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Important Upcoming Dates

Fri., Jan. 15: End of 2nd Quarter

Mon., Jan. 18: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues., Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – TEACHER WORK DAY

Tues., Jan. 26: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS

Wed., Jan. 27: Report Cards go home with Students

Thurs., Feb. 4: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45-6:45 p.m.)

Tues., Feb. 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45-6:45 p.m.)

Fri., Feb. 12: Classroom Valentine Parties (2:45-3:30 p.m.)

Mon., Feb. 15: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – TEACHER PLAN DAY

Tues., Feb. 23: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS

March 22-26: SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues., Mar. 30: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS

Fri., Apr. 2: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues., Apr. 27: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS

Fri., Apr. 30: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – TEACHER PLAN DAY

Lincoln Public Schools schedules to replace lost snow day

Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) has announced plans to make up time lost due to inclement weather in recent weeks. Although the District lost six days due to the cancellation of school, it is only necessary to make up one day to meet the mandatory state minimum hour requirement. The 2009-10 LPS student calendar had five additional days over the minimum state requirement built into its approved schedule.

LPS has chosen to extend the K-12 student day by 36 minutes to cover the extra snow day necessitated by last week's weather conditions for two weeks beginning February 1, 2010.

The 36 minutes will be allocated to a 15-minute earlier start and a 21-minute later ending to each school day from February 1 through February 12. This means, early start elementary schools will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:14 p.m. Late start elementary schools will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:59 p.m. Middle schools will start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 3:19 p.m. High schools and focus programs will communicate specific changes in hours to their students and families: however, the revised high school schedules will be on each school's web site by Monday noon.

Pre-school schedules will be developed and announced at a later date.

According to Nancy Biggs, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, LPS has met with representatives of the Lincoln Education Association and there is agreement "this is the best way to adjust for the loss of instructional time."

For more information, contact:

Dr. Marilyn Moore, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, at 436-1626 or

Dr. Nancy Biggs, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, at 436-1592.

Revised Maxey School Day Schedule for February 1-12

- 8:20-8:30 a.m.—Students eating school breakfast enter the multipurpose room
- 8:35 a.m.- Students arriving early to school may go into the gym (Mr. Decker will supervise students outside beginning at 8:30 am)
- 8:45 a.m.- Students enter classrooms for instruction
- Lunch and specialist schedule remains the same
- 3:54 p.m.- Kindergarteners are dismissed
- 3:59 p.m.- 1st-5th grades are dismissed
- Excite Program revised school day has not yet been determined
- 4:10-4:55 p.m.--Maxey All Star Classes (after school PTO classes)
- Chorus, Orchestra, band, student council, art banner club, etc. revised schedules have not been determined yet.
- Maxey School's Out (after school program operated by Family Service) will begin at 3:59 p.m. and end at its regular time
- Parent-Teacher Conferences— Teachers will contact you if there are revisions.
- February 12 Classroom Valentine Parties—we will inform you if there are changes in time. This has not been determined yet.

Pennies for People

January 12 saw mass destruction in Haiti due to a 7.0 earthquake. The devastation left us all wondering what we can do! As always, Maxey families care! We will be collecting loose change January 18-January 22 inside the office. Mrs. Peterson's parents are missionaries in the Dominican Republic, and will be sending a team over to Haiti to assist families in getting their lives back together. Our check will be traveling with this group directly into Haiti, from Maxey, to the Dominican Republic, to the people of Haiti. To make this happen, we need your help to:

*Bring in your loose change and deposit it into the plastic container in the office

*If any Maxey parent is affiliated with a bank it would be helpful to us if you could bring the change to the bank to be counted. Please contact, Tracey Peterson. (436-1153 x4)

Yearbook Order Forms

By now you should have received a yearbook order form that was sent home with oldest/only children. You may purchase more than one copy with this order form, but

please use one child's name on the order envelope. The deadline has also been extended to February 1st, at the \$14 dollar cost. After February 1st, the price goes to \$18, and we cannot guarantee a book. The orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Extra order forms are located in the front entrance if needed.

Lied Center Art Exhibit

We are pleased to announce that four Maxey students will be featured in the 2010 LPS Visual Arts Exhibit at the Lied Center! Aidan Holsten, Graycee Meyer, Reid Donovan and Austin Herold will have their work on display January 14-February 25th. Please stop by the Lied Center and see their work, along with other LPS students who participate in this program!

4th Grade Field Trip

Many of you may not be aware that our 4th graders were not able to attend Heritage School this fall due to legal issues surrounding the movement of Heritage School from the Fairgrounds to Pioneers Park. This was extremely disappointing to our students, and their parents; many of which attended Heritage School when they were in 4th grade! This forced us to come up with an alternate plan, and it has turned out to be an exciting opportunity! We have made arrangements to go to rural Waverly to the grounds of the Camp Creek Threshers on May 20. There, we will experience not only school life from the 1890s, but we will also experience some of the home and farm life from the same time period. We will spend most of the day there. All fourth graders will attend this event on the same day. This is an incredible opportunity for us!

The reason I am telling you now is that we need some funding. The buses that LPS could provide to us don't allow us to leave as early or stay as late as we would like. Therefore, we would like to charter some school buses for this trip, allowing us more time immersed in the experience. We have put in a proposal for a grant through the Foundation for LPS. You can view the proposal at <http://www.foundationforlps.org/giveagift/details.asp?gid=2569>.

The cost associated with the grant proposal includes transportation plus a donation we would like to make to the Camp Creek Threshers. This is a volunteer organization that relies on private donations to function.

If you or your company would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, please find the information online with the foundation. This is an anonymous gift you would make, however, if you have questions, feel free to contact me directly.

Again, this is a great opportunity for our kids. While the deadline is listed as March 1, 2010, we would love to get this in place as quickly as possible. So thanks, in advance, for considering this opportunity to fund our alternative field trip.

Last Chance for Maxey to Win \$100,000.00

Each year US Cellular offers \$100,000.00 to 10 schools in the United States. The schools are chosen based on "voting your school spirit." Any individual may go into a US Cellular location (the closest one is located on so. 56th in Edgewood Shopping Center next to the Family Christian bookstore.) Ask the attendant for a card to vote for your school. Log onto the US Cellular website indicated on the card, enter the pin number (each pin number may only be used once), and enter Maxey School to show your school spirit!!! You must do this before 11:59pm on 1/15/2010 to make your vote count...

Please share this wonderful opportunity with all your family, friends, neighbors, etc.
Many schools can enter, only 10 will win!!

Maxey School needs your vote!

...any questions, please call Mary Linafelter @ 483-6178, Courtney Elliott @ 484-6380 or
Jon Eslick @ 202-6313 .

You do not need to be a US Cellular customer in order to participate in this opportunity.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR THE 5TH GRADE MASK MAKING PROJECT

Dear 5th grade parents:

There has been a change in the dates when the masks will be made because of the snow days. Please check below to see if your son/daughter's class was affected and notice the change in the date/time. Please email with any questions.

The BIG mask-making project is starting in the art room!!!! This week, I am demonstrating to 5th grade classes how we are going to be making the masks. Students are also planning out who their partner will be.

How it works.....

Hair that hangs in the forehead should be pushed back in some way (bandana, head band, pony tail, etc)

1. Cover the eyebrows and hairline with Vaseline
2. Cover the face and hair with wet paper towels
3. Cover the body, hair and neck with paint shirts or towels
4. Cover the outside edge of the face and nose with 3 layers of plaster bandages. Everywhere else on the face gets 2.
5. Let sit and dry for 10 minutes
6. Take the mask off and wash up in the art room

Your son/daughter will choose a partner. They are told to choose somebody they trust because their partner will be the one placing the plaster bandages on their face. Some students express a concern about this and I inform them that if they want a parent or an adult to be present the day their group makes the mask, you are welcome to join us in the art room. Please check in at the front desk and head back to the art room (suggested to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty).

CHANGE IN DATES AFFECT Maxwell, Schoening, and Zeff

5 Beechley

Group A will be masked Jan 5 from 2:25 - 3:15

Group B will be masked Jan 12 from 2:25 - 3:15

5 Setzer

Group A will be masked Jan 4 from 2:25 - 3:15

Group B will be masked Jan 11 from 2:25 - 3:15

5 Maxwell

Demonstration of mask making Jan 22

Group A will be masked Jan 29 from 2:25 - 3:15

Group B will be masked Feb 5 from 2:25 - 3:15

5 Schoening

Demonstration of mask making Jan 25

Group A will be masked Feb 1 from 2:25 - 3:15

Group B will be masked Feb 8 from 2:25 - 3:15

5 Zeff

Demonstration of mask making Jan 26

Group A will be masked Feb 2 from 2:25 - 3:15

Group B will be masked Feb 9 from 2:25 - 3:15

Your son/daughter has already discussed or will discuss with their partner what group they will be in.

Suggested materials to bring but not mandatory for mask making.
old towels, face wash, lotion, old shirts, pony tails, bandanas, head bands.

Starting in February, we will start embellishing the masks. Students are encouraged to bring materials that would make their masks individualistic and personally unique – according to the theme of their mask. If you would like to send extra craft items that you have at home for other students to use in addition to the items your son/daughter will use for their mask – it would be very kind and helpful. Generosity like this is greatly appreciated by many of the students and myself:) Please handle the following as you see fit!

The following list includes materials appropriate for the students' mask unit

feathers fur

glitter

beads

sea shells

costume jewelry

raffia

*low temp. glue sticks (small round size)

puff paint/fabric paint

seeds, acorns

silk flowers/greenery/ribbon

sequins

rings from pop can tops/bottle caps

nuts, bolts, screws

buttons

Please email me with any questions

blenzen@lps.org

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hergott, Maxey Elementary Art Specialist

Join the Maxey Chess Club

The Maxey Chess Club will reconvene for the second semester on Monday, January 25.

All students in grades 1-5 are invited to attend regardless of chess experience.

During second semester, the club will meet on Mondays from 3:38-4:45 in the Annex on the following 12 dates: January 25; February 1, 8, and 22; March 1, 8, 15, and 29; and April 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Students can register at the first meeting on January 25. The cost is \$120 per student. Checks should be made payable to the instructor, Ken Kiewra.

Maxey Girls on the Run Seeks Coaches

Girls on the Run seeks positive female role models to coach for the spring season, which runs from early March to mid-May. GOTR is a national nonprofit organization that combines exercise and education to promote self-esteem, goal-setting and healthy living in 3rd- through 5th-grade girls.

Coaches meet with teams after school for two hours a week to play active games and train for a 5K run/walk. Coach must attend a half-day training session on Feb. 6 in Lincoln or Jan. 30 in Elkhorn. The total time commitment for first-time coaches is about 30 hours. The Maxey team meets from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning March 2. Bonus: Coach kids may participate for a discounted fee of \$25.

Coaching is a blast! The girls' energy and enthusiasm are contagious and you'll have just as much fun as they do. You do not have to be a runner to coach or help with our program. We have many opportunities to get involved. Please contact Maxey teacher Ann Hagaman for more information on volunteering at Maxey. Visit www.girlsontherunofnebraska.org to learn more about the program, or contact Ann Hagaman at ahagama@lps.org .

Spring Girls on the Run Starts March 2 at Maxey

Help your daughter put her best foot forward with Girls on the Run, an innovative after-school program that combines exercise, education and mentoring in third- through fifth-grade girls. The Maxey team will meet from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning March 2. The spring season will conclude the week of May 10, following the Girls on the Run 5K the weekend of May 7-10 at Holmes Lake.

Physical activity and fitness can empower young girls to grow into strong, confident and healthy women. Girls on the Run provides an uplifting and noncompetitive introduction to what we hope will be a lifelong commitment to health and wellness. The curriculum provides a unique forum for girls to discuss and make choices about physical fitness, good eating habits, values, body image and saying "no" to drugs. Completing a Girls on the Run program can be a valuable first step toward a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

Registration costs \$65; reduced rates for those with documented need are available. Online registration will begin Feb. 1; look for an information sheet in girls' take-home folders later this month. Visit www.girlsontherunofnebraska.org for more information, or contact Ann Hagaman at ahagama@lps.org .