

Our mission is to maximize learning for all students

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Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 19-21: Early Dismissal at 2:38

Thurs., Aug. 20: 3rd Grade Parent Information Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Mon., Aug. 24: First day of school for ExCITE Students (12:00-3:30p.m.)

Mon., Aug. 24: 1st Grade Parent Information Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Mon., Aug. 24: Reading Recovery Parent Information Night (7:30p.m.)

Tues., Aug. 25: PLC Early Release Day—Dismissal at 2:18p.m.

NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS

Tues., Aug. 25: 2nd Grade Parent Information Night (6:00-6:45p.m.)

Thurs., Aug. 27: 5th Grade Parent Information Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Mon., Aug. 31: 4th Grade Parent Information Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Thurs., Sept. 3: Kindergarten Parent Information Night (6:30-7:30p.m.)

Mon., Sept. 7: NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Mon., Sept. 14: PTO Executive Committee Mtg.-Office Conference Rm (6:00-7:00p.m.)

PTO General Meeting-Annex (7:00-8:00p.m.)

Wed., Sept. 23: Individual Picture Day

Thurs., Sept. 24: Fun Night (5:00-7:30p.m.)

Tues., Sept. 29: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.

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Many Thanks

The Maxey Staff wish to say, “thank you” to the many parents who helped our School Opening Day yesterday. Our PTO has been so good to us by providing incredible meals and snacks. The PTO Lunchroom Volunteers provide us so much assistance in the beginning of the school year. Feeding 168 kindergarten students is no easy task, yet because of all the parent help, it really went quite well for the first day yesterday!

We thank the additional 35 PTO Committees hard at work making our school better for students!

The Car Pool Lane, Morning Drop Off, and Afternoon Pick Up

I continue to ask your assistance in following the procedures printed in the "Maxey Student/Parent Handbook". If everyone will do this, the process will work and make it safer and more efficient. As I have said for several years, staff and I focus on the safety of your children, we do not manage adults in the car pool lane, morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. We simply do not have the resources to manage adults. Adults can read, they can comprehend, and they know how to follow the expectations. Hopefully they will. It will make Maxey School a safer place for all children.

Here is our student count on Day #2 of the school year

Kindergarten:	168 Students	8 Teachers	21 Ratio
First Grade:	135 Students	6 Teachers	22.5 Ratio
Second Grade:	125 Students	5 Teachers	25 Ratio
Third Grade:	157 Students	6 Teachers	26.2 Ratio
Fourth Grade:	135 Students	5 Teachers	27 Ratio
Fifth Grade:	131 Students	5 Teachers	26.2 Ratio

Healthy Schools Program

Maxey now has a wellness committee and has joined the Healthy Schools Program with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, for more information-- www.healthiergeneration.org. If interested, please contact Jennifer Conway at 489-8458 or jcf4331@earthlink.net. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 2 at 9:30a.m. in the Maxey office conference room.

Entering Classrooms after 4:00p.m.

Mr. Decker has experienced a breach in security in our school after 4:30p.m., therefore, he is asking that any visitors (adults or children) not go back to classrooms between 4:00 and 4:30p.m. unless they are escorted by him or Mrs. Peterson. Custodial or secretarial staff do not have authorization to escort anyone back into the classrooms.

Maxey Needs Gifted Mentors

We have some openings for gifted mentors at Maxey School. Mentors work individually with highly gifted students for an hour each school day. If you are interested in providing this service, please go to this web site to see if you qualify. You may also submit your application.

Go to this web site to download the Gifted Mentor application:

<http://www.lps.org/hr/jobs/default.html>

Click "Applications" on the left side. Look to the right side of the new web page and download the application.

Here are the qualifications to become a mentor:

Qualified gifted mentors work with highly gifted students in the Visual Arts and the following academic areas: Math, Science, English, Social Studies and World Languages.

Requirements: University level academic standing of Junior, Senior, BA/BS or above; minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and at least 15 semester credit hours in subject with a subject G.P.A. of 3.5 or above. Applicant must be available during the student's regular school day during the school year.

To Apply: Submit a Mentor for Highly Gifted Students application and original transcripts from colleges attended. Salary \$16.62/hr. If you have questions, please call 436-1590.

We are presently looking for gifted mentors to do math. However, if you believe you are qualified in other areas, please consider making application and interviewing. Openings in other areas open up occasionally throughout the school year at Maxey School. Do know that one of the processes of the application process is having a criminal background check. This part of the process may take two to three weeks to complete.

"Peanut Free Zone"

We have now identified a lunch table in our lunchroom (multipurpose room) where we ask that only students having non-peanut ingredients in their lunches sit. We call this the "Peanut Free Zone". Students who have allergies or reactions to peanut products may want to sit at this table during their lunch period. The "Peanut Free Zone" lunch table is the first table you come in contact with when you enter the lunchroom.

Student Council

Students in grades 3-5 that are interested in running for Student Council will need to attend an informational meeting. We will meet in room 355, gold pod on Monday, August 31st at 8:15 am. Permission slips will be handed out at this meeting. Parental consent is required in order to run. We look forward to a great year serving our school and community.

Kati Wobig & Kim Meyers, Student Council Sponsors

Spring Girls on the Run Starts Sept. 1 at Maxey

Help your daughter put her best foot forward with Girls on the Run, an innovative after-school program that combines exercise, education and mentoring in third through fifth grade girls. The Maxey team will meet from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 1. The fall season will conclude with a wrap-up GOTR meeting and celebration at school and an optional community project the week after the Ghouls on the Run 5K, Oct. 31 at Holmes Lake.

Physical activity and fitness can empower young girls to grow into strong, confident and healthy women. Girls on the Run provides an uplifting and noncompetitive introduction to what we hope will be a lifelong commitment to health and wellness. The curriculum provides a unique forum for girls to discuss and make choices about physical fitness, good eating habits, values, body image and saying "no" to drugs. Completing a Girls on the Run program can be a valuable first step toward a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

Registration costs \$65; reduced rates for those with documented need are available. To download a registration form, visit www.girlsontherunofnebraska.com. For more information, call (402) 484-6831 or e-mail girlsontherun@neb.rr.com.