



Mustang Matters

The Maxey Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization Newsletter

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Coming Soon

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| September 12 | Fun Night Basket auction item due date |
| September 15-16 | Bug School afterschool enrichment classes begin |
| September 16 | Fun Night Goodie Walk Item Drop-Off Deadline |
| September 18 | FUN NIGHT |
| October 16 | Picture Re-Take & Group/Club Day Pictures |

Message from the President

Welcome to (or welcome back to) Maxey!! Well, I think the first couple weeks have gone by pretty much without a hitch, and hope your experience has been the same. I have so many Thank-Yous that I need to catch up on. Please, when you see these people thank them also. They have worked so hard to make things around our school work and look so good.

1. The Courtyard- Courtney Elliott and Mary Schleich have headed up this job and it looks awesome. If you have not been in the courtyard please check it out. Visit the turtles in the pond. We have two now and they are getting big. I can't forget the Custodians Leslie and Denny for coming at all the hours of the day and night to let us in to roto-till and replant.
2. The August Packet- Jenny Stebbing and crew, this is a lot of work compiling the paperwork and putting the packets together so we know what is going on for the upcoming year.
3. Membership-Cindy Wiltfong and volunteers - thanks for being there at open house and every parent night. I truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.
4. Special Education- Lanny and Beth Boswell, I appreciate all the hard work on the Pogo card sales to benefit Special Education. Thank you to all the families that participated. We had a very successful sale.
5. Spirit Wear- Julie Sorenson and team, the clothes and products this year are wonderful. Thanks for all your hard work in organizing the orders and being there on open house night.
6. Outdoor Education- Chris and Ken Kiewra, Thank you for presenting such a great proposal at the Executive Board meeting regarding the outdoor track and outdoor classroom. I was extremely impressed by all the work put into this project. We hope to have the track done by the end of October. Ken and Chris have spent endless amounts of time sending letters to the N.R.D. and other organizations to help fund this project. We owe them a lot of Thanks for making our school a better place for our students. I know they have had a lot of help from others such as our Physical Education Department and other parents. Thanks to all of you as well.
7. Open House Night- Mary Linafelter, Mary Schleich, and families. If it was not for your help we would not have had Ice Cream to cool us down after walking around the school to meet our new teachers. Thanks a lot!!

Most of all I can not forget the help of my Executive Board, past Presidents, and Principal Decker for being patient and teaching me the ropes. This President thing is harder than I thought. Melanie and Nancy (the glue that holds things together) I really appreciate your help also. All I ask is please be patient with me. I do have another job outside the school (that one pays the bills) ha-ha.

Now down to business. We do have our first Fund Raiser coming home this week. It is a gift rap/candy/magazine sale. This is not a door to door fundraiser. It is a family/friend fundraiser. If you choose to participate it will truly help our school make it through the first half of the school year. As you know, the Max will be closer to the end of the year which will be a very successful event thanks to Jenn Graff/Committee. If you choose not to do the first fundraiser and do not believe in this kind of event, please do not send me messages on how you don't like the idea. Please just throw the information away. I have been asked by many parents not to have a big kick off for this fund raiser, and I have listened. I do not believe in taking kids away from education time to promote fundraising events. The other item coming home is a Sherwin/Williams card. Every time you use this card Maxey gets a percentage back to our school.

Thank you for all of your support. Remember, all of us within the Maxey PTO are volunteers so please be patient and help us help our children.

Jon D. Elick, Maxey PTO President

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Join the PTO: It's Not Too Late

You still have time to join the PTO. Pick up a form in the foyer, use the one that was sent home in the August packets, or sign-up online at www.maxeypto.org. This online option is new this year [Thank you, Lanny Boswell].

Membership is only \$5 and a free school directory is included with the membership.

Questions? Contact Cindy Wiltfong at 483-4695.

Fun Night

Mark your calendars for **Fun Night** on Thursday, September 18 from 5:00-7:30pm. We need many volunteers! Please consider signing up for a 45 minute shift! The volunteer sign up sheet and the pre-order form for game and food tickets went home in your child's September 3rd Wednesday folder.

Please drop off your donations for the **goodie walk** (store bought only-snacks, pop, candy...etc) in the school lobby anytime before September 16th. A total of 300 items are needed to make the goodie walk a success, so your help is greatly appreciated.

The Max

During your recent Parent Information Nights you were told a little about our largest fundraiser called The Max. We are still in need of volunteer support and are looking for parents who would like to participate in planning our event. The Max, held each spring, is an adults only evening where silent and live auctions provide an opportunity to raise a large amount of money for our school. We will be hosting our first Max committee meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008. It will be held in the Annex at Maxey from 7-8pm. If you signed up to participate or would like more information about The Max please join us. If you have any questions please feel free to contact The Max chair, Jen Graff at 202-8339 or 488-1227. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for your help in making Fun Night 2008 great for our kids!

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