building beyond the "Greeter" will be asked to go through the "sign in" procedures and be issued a "Visitor's Badge". However, if you just wish to drop off a personal belonging of your child's or you wish to pick your child up for an appointment, you may sit in our waiting area located in the main entrance and our greeter will radio the office to call your child's classroom and indicate that you wish for her/him to meet you at the greeter's area. We also ask that you "sign-out" when you have finished your visit. Please note that you are ALWAYS welcome at our school. You may visit us and our classrooms any day and in most cases just about any time. "Greeters" now placed in all of LPS schools, are there to help provide safety to our students and staff. We hope you understand this and support our efforts. I believe we are very fortunate to have a Board of Education who saw the necessity of this and made a decision to implement it.

### **Connect-Ed Messaging System**

As a reminder, our school district implemented this communication system last year. This system sends out messages to the telephone numbers and email address that you provide on your child's census information that you were asked to update at Open House.

There is one thing to keep in mind when providing us telephone numbers to use. When the Connect-Ed system calls a telephone number, it leaves the message at the phone that is "picked-up" or is connected to an answering machine. If you give us a telephone number with an extension number, most likely the message will NOT get to your extension, but only to whomever answers the "main number". Therefore, it is best to have telephone numbers go to your home phone or cell phones only. In all cases regarding emergencies, you will receive messages via phone and email. THEREFORE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THT YOU PROVIDE US WITH UPDATES OF NEW PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES.

### **Report Cards/Curriculum Objectives, etc.**

For our new to Maxey parents and for those who want a review, you can obtain report card information and curriculum objectives from the LPS webpage ([www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org)). Click "Instruction" and you will have plenty of information about how we "grade" students, including copies of our elementary report card, curriculum content learning objectives, and grade level learning objectives. Your child's scheduled Parent Information Night will also provide you with teacher expectations, guidelines, etc.

### **Gifted Education**

Much information is provided about the LPS Gifted Education program by once again going to the LPS website, clicking "Instruction" and clicking "Gifted". This information notes qualifications for a child to be identified, talks about resources, and the Board of Education Policy that drives this program. If you have further questions, please call our Maxey Gifted Facilitator, Tracey Peterson (436-1153). She is available during the afternoons to answer questions you may have for her about the Maxey Gifted Program.

### **Important P.E. Information**

Please have your child come prepared for P.E. class. We ask that they wear appropriate clothes to run in. Flip flops are not allowed in P.E. Almost any shoe that has a back and that does not just fall off when walking/running would work. Cowboy boots tend to mark up the floors. Students can always change their shoes when they come to P.E.

Thank you!

### **Maxey Chess Club Begins September 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Maxey Chess Club makes its first move Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The club is open to all students regardless of experience in grades 1-5. The first semester club meets the following 14 Mondays from 3:38-5:00 in the Maxey gym: September 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 20; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15; and January 5.

Ken Kiewra, a UNL educational psychology professor, is teaching the club for the ninth year. The club has won several state chess titles and is the defending champion in both the primary and elementary sections. The registration fee is \$100 and should be paid at the club's first meeting.

### **Thank you to Scooters!**

We want to send out a huge thank you to Scooters Coffee for bringing in coffee for the staff last Wednesday! That was a wonderful way to welcome the staff back on the first teacher day, and everyone greatly enjoyed the coffee!

### **Student Accident Insurance**

If you are interested in student accident insurance for your child, a company called Student Assurance Services Inc. leaves forms at the schools for you to pick up. Ours are located in the brochure holder on the wall by the main entrance. If you choose to do this, you can drop your completed enrollment form off at the Greeter's desk.