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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Upcoming Dates

Dec. 21-Jan. 1: WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon., Jan. 11: PTO Executive Committee Meeting-Conference Room (6:00-7:00p.m.)
PTO General Meeting-Annex (7:00-8:00p.m.)
Tues., Jan. 12: Band Concert-Multipurpose Room (6:30 p.m.)
Chorus Concert-Multipurpose Room (7:15 p.m.)
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

School Closed During Winter Break

Please note that Maxey School, as well as the office, will be closed during the winter break. If you have an emergency, you can email Mr. Decker at pdecker@lps.org, or call him at 817-1890. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Watch Out for the All-Stars!

As a reminder, Friday December 18 is the last day to turn in registration forms for the spring after school classes. There will be NO forms accepted after 3:30 on Friday. We will be offering 13 classes, each running once a week for eight weeks. Keep in mind that there is a maximum student enrollment for each class offered. It is quite possible that some classes will fill up fast. Therefore, class slots will be filled on a first come basis beginning November 30.

Media Center Information

Kindergarten students will start checking out a second book when they visit the library during this rotation. They will continue to check out a "tub" book with an orange label, and add a "looking" book from elsewhere in the library. Each time they visit for class we will discover new areas or authors! These books do not need to be returned the next day, you can spend the time you need at home to read together and then send back the books.

Thank you for helping your child(ren) locate overdue books and get them back to the library! Right now we have holiday books on display. After our December break we will have new books that were purchased from the book fair on display!

Happy Reading!
Sheri Christen, Media Specialist

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 or will be attending a different school.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to The Spirit of Giving program this year. If you still wish to donate to the program, you are welcome to bring in cold weather clothing items, gift cards, or cash to be donated to schools in need. 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.

Colder Weather is Here...

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.

Art

Check out my website for frequent updates. It is located on the Maxey website, under the staff page. It is <http://isite.lps.org/blenzen/web/index.html>. Here you will find class projects by grade level, how Maxey students are graded, Banner Club information and much more! Please check it out for the most current information.

The 5th grade art classes will begin their mask-making unit 2nd quarter and it may carry over into 3rd quarter. We will start sketching out ideas for the mask the first weeks of December. One of the requirements for the mask unit is designing and embellishing their mask. Students are encouraged to bring materials that would make their masks more 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	seashells
raffia	puff paint/fabric paint
silk flowers/greenery	ribbon
rings from pop can tops	bottle caps
buttons	

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hergott, Maxey Elementary Art Specialist

Student Medications

With the cold and flu season upon us, here is a reminder about school health policies for administering medication. All medications need to be sent to the Health Office. School personnel can administer medication to a student with a doctor's written prescription and a signed school medication consent form from the student's parent or guardian. Medication must be brought to school in the prescription container with a label stating the student's name, physician's name and direction for administering the medication. Over the counter medication can be given with a written order from the doctor and school medication consent form from the parent. Over the counter cough drops should be left at the health office with a school medication consent form or a note from the parent. If there are any questions, please call the Maxey Health Office at 436-1153 x2.

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.

Congratulations to Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan

Maxey second grade student, Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan, finished in second place among 127 competitors in the Second Grade section of the National Scholastic K-12 Chess Championship. Joseph won 6 of his 7 games during the three-day tournament (December 11-13) in Dallas, TX. Joseph's only loss came against the eventual champion during a hard fought match in Round 6. In Round 5, he defeated the section's highest rated player. Joseph is a member of the Maxey Chess Club.