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# MAXEY Messenger

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## **Maxey 2017-18 School Year Important Dates**

March 1 – Advanced Orchestra 8:00am  
March 2 – Beginning Orchestra 8:00am  
March 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Chorus Rehearsal 8:15am  
March 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Camp Parent Meeting 6:00pm  
March 7 – Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 8:00am-6:00pm  
March 7 – Student Council Sales/Recycling 8:30am  
March 7 – Janet’s Jungle Kick off Assembly 2:45pm  
March 7 – Science Fair Set Up 4:30pm  
March 8 – Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 8:00am-4:30pm  
March 8 – Science Fair Set Up 7:30am  
March 8 – Advanced Orchestra 8:00am  
March 8 – Science Fair 6:00pm  
March 9 – Beginning Orchestra 8:00am  
March 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Banner Club 8:15am  
March 9 – Maxey Spirit Day Wear your favorite Sports Apparel  
March 9 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
March 12-16 No School Spring Break  
March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins

## **PLC Days early dismissal—9:00 am 2:18 pm**

March 27  
April 24

## **A Message from the PTO**

There is NO GENERAL PTO MEETING next week.

## **LPS Bus Evacuation Drill**

In order to comply with standards that require the practice of emergency evacuation from school buses, the LPS Transportation Department intends to conduct bus evacuation drills for Regular and Early Childhood students on Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8. On this date, buses may arrive home 15 to 20 minutes late. Any questions may be directed to Lincoln Public Schools Transportation Department at 402 436 1073.

## **LPS Community Curriculum Council**

The LPS Community Curriculum Council met on Monday, February 26. The main focus of the meeting was LPS Security, presented by Jon Sundermeier, LPS Security Coordinator, and Joe Wright, LPS Director of Security. Both men are former LPD officers with many years of experience in law enforcement. With the recent school shooting tragedy in Florida, school security is on most parents' minds. Sundermeier and Wright are leading LPS to be a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Read more about LPS Security <https://www.lps.org/post/detail.cfm?id=12646>

Watch a recording of their presentation and a discussion from the February 27 LPS Board of Education meeting (fast forward to about 27:30)

If you have any questions regarding security at LPS, parents are encouraged to call or email building principals or Jon Sundermeier.

### **Backpack Extra Mile Walk T-Shirts**

In order to receive a Backpack Extra Mile t-shirt, an adult participant needs to raise at least \$30 and a student/child participant needs to raise at least \$10. Anyone who has last year's t-shirt may use that in the walk (FYI, this year's t-shirt is lime green with a white design.) The t-shirt pre-order is based on the "Honor System". Donations will be collected upon receipt of t-shirts. Money is due by March 6. Please make checks payable to the Food Bank. T-shirt order forms need to be returned to Mr. Tebo in the computer lab no later than March 6. Order forms went home with your student.

### **Foodbank/LPS Backpack Extra Mile Walk**

Save the date. The eleventh annual Backpack Extra Mile Walk will be Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. The walk will take place at Lincoln East High School and will provide funding for the Lincoln Food Bank's Back Pack program.

### **Early Childhood**

The Department of Early Childhood will begin accepting preschool applications for the 2018-19 school year on February 1st.

You will find information about the application process at

<http://home.lps.org/earlychildhood/programs/preschool/>.

Please bring your child with you in order to complete a pre-enrollment activity that is part of the application process.

The applications will be available at the Department of Early Childhood Office, located at 300 S. 48th Street and on our website, beginning February 1, 2018.

Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition we will have extended hours on:

- Saturday, February 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

important healthy habits at home. Thank you for partnering with us in keeping our students healthy and ready to learn.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration booklets have been mailed home to parents. Kindergarten Registration is on Wednesday, March 7 8am-6pm or Thursday, March 8 8am-4:30pm. If you have a child who will be coming into Maxey as a kindergartner next year and have not received a phone call or email to verify registration, please call the Maxey Office at 402-436-1153, ext 1 or email Annette Wiegert, awieger@lps.org. Also, if you know of families that are new to the Maxey area and have a child who will be attending kindergarten, please have them email or call the Maxey Office.

### **Maxey Science Fair**

Thursday, March 8 6:00-7:30pm. The Maxey Science Fair is open to all students.

The Maxey Science Fair is a non-competitive opportunity for kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to win multiple awards.

This is a fun opportunity for students to learn from an experiment or a demonstration.

Information and registration sheets will be sent home in the January 10th Wednesday Folders. Registration forms will be due February 22.

### **The LPS Compost Program is coming to Maxey Elementary!**

Organic materials (food scraps, paper products, and special compostable dishes) will now be collected in a separate compost container each day at lunch. We will also be recycling empty milk and juice cartons. Through this program, students learn the benefits of

composting food waste and practice separating their lunch into the different waste streams. Our school will divert anywhere from 70-90% of their cafeteria waste from going to the landfill and will instead be recycled and composted. The organic material is sent to local composting facilities where it decomposes and becomes a nutrient-rich soil amendment for use throughout the Lincoln community.

**Does your child bring cold lunch? Here's how you can help at home!**

- Avoid the waste from individually wrapped servings when possible. Instead, buy in bulk and put servings into reusable containers.
- Select drink containers that can be reused or recycled (many drink pouches/boxes can't be recycled or composted).
- Pack food in reusable containers instead of disposable plastic baggies or other plastic wrappers.

**Student Council**

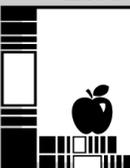
Thanks to the help of Maxey families, \$600 has been donated to the American Heart Association! WOW! During March, a portion of our sales will go to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. This money helps to provide scholarships for kids to be able to play sports even if their family cannot afford it. The donations help kids all over Lincoln. Thanks again for supporting your Maxey Student Council!

**Gritty Kid of the Week**

With our school-wide theme of GRIT, we are encouraging students to work hard and keep trying even when things are challenging. The students are really taking hold of the concept and showing great effort! Students are being recognized by their teachers for showing GRIT and are earning mustangs that they deliver to the office and get hung up in the lunchroom. Each week we are recognizing one student who is nominated by teachers and administrators as "The Gritty Kid of the Week". The student is announced during the morning announcements and has their picture hung in the main hallway for the week. Our "Gritty Kid" recognized this week:

Cooper Kosmicki 5th Grade Mr. Boysen

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No PTO Newsletter this week.

Please check back next week for the PTO Mustang  
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