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Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 2-12: Food Drive for Food Bank, sponsored by Student Council
Wed., Nov. 11: Report Cards go home with Students
Mon., Nov. 23: NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
Tues., Nov. 24: Kindergarten Grandparent's Day 1:00-2:00p.m.
Tues., Nov. 24: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
Wed., Nov. 25: No School for Elementary Students – Teacher Plan Day
Nov. 26 & 27: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Tues., Dec. 8: Band Concert-Multipurpose Room (6:30-7:00p.m.)
5th Grade Chorus Concert-Multipurpose Room (7:15-7:45p.m.)
Tues., Dec. 15: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
Thurs., Dec. 17: Strings Concert-Multipurpose Room (7:00-8:00p.m.)
Dec. 21-Jan. 1: WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED

Kindergarten Lunchroom Volunteers

We could really use some more help with Kindergarten lunch if any more parents would be willing to volunteer. The sign up sheet is in the office, and the time is 11:05-11:35. At least two volunteers each day would be greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten Grandparent's Day, Tuesday, November 24, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Our Maxey kindergarten will host Kindergarten Grandparent's Day on Tuesday, November 24 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please note the carpool lanes will be closed off from 12:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. on this day. We ask all of our visitors to park in the parking lot and/or side streets during these hours. We need to keep the carpool lanes open for the traffic flow at student dismissal. Kindergarten students MAY be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. if escorted by their parents or grandparents.

Since Tuesday, November 24 is a "PLC Early Student Release Day", all K-5 students will be dismissed at 2:18 p.m. on this day. Our ExCITE students do not attend school on PLC days.

Upcoming Holiday Music Programs

Our 5th grade Maxey Band and Chorus will conduct their evening performance for families on Tuesday, December 8. The 5th grade Band will perform at 6:30 p.m. and the 5th grade Chorus will begin their program at 7:15 p.m. Each program will last about 30 minutes. The Maxey Strings performance for families will be Thursday, December 17 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Quarter Report Cards

Students will be bringing home their first instructional quarter report card today. If you have a question about a grade, please contact the teacher that listed the grade in question. He or she is best able to answer your question. Do keep in mind that teachers use the LPS Report Card Grade Rubrics to guide them in determining course/content area grades for the report cards. You are encouraged to view these rubrics by going to the following website:

<http://docushare.lps.org/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-66061>

Overdue Library Books

Overdue notices will go home today in Wednesday folders. Thank you for helping your child(ren) get their books back to the Media Center. If books are needed for an assignment, they can easily be renewed. Remind your child to stop by the Media Center to renew or return their books.

Dentist Visit Postponed

Parents: The dental visit for today has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for Tues. December 1st. We will continue to accept the dental forms up to that December date.

Thank you, Maxey Health Office

2010/2011 Permit Deadline

The deadline for submitting a special attendance permit for the 2010/2011 school year is January 6, 2010. If you do not live in the attendance area of the school that you wish to attend next year, you will need to submit a permit to the district for approval. If you are already on permit, you do not need to fill out another one unless you move to another residence.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM

The Spirit of Giving program is entering its fifth year and the need is even greater this year. The poor economy has impacted us all, but the economy's impact is greatest on those who are struggling already. Many of these families need our help just to have food during the winter break.

We are asking Maxey families to share their family's Spirit of Giving with families from Hartley and Clinton. We have several suggestions for helping these kids:

1. Sponsor a family by purchasing a gift for each member of the family and buy a holiday meal(s) or grocery gift card for the family.
2. Purchase a gift card to a grocery store such as Super Saver, ALPS, Wal-Mart, or Super Target for a family.

3. The schools can also use socks, underwear, sweat clothes, coats, gloves, and gift cards (especially to shoe stores), which they use to supply emergency clothes for kids that come to school dressed improperly for the weather or in ragged clothes.

Each year the schools have more families that requested help than the Spirit of Giving Program can support. This year we are sure the numbers will be even greater and we need as many Maxey families as possible, individually or in groups, to commit to helping.

If you would like purchase gifts and a meal for a family, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible so that we can contact the school. The school will then contact a family and obtain a wish list from the family. The sooner we can request a wish list, the more time your family will have time to shop and deliver the gifts.

Other donations can be dropped off at the Maxey office and we will divide them between the schools.

Please consider participating in the Spirit of Giving program. It has been a heart warming and positive experience for our family, and is now a Wilken family tradition that our kids look forward to each year.

If you have questions or would like to help you can contact Doug or Jody Wilken at 489-0299 or at Cacey_Chance@msn.com.

Food Drive sponsored by Student Council

Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive November 2-12. Students can bring non-perishable items such as boxes of macaroni, canned items, jello boxes, juice, etc. Items can be brought that will not spoil or need to be refrigerated. Please help us by considering a donation to the food bank. If each student donated just one item, we would be contributing 870 items to people in need.

Thank you in advance!

Kim Meyers
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Student Council Members

Wellness Committee Update

Members of the wellness committee will attend the second training with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation on 11/12 at Eastridge Elementary School from 4:15-6pm. During this time, we will create our action plan based upon our recent school assessment. If you would like to attend, contact Jennifer Conway at jcf4331@earthlink.net or 489.8458.

Here's info from an Oct. 2009 survey conducted by KRC Research for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation:

- more than 92 percent of parents consider physical education and health education as important as English, math and science instruction.
- 96 percent of parents believe that physical activity can boost their children's classroom performance, and virtually all parents (99 percent) recognize that healthy eating also has a positive effect on learning.

"Schools across the country are trying their best to provide healthier environments for students, but they are working against significant time and resource constraints," said Ginny Ehrlich, executive director of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

Colder Weather is Coming...

Students will be going outside for recess during the colder weather. Students will remain inside when air or wind-chill temperature is below 11 degrees. We use the Holmes Lake Weather Station as our guide. (<http://www.gwwilk.com/>)

Please be reminded to write your children's names on their cold weather clothes items.

Bubba's Closet

The Lincoln Public Schools Elementary Principals will be presenting Bubba's Closet again this year. If your elementary-age children have outgrown their winter clothing, please drop them off at any Hanger's Cleaners between October 5th and November 7th. The clothes will be cleaned by Hanger's, and sorted by LPS elementary principals. On Saturday, November 14th, Bubba's Closet will be open at McPhee Elementary (820 Goodhue Blvd.) from 8:30-9:30a.m. Any elementary student, accompanied by an adult, may choose appropriate items of clothing to adopt and use! Please see attached flyer.

Blankets, Books, and Bears

Brianna Brass, a 16 year-old junior at East High School and Senior Girl Scout, is starting a community service project to help Cedars Home for Children. This project is called "Blankets, Books, and Bears – The 3 B's of Comfort for a Child" and is aimed toward helping children in the foster care system who have very few worldly belongings. If your family is cleaning out closets or having a garage sale with outgrown books, please consider donating them toward this Girl Scout project for Cedars Home. We are looking for new or gently-used children's books, including new coloring books and puzzle books for ages preschool to 16 years old. Donations of teddy bears and stuffed animals are also welcome. Your donation can be placed in the labeled box in the front entry. Any questions may be directed to Brianna or Mary Brass at 483-0035. We appreciate your help.