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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Dates Coming Up:**

Thurs., Aug. 28: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night (M.P. Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Aug. 29: Deadline for ordering POGO cards has been extended to noon today!  
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. –  
(We ask that children NOT attend this meeting, it is for adults only.)  
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.

## **Re-establishing Routines**

As we begin another school year, it is necessary to learn or relearn certain school routines. We do this for the safety of our children. Please let me review some of these:

### 1. West and North Car Pool Lanes

- Commercial daycare vehicles, LPS busses, and designated “other” vehicles are only to use the north car pool lane. “Other” vehicles are issued a special pass that hangs from the rearview mirror and is issued by the school
- Personal daycare vehicles use the west car pool lane
- Please do not turn left into the west car pool lane off of 75<sup>th</sup> Street between the times of 3:20 and 3:55 p.m.
- Students enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side
- All vehicles need to be parked to the curb before students enter or exit
- Students and adults are not to cross the west car pool lane or walk across the grassy median
- No students are to walk in the parking lot unescorted by an adult

By following these procedures we can make it a safer student dismissal.

## 2. Visiting for Lunch

- Adults are always welcome to come to lunch. However, since our seating is now limited due to high student enrollment, we ask that you get your own chair stacked either in the multipurpose room or Annex and return it when you have finished. We really are quite limited in our student seating. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## 3. School Attendance

- Students arriving to school prior to 8:50 a.m. are unsupervised and parents are responsible for any mishaps. Students arriving between 8:45 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. stand in line at the west entry doors. Students arriving between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. enter the building and go to the gym (K,1,2,3,5) or Annex (4<sup>th</sup>). Students arriving between 9:00 a.m. and 9:04 a.m. go directly to their classrooms. Students arriving at 9:05 or after report to our "school greeter" to receive a tardy pass to enter the classroom.
- Parents are requested to call the school when your child is going to be absent or late. Call 436-1153, listen to the prompt for the attendance office, and you will be sent either to a live person (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) or to our voice mail before or after these hours, or if our attendance officer is already on the telephone.

## 4. Electronic Devices

- We seem to have more and more technological equipment showing up at school with students (ex. I-pods, cell phones, etc.) These things are fine for students to have with them, but they need to be put away into backpacks (and turned OFF) before the student enters the building in the morning, and stay there until they leave the school at dismissal. Please keep in mind that the school is NOT responsible for lost/stolen items.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

By this time you have most likely signed up for a Parent-Teacher Conference with your child's teacher. Shortly you will receive a reminder or confirmation of your conference giving you date and time. I have asked teachers to provide their parents with information about what content area they will cover in the conference. We invite parents to provide their child's teacher with questions they would like answered at the conference.

### **Academic Standards and Report Cards**

Each grade level is hosting "Parent Information Nights" to help parents understand classroom, school and school district expectations. You may visit the LPS website to obtain specific information about each grade level's academic standards and report cards. Here are the directions to find this information. You are encouraged to spend time learning about this information:

[www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org)

Click the "Instruction & Curriculum" button

Click the "Curriculum/Subject areas" section

Find the sections on Report Card Rubrics and Curriculum Objectives

The first instructional quarter ends on Friday, October 19. Report cards will go home with students on Wednesday, November 12. You are encouraged to communicate with your child's teacher about the ongoing work your child completes at school.

### **Student Photographs**

Please be reminded about "Student Photo Day" on Wednesday, September 10. You will receive specific information from our Maxey PTO "Student Photo" Committee.

### **Updated Census Forms**

Just a reminder to PLEASE turn in your census forms with any changes, and with signatures on the front and back. These are due back to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, August 29. It is important to do this so we have current contact information for your child. Thank you in advance!

### **Gifted Education \*\*correction on Tracey Peterson's availability\*\***

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 Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to answer questions you may have for her about the Maxey Gifted Program.

### **Wanted! The Lincoln Public Schools Gifted Program is still looking for mentors!**

Especially in math! In fact, Maxey is looking for math mentors for 2 wonderful students! If you are interested, please call Tracey Peterson, Maxey's Gifted Facilitator, at 436-1153. Tracey is available M-F from 8-2pm.

### **Patriot Day Assembly**

Maxey is remembering this important date in America's history with a brief assembly in the gym on Patriot Day, September 11 at 9:15. If you are a parent who is in the military, a firefighter, or a member of law enforcement and would like to attend and be recognized, please email Jenni Absalon at [jabsalon@lps.org](mailto:jabsalon@lps.org) We would like the students and staff to wear red, white or blue to honor our hard working men and women.

### **New Phone System**

As you are most likely aware, our new phone system is now in place. When you call the Maxey phone number (436-1153), you will hear an automated voice recording giving you number options. The options are to push (1) for Attendance Office, (2) for Health Office, (3) for the Kitchen, (4) for the Main Office, and (5) for Custodial. Each of these extensions has a voicemail, so please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. We are very excited about how efficient this new system will be for you to reach the correct people when you call school.