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Dear Maxey Parents and Guardians:

The Maxey Staff are ready to begin working with your children for the 2009-10 school year. Please note the information below. It will help you and your children experience a successful beginning of the school year.

Monday, August 17 Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to meeting each family at our Maxey Open House. Parking will be an issue. We have approximately 600 Maxey families and 870 students. Many families will need to park their vehicles on the side streets. Keep in mind that entrance into the building will only be accessible through the front doors of the school.

PTO booths/tables, etc. will be located in the gym during Open House. You may make deposits into your children's lunch SNAP accounts. If you wish to avoid lines, you may make direct deposits into your child's SNAP account by using the LPS webpage (www.lps.org) and clicking on "Buy lunch meals" on the left hand side.

Wednesday, August 19 First Student Day of School

We are excited about receiving your children on this very special day. Keep in mind that there will be many challenges. Keep the following in mind:

- If you are escorting your child into school in the morning of this first day, please note that we ask parents, guardians, and private day care providers to NOT park in either the north drive or west drive. Commercial day care vans and LPS busses ONLY use the north drive. Family vehicles only use the west drive. Parking in either of these drives breaks the flow of traffic and creates traffic jams.
- If you need to park your car, attempt using the parking lot or the side streets.
- Parents, family members and guardians may escort their children to the classrooms beginning at 8:50 a.m. Pod doors will be locked until 8:50 a.m.

- Beginning Thursday, August 20, students arriving before 8:50 a.m. will report to the following areas and remain there until 9:00 a.m. every school day: K-4 to the gym. Grade 5 will go to the Annex, located off the multipurpose room. Students will be excused to go to their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. The 'tardy bell' rings at 9:05 a.m.
- During the first three days of school the "before school drop off" and "after school dismissal" will be hectic. As routines become established, before and after school times will improve. Please be patient.

Kindergarten

We have recently added an 8th kindergarten section. Clarice Anderson has been hired for this classroom. We have run out of classrooms in the K pod, therefore, Mrs. Anderson's classroom is located in the 4th grade (yellow pod).

School Hours, Wednesday-Friday, August 19-21

School begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismisses at 2:38 p.m. for grades K-5. Students in the Maxey Excite Program will not be attending during these particular days.

Regular School Hours Beginning, Monday, August 24

School begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismisses at 3:38 p.m. for grades K-5 beginning with the week of August 24. Students in the Maxey Excite Program will begin Monday, August 24. School hours for Excite are 12:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Dismissal

Kindergarten students will dismiss 5 minutes earlier than the noted schedule time listed above. We have 172 K students and will need the extra time to dismiss in a safe and orderly manner. K parents need to know this information, in order to pick up their children in a timely manner.

Dropping off Students Early or Picking them Up Late

Mr. Decker will provide for supervision before school beginning at 8:50 a.m. and after school until 3:50 p.m. Students dropped off earlier than 8:50 a.m. or picked up after 3:50 p.m. will not be supervised. Mr. Decker has other professional responsibilities before 8:50 a.m. and after 3:50 p.m. daily.

Maxey Student Lunch

One of our challenges this school year is to feed 870 boys and girls from 11:00 a.m.-1:05 p.m. each day. I am aware that the last grade to eat lunch has felt in the past that they were rushed to finish, because the multipurpose room space/lunchroom needed to be converted into a physical education space. Another problem, as I heard about it, was that at times these students eating last lunch period did not always receive the food they originally ordered.

I have addressed these concerns in the following way:

1. The physical education program will be moved to the Annex from 12:25-2:05 p.m. Students having last lunch should not feel so rushed to eat.

2. Edith Zumwalt, LPS Director of Nutrition Services, and I have decided to "pad" our entrée orders each day to make every attempt possible to make sure students receive the food they ordered.

3. I am selecting 2-3 students from this group of students to be my lunch "advisors" to tell me if we are having challenges during the last lunch period.

The fourth grade team of teachers will provide time for students to have a snack each day about 11:25 a.m. each day, since they have the last lunch period. Teachers are requesting that snacks be

- a single serving,
- finger food,
- no drinks,
- healthy snack items.
- Snacks not be shared or traded

In addition, 4th grade teachers are informing students they cannot provide snacks if they are forgotten. Students will be asked not to call home to have parents bring snacks to them if the snack was forgotten. The 4th grade teachers also wish parents to know they are not interested in monitoring what is and what is not a healthy snack.

First Professional Learning Community "Student Early Release Day"

Maxey teachers will be meeting in their professional learning communities on Tuesday, August 25. Students will be dismissed early at 2:18 p.m. The Maxey Excite students do not attend school on this day.

Have a nice weekend.