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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Upcoming Dates**

- Fri., Jan. 29: Kindergarten Pajama Day
- Wed., Feb. 3: Wellness Committee Meeting-Annex (9:30 a.m.) All welcome!!
- Wed., Feb. 3: Report Cards go home with Students (1 week later due to snow days)
- Thurs., Feb. 4: Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tues., Feb. 9: Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri., Feb. 12: Classroom Valentine Parties
- 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
- Mon., Mar. 8: PTO Executive Committee Meeting-Conference Room (6:00-7:00p.m.)  
PTO General Meeting-Annex (7:00-8:00p.m.)
- Wed., Mar. 10: Set up for Science Fair-Gym (4:00-7:00p.m.)
- Thurs., Mar. 11: Maxey Science Fair-Gym (6:00-7:30p.m.)
- Tues., Mar. 16: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Student Information Night at Lux (7:00-8:00p.m.)
- Thurs., Mar. 18: Kindergarten Registration for 2010/2011-Office (8:00am.-6:00p.m.)
- Fri., Mar. 19: Kindergarten Registration for 2010/2011-Office (8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.)
- Fri., Mar. 19: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 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
- Tues., Mar. 30: Pfizer/LPS Science Fair-Pershing Auditorium (5:00-8:00p.m.)
- Fri., Apr. 2: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wed., Apr. 7: Report Cards go home with Students
- Sat. Apr. 10: The MAX fundraiser-Hillcrest Country Club (6:00-10:00p.m.)
- Thurs., Apr. 22: Maxey Art Fair (4:30-7:30p.m.)
- Tues., Apr. 27: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- Tues., Apr. 27: Band and Chorus Concert-M.P. Rm. (Band-6:30p.m., Chorus-7:15p.m.)
- Fri., Apr. 30: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – TEACHER PLAN DAY
- Mon., May 3: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit/Lunch at Lux Middle School (9:30-11:30a.m.)
- Thurs., May 6: Spring Strings Concert-M.P. Room (7:00-8:00p.m.)
- Mon., May 10: PTO Executive Meeting-Conference Room (6:00-7:00p.m.)  
PTO General Meeting-Annex (7:00-8:00p.m.)

## **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
- 3:51 p.m.- ExCITE Program children are dismissed
- 3:54 p.m.- Kindergarteners are dismissed
- 3:59 p.m.- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades are dismissed
- 4:10-4:55 p.m.--Maxey All Star Classes (after school PTO classes)
- 4:05-5:00 p.m.--Chess Club (Monday Feb. 1 & 8)
- Orchestra will begin practice at 7:45 a.m. on the Thursdays of Feb. 4 & 11, and after school on the Fridays of Feb. 5 & 12 from 4:00-4:50 p.m.
- Chorus will begin practice at 7:45 a.m. on the Wednesdays of Feb. 3 & 10
- Band will begin practice at 8:00 a.m. on the Tuesdays of Feb. 2 & 9
- Student Council meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 1
- 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.

### **Maxey All-Stars After School Classes**

Another reminder due to the extended school days from Feb. 1-12, the Maxey All-Stars after school classes will run from 4:10-4:55p.m. during these two weeks.

### **Feb. 12 Valentine Party schedules**

Due to the extended school day on Feb. 12, the Valentine Party times have changed a bit. Please see the schedules below:

ExCITE: 3:00-3:50 p.m.  
Knd: 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup>: 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: 3:15-3:50 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: 3:00-3:50 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup>: 3:00-3:50 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup>: 3:15-3:50 p.m.

### **Specialist Conference Dates/Times**

Nathan Armagost (P.E.)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Media Center
Megan Bailey (Speech)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 110
Sylvia Bailey (Vocal Music)	Feb. 4,9,11	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Room 702
Stephanie Benischek (Vocal Music)	Feb. 4 (4:10-7:00)	Feb. 9 (4:10-5:50)	Room 630
Suzanne Budzinski (Speech)	Feb. 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 110
Joni Calkins (Reading Recovery)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 511
Sheri Christen (Media)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Media Center
Beth Hergott (Art)	Feb. 9	4:15-7:15 p.m.	Room 108
Devin Kosmicki (P.E.)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Media Center
Dottie Ladman (Strings)	Feb. 4	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 703
Greg Tebo (Computer)	Feb. 4 & 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 202

### **Picking Children Up During the School Day**

Just a reminder for everyone...if you want to take your child out of school during the school day, please call the attendance line (436-1153 x1) in advance to let them know. It is also very helpful to the teacher if you email them in advance so they are prepared for the child to leave. Once you arrive at school and check your child out at the greeter desk, we will call them down from their classroom. Please do not call and ask us to call them down in advance. A child sitting in the front hall waiting for someone to pick them up is a waste of their time when they could be in the classroom learning. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

### **Pennies for the People of Haiti**

Thank-you so much to all the Maxey Students who searched chairs and couches, piggy banks, the floor, and anywhere else they looked for spare change! We raised \$726.21 for the country of Haiti to help rebuild! We always knew Maxey students cared, but Wow! Way to go students! A special thank-you to Mr. Mitch Jones of Cornhusker Bank, the dad of Braeland and Gracen! Mr. Jones loaded up all the heavy coins and brought us a check a couple hours later! How's that for service?! Thank-you so much Mr. Jones!

### **Thanks for Supporting the Spirit of Giving**

We want to thank the following families and groups for participating in the Spirit of Giving Program:

Jones, Green, Avery-Knopik, Veigel, Jurgens, Lockhart, Colclasure, Loose, Ritter, Winjum, Reichmuth, O'Neill, Powers, Forch, Yeager, Hartter, Widman, Peterson, Brank, Wahlstrom, Smith, Wilson, Gray, Olson, Zalman, the Maxey Office Staff, Mr. Thiemann's class, the 3rd Grade teachers, the Para-professionals and the numerous anonymous donors. If we missed anyone we apologize.

Our Maxey Families provided food and gifts for eighteen families from Hartley and Clinton. Others provided clothes, gift cards, and winter wear for kids in desperate need of winter clothes.

Again, we want to thank our ever-generous Maxey families and staff. It is when times are tough that it means the most to reach out and help others. The schools and their families were very excited and grateful for the donations.

As our son Chance will be moving on to middle school next year, this will be our family's last year with the Spirit of Giving Program. Our family started the program five years ago to help at least a few of the hundreds of families in Lincoln that need help during the holiday season. It has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience for our family and we hope that another Maxey family will take over the program. Thank you!

Chance, Cacey, Jody and Doug Wilken

### **Yearbook Order Forms**

Monday, Feb. 1 is the deadline to order a yearbook 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.

## **Girls on the Run**

Online registration is open for spring Girls on the Run at Maxey at:  
[http://girlsontherunofnebraska.org/reg\\_form.php](http://girlsontherunofnebraska.org/reg_form.php)

The Maxey team will meet from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning March 9. The season will conclude the week of May 10 at the school. The New Balance GOTR 5K will be Sunday afternoon, May 9 at Holmes Lake.

Teams are limited to 30 participants and Maxey fills fast! Register today to guarantee your spot. Registration is \$65 if enrolled by Feb. 20 (\$75 after Feb. 20).

Informational brochures will be sent home within a week, but Maxey GOTR is accepting online registrations ONLY this season. Past GOTR families are receiving this e-mail before brochures go home.

Cheers!

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## **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!

## **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

beads

costume jewelry

\*low temp. glue sticks (small round size)

seeds, acorns

sequins

nuts, bolts, screws

glitter

sea shells

raffia

puff paint/fabric paint

silk flowers/greenery/ribbon

rings from pop can tops/bottle caps

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. AS A REMINDER, CHESS WILL MEET FROM 4:05-5:00 ON FEB. 1 & 8 DUE TO THE EXTENDED SCHOOL DAYS.

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.

**Math Tutor Needed for Lux 6<sup>th</sup> Grader**

If you are interested and qualified to be a math mentor for a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, please contact Tracey Peterson at 436-1153 x4. The qualifications are listed on the LPS website under "Instruction & Curriculum".