



# Mustang Matters

## The Maxey Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization Newsletter

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### **Coming Soon**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 18	FUN NIGHT
October 16	Picture Re-Take & Group/Club Day Pictures
October 18	Fall Fun Run

### **Join the PTO: It's Still 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](http://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.

### **Birthday Committee: Volunteers Needed**

Welcome back! We have successfully enjoyed our first birthday celebrations for children and teachers with birthdays in July, August and September and are looking for additional volunteers for the Birthday Committee. On the second Wednesday of each month, each child with a birthday during that month receives a cupcake and a free kids meal certificate from Runza during their lunch period. (Kindergarteners will continue to celebrate with Mr. Decker, as lunch time was just too difficult). We ask volunteers to bring 1 dozen store bought cupcakes to the office by 10:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in which they agree to volunteer. The kids really enjoy seeing the cupcakes as they come in the door for lunch, and we greatly appreciate Runza's participation! If you would be willing to bring cupcakes, please contact Suzanne Sailer at [ssailer@neb.rr.com](mailto:ssailer@neb.rr.com). Thank you so much for your consideration. Questions? please contact Beth Jessen at 525-9435.

### **Save Box Tops: Earn Funds for Maxey**

We can all earn cash for Maxey every time we clip and save Box Tops coupons found on lots of products, including General Mills, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Cottenelle, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Scott, and Huggies to name a few. Simply clip the Box Tops label off the product, collect them through the month, and then drop them in the collection box at the front entrance of Maxey. This year, the collection box is green and orange (although the pink box is still there too) It's easy. Invite your neighbors, grandparents, aunts and uncles to collect the Box Tops too.

Another way to earn cash for Maxey is by shopping through the Marketplace and the Reading Room on the Box Tops for Education website. You can choose to shop online from stores such as JCPenney, Lands' End and Office Max as well as Barnes and Noble. It's easy to earn cash for our school. Go to [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) and sign up today! If you haven't already checked out the Box Tops website, it's user friendly and gives parents a great and EASY way to be involved in earning money for our school. Start collecting today.

The Box Tops project generates funds for the P.E. Department. Questions? Please contact Vanessa Riekenberg at 484-5798.

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**Maxey Family Fun Run/Walk**

Saturday October 18, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. -- Holmes Lake Park Playground Area

On your mark, get set, join in on the 4th Annual Maxey Family Fun Run/Walk! Enjoy the fall colors along the scenic two-mile limestone trail. Do it for health, family fun, school camaraderie, and yummy post-run treats. Just \$5.00 to register the entire family.

**Registration Form**

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Student's First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Return in an envelope to your Homeroom Teacher by Monday October 13th, this completed registration form and a check for \$5.00, payable to Maxey PTO. All proceeds go to the Maxey PTO in support of your children's education.

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## **PTO Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2008**

**Principal's Report:** Welcome and thank you for entrusting your children to us. The census is around 770, the capacity of our school is 850. The kindergarten teachers are doing a great job of acclimating the 1<sup>st</sup> time all day kindergarteners.

**Teacher's Report:** Thank you PTO for the great beginning of the year food!

**Secretary's Report:** Thank you notes were received for both Mary Helen Peters and Susan Holton for the retirement gifts and well wishes. The May 2008 PTO minutes are posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Additions/modifications to the budget were discussed.

**President's Report:** Thank you for coming to the PTO meeting. Volunteers are needed in the media, you can sign up on the website or in person. A Fun Night co-chair and a VIP parent volunteer are needed as well.

**Old Business:** Chris Kiewra explained the plan for the outdoor education classroom. This has been in the works for awhile but put on hold secondary to the bond issue passing. This outdoor classroom can provide both play and learning areas for all students. We are working with the Lower Platte South NRD, a grant is approved. There is a website to reference which will explain the outdoor education further; [healthyfamiliesplayoutside.org](http://healthyfamiliesplayoutside.org).

**New Business:** 2008-2009 changes and additions discussed in detail. Overall budget is comparable to the previous year's budget. Budget was approved. We will be one new fund-raiser in addition to the MAX. This will come home in Wednesday folders. All fund-raisers are optional.

### **Committee Reports:**

**The MAX** - Jen Graf is chairing this event. More volunteers are needed. The first meeting is Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The MAX will be held at Hillcrest Country Club on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This is Maxey's major fund-raiser for the year.

**Special Education** - Over 150 POGO cards were sold. Thank you for the support. This will enable us to purchase needed items for our special ed dept.

**Membership** - 350 families and 31 staff have joined the PTO so far. We need more mentor families for our many new Maxey families.

**Grounds & Development** - We are looking to hire someone for \$10 per hour, approximately 2 hours per week, to care for the landscape around Maxey.

**Fall Fun Run** - The fall fun run is October 18<sup>th</sup> at Holmes Lake Park.

Respectively submitted,  
Christa O'Dell

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