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MAXEY Messenger



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Important Dates for the Beginning of the School Year

Wed., Aug. 25: 2nd Grade Parent Info Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)
Thurs., Aug. 26: 4th Grade Parent Info Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)
Thurs., Sept. 02: Kindergarten Parent Info Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)
Mon., Sept. 06 No Classes- Office Closed
Thurs., Sept. 09 Maxey Family Walkathon- During Specialist Times (Rain Date 9/16)
Tues., Sept. 14 PTO Executive Meeting 6:00p.m. PTO General Meeting 7:00p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 16 Individual Picture Day
Thurs., Sept. 23 Fun Night and Family Dinner (5:00-7:30p.m.)

**PLC Early Release Days for 2010/2011 (On these Tuesdays school is in session from 9:00a.m. -2:18p.m.): August 31, September 28, October 19, November 30, December 21, January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

Excite classes do NOT meet on PLC "early release days".

Mr. Decker's Notes

Thanks to the Volunteers Directing the Morning Car Pool Lanes

We appreciate the work our car pool volunteers are providing to Maxey parents in the morning. We need more individuals to come forward and volunteer to keep this program operating. Email Mary Schleich at president@maxeypto.org.

Corrected Student Enrollment Numbers

I made an error in the fifth grade enrollment numbers last week. Here are the correct numbers:

K	142
1	165
2	125
3	130
4	156
5	134
Excite	18

Total 870

First Annual Maxey Walk-a-thon

On Thursday, September 9 Maxey students will participate in the "First Annual Maxey Walk-a-thon" during their specialist time. Parents are invited to walk with their children during these specialist times. Students are walking on the new concrete pathway located on the lower field. The purpose of the "walk-a-thon" is for the PTO to raise funds to purchase technology for all Maxey classrooms. The goal is to raise \$20,000. This will allow the PTO to purchase a video projector for every classroom. Donations and forms are due by September 9. We will attach a form also.

Below are the specialists times that your children will be participating in this event:

K	12:35-1:25
1	11:15-12:05
2	10:20-11:10
3	9:25-10:15
4	1:30-2:20
5	2:25-3:15

Maxey Student/Parent Handbook

We expect to receive this document yet this week and will send a copy home with your "oldest" or "only" child as soon as they arrive.

We have added a Maxey Event Calendar to the handbook this year. This should help you better keep track of all the events scheduled at Maxey Elementary. We have decided on the dates of the 5th grade Band Concerts. They are December 7 and May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please place these dates on your new calendar when it arrives.

Thanks

Thanks to students, parents, and especially our Maxey PTO for helping our school year get off to such a good start.

Words from Mrs. Peterson, Our Assistant Principal

"Love and Logic"

A Word From Jim Faye:

"A dad got a call from his son's teacher, "Mr. Jenkins, you've got to do something about Travis. He's been calling other kids names during recess and it's causing a lot of trouble. I think you need to have a talk with him."

"Well, Mrs. Alexander, are you sure? Have you seen him doing that or are you just taking the word of the other kids?"

"I'm sorry, but I've witnessed it myself, otherwise I wouldn't have called."

"Ok, I'll have a talk with him. Thanks."

Later that evening Dad talked to Travis. "Travis, are you calling the other kids names during recess?"

"No."

"Well, your teacher says you are. Now what's the story?"

"I don't know. She's lying."

If you know a child did something, don't set him up to lie by asking about it.

This was Dad's mistake. Kids, like most adults, will lie to protect themselves. Since Dad knew that the name-calling was happening it would have been better to handle it by saying, "Travis, I know that you've been calling the other kids names during recess. I expect it to stop." Travis will still try to get out of it with, "But I'm not."

Dad's response should be, "We're not talking about that. What did I say about it?"

Travis may still continue to try to protect himself with denials and Dad's job is to continue to say, "I know and what did I say about that?"

Looking Ahead: Love and Logic Training Classes starting January 10th!

Help Wanted!

Lincoln Public Schools is seeking a qualified mentor to work with Highly Gifted students. Especially in Math and Science! All you need is an academic standing of Junior or Senior at the University level, or a BA/BS degree or above with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0. In addition, you will need at least 15 semester credit hours in the subject (in this case, math or science) that you wish to teach, with a SUBJECT G.P.A. of 3.5 or above. If this sounds like you, please call Tracey Peterson at 436-1153. Hourly wage is \$17.12.

attachments: Sept lunch menu, Walk-a-thon

