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Fifth Grade Flyer

Maxey Elementary/ 436-1153

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Getting Organized

Welcome, new 5th graders! Summer is over, and we are off and running into a new school year. As you begin this school year, you will notice differences from 4th grade. Our hopes are to prepare you for Middle School. Our student planner will be an important tool for success this year.

We will spend time each day going over important events and information. Listen carefully and be sure to keep your planner filled in. That way you and your parents will know about upcoming events and deadlines.

The Curriculum Corner

This year promises to be a busy and rewarding one. Fifth graders will spend time this year learning about early American history, exploring a variety of new math concepts, and enjoying many selections of literature. We look forward to many exciting lessons. This year, we will be implementing a new health and social studies curriculum.

Students will have an opportunity to work with many of the 5th grade teachers this year. Nearly all students will have different teachers for Homeroom and Math. Several students will even have a different Book Club teacher. We will also be using a rotation model during the Science units.

Our Schedule

| PLC | |
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| 9:00-10:45 | Language Arts |
| 10:45-11:45 | Math |
| 11:50-12:20 | Lunch/Recess |
| 12:25-12:58 | Unit Studies |
| 12:58- 1:34 | Specials |
| 1:34-2:18 | Homeroom |

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| 9:00-11:00 | Language Arts |
| 11:00-11:45 | Book Club |
| 11:50-12:20 | Lunch/Recess |
| 12:25-1:30 | Math |
| 1:30-2:25 | Unit Studies |
| 2:25-3:15 | Specials |
| 3:15-3:25 | |
| Mon. & Fri. Announcements; | |
| Tues.-Thurs. Homeroom | |
| 3:25-3:38 | Dismissal |

Teacher Spotlights

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**Best time to phone
us is before school
or during our plan
time, 2:25-3:15 PM*

Our newsletter
editions will be on
the Web!

See us at:

<http://maxey.lps.org/>

Hello everyone! I am **Liz Zeff** and am in my 12th year in Lincoln Public Schools. My first ten years I taught sixth, fourth and fifth grades at Humann Elementary.

MRS ZEFF I grew up in south Florida. After leaving Florida to go to college, I have had the opportunity to live and teach in Ohio, New Mexico, and Illinois as well as Nebraska. The reason for these moves? My husband, Ira, who is currently the Athletic Director at Nebraska Wesleyan. We have one son, David.

When not teaching, I enjoy reading, working out, hiking, spending time with family and friends, and serving lunch at the Matt Talbot Kitchen. I am looking forward to a great year at Maxey.

MRS SCHOENING You will find me in room 305, **Suzan Schoening**, a Lincolnite my whole life. This year will begin my 20th year teaching in the Lincoln Public Schools and my ninth year at Maxey. I also have taught at Beattie and Lakeview. Throughout the years, I have had opportunities to teach sixth, second, and fourth grades, however most of my years have been in fifth grade.

My husband, Don, and I have three children, Claire, Hailey, and Jacob. My daughters attend East, and Jacob is here at Maxey. We also have an energetic, labradoodle named Benny. When I'm not chauffeuring, I enjoy reading, working on home-improvement projects, and hanging out with family. I am looking forward to working together with each student and parent this year.

MISS SETZER

My name is **Lindsay Setzer**. This school marks my first year of teaching. Following my graduation from Northwest Missouri State University, I returned to Nebraska and was a substitute teacher with Lincoln Public Schools for a year. I am so excited to be teaching 5th grade at Maxey this year!

I am originally from Beatrice, Nebraska, where I lived until I left for college. I have one sister, Kelly, who is a student at UNL this year. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, biking, reading, and spending time outdoors.

I am really looking forward to working with you and your child at Maxey this year!

MRS BEECHLEY - This is my 20th year of teaching for Lincoln Public Schools. I started out at Humann Elementary as a special education teacher before moving into the classroom. I have taught kindergarten, sixth, and fourth grades. I am very excited about starting a new year and look forward to meeting all of the new 5th graders.

I am married to a wonderful man. My husband, Russ, works for Pen-Link Inc. as a quality control analyst. We have 3 children. Brendan will be a seventh grader at Lux Middle School and Dylan will be a 5th grader at Maxey. Devon is our youngest and will start Kindergarten next year. Three boys keep us hopping with sports and school events. But, we love it and wouldn't have it any other way.

MRS S **Mrs. Kristin Maxwell**- I have been a teacher in the Lincoln Public School system for 15 years. This will be my 5th year at Maxey. I have also taught at Humann Elementary, where I was a special education teacher and Prescott Elementary where I taught fourth, fifth and sixth grade.

MRS WEL North Dakota is where I grew up, in a rural farming community. I am married to a schoolteacher, Jon, he teaches 6th grade at Pound Middle School. Together we have a daughter, Ara, who will be starting Kindergarten this year at Maxey. I have three stepchildren: Abby, Alyssa, and Jackson.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child. I am excited to be involved another year with the Maxey community.