

Our mission is to maximize learning for all students

MAXEY Messenger



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Important Upcoming Dates

March 1-12: Maxey Food Drive for Food Bank

Tues., Mar. 2: McTeacher's Night-5800 Old Cheney Rd. (4:00-8:00p.m.)

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: Barbeque hosted by 5th grade-Multipurpose Room (5:30-7:30p.m.)

Thurs., Mar. 11: Maxey Science Fair-Gym (6:00-7:30p.m.)

Tues., Mar. 16: 5th 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 3rd 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.)

***Mon., Apr. 19: 5th Grade Visit/Lunch at Lux Middle School (9:30-11:30a.m.)**

This is a revised date, please make a note of this

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

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.)

IF YOU ARE VISITING MAXEY SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL FOR A MEETING, CONFERENCES, ETC., OR BEFORE 4:00 FOR AN AFTER SCHOOL MEETING, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CARPOOL LANE...YOU WILL BE BLOCKING TRAFFIC.

Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background—one that can only be gained through **regular school attendance**.

Tips on improving your child's school attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.
- Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

Source: The Parent Institute www.parent-institute.com

Update on Carole Glenn, 4th Grade Teacher

One of our dear Maxey teachers, Mrs. Carole Glenn, was diagnosed with a reoccurrence of cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. In addition to our positive thoughts of support and healing, there are many Maxey students and families wanting to help in other ways. Of most help to Mrs. Glenn at this time are gift cards to pharmacies, fast food or other restaurants with take-out, or monetary donations which can help provide a few housekeeping hours. If you would like to help out, gift cards can be dropped off in the Maxey office. Any questions, please contact Christa O'Dell (327-0010).

Student Council Sponsoring Food Drive

Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive for Lincoln Food Bank March 1 - 12. Please consider helping. The fall food drive went well, we collected 313 pounds of food. If each child brought one can we could collect over 800 pounds of food!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Kati Wobig

Kim Meyers

Student Council February Collections

The month of February we will be collecting change for the Haiti relief effort. A can will be stationed in the office for your change. Also, we will have the can available during Wednesday sales. We appreciate your support in this effort!

From the Media Center

Golden Sower Reading

Kindergarten and First Graders have finished reading all 10 Golden Sower titles with Mrs. Christen. Students have voted or will vote for their favorite story in the next few days! Second through Fifth graders will vote for their favorites by April 15. Ask your child about their Golden Sower favorites!

Return Library Books Promptly

Thank you for helping your child return their books to the library! We will be sending reminder notices again next week for overdue/lost items. If your child needs a book renewed for a project, they can stop by and renew easily.

McTeacher night is back

Please come March 2nd and support Maxey PTO for a fun night at McDonald's on 56th and Old Cheney. We will be there from 4:00pm till 8:00pm. The teachers will be there eating as well, you may even see one behind the counter having fun. McDonalds gives back 20% for the total take for the night even the drive thru.

Welcome Spring with a Bar-B-Que

The Maxey 5th graders will be hosting a bar-b-que on Thursday March 11th, in the Maxey Cafeteria from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, before and during the Science Fair. Dinner includes a sandwich (burger, chicken, or hot dog), chips, fruit, dessert, and drink for only \$5.00. *Make dinner a breeze, let us do the cookin'!* If you have any questions, please contact Jon Eslick at 202-6313 after 5pm or Courtney Elliott at 484-6380. Please check your child's Wednesday folder or see attachment. Please order in advance so we can shop smart. Advance tickets sales are due Friday March 7th.

MAXEY FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 5-7:30pm. Reduced admission prices. Meet your friends and make new ones at the Lincoln Children's Museum! See the attached flyer.

Grow Through Art at Maxey

This is just a reminder to please turn in your order forms if you are interested in participating in the Paint Yourself Silly fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the Art Department as well as to the other Specialists. There are more forms by the front doors at Maxey if you need one or you can download one online. There are many dates available- the first one is Feb 25th!!! You have the option to paint a tile that will be hung on the walls at Maxey, you can also paint a flower pot or a piggy bank. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please feel free to call: Julie Widman 327-8930 or Suzi Sailer 488-4383

Wellness Committee Update

All are welcome to attend our next meeting and learn about the work that has been accomplished-we have an action plan for Maxey. Our next meeting is Wednesday March 3rd 9:30-10:30am. Questions, contact Jennifer Conway at jcf4331@earthlink.net or 489.8458.

The focus on childhood obesity has sharpened with Mrs. Obama taking interest in this issue. Last week, New England Journal of Medicine published a study that tracked

thousands of children through adulthood and found those who had been the heaviest youngsters were more than twice as likely as the thinnest kids to die prematurely, before age 55. Families can protect preschoolers from becoming part of the national epidemic of obesity as they grow by adhering to daily routines that seem to work. The findings, published in the March, 2010, issue of Pediatrics showed that the risk is lowest in families that eat dinner together six or seven times a week, limit kids' TV time to less than two hours a day and ensure that youngsters get more than 10.5 hours of sleep a night. No single one of the three routines proved more important than any of the others, according to the investigators from Ohio State University College of Public Health and Temple University in Philadelphia. But the more of them you implement, they said, the lower the risk. Source: Dr. Andrew Weil

Free Estate Planning Seminar

The Foundation for LPS is offering a brief presentation followed by Q & A on "how to plan for guardianship of your children," and "key tax law changes for 2010" on March 2nd at 7pm. This event will take place at Zeman Elementary. Everyone is welcome to attend including parents, grandparents and friends. (See attached flyer.)

Please RSVP by Feb. 24, 2010 to: nkimmon@lps.org , or call 436-1612