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MAXEY Messenger

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Maxey 2018-19 School Year Important Dates

May 17 – 5th Gr to Camp Cedars 7:30am-7:30pm
May 17 – East Show Choir 9:45am
May 22 – PTO Pajama Day
May 22 – PTO Pancake Day
May 23 – Last Day of School
May 23 – Report Cards Go Home
May 23 – Maxey Field Day

A Big Thank You to Members of the Maxey PTO

Maxey staff would like to thank all the parents who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Day. Thank you to Cambreea Perry and her team for organizing and distributing all the treats to the staff through out the day. It was enjoyed by all. THANK YOU!!!

General Schedule for Field Day

Parent volunteers are needed for the Maxey Field Day Thursday, May 23rd.
Morning session: 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades 9:15 - 11:15
Afternoon session: Kindergarten, 4th and 5th grades 1:00-3:05
Volunteers please email Mr. Kosmicki if you are interested in helping.
dkosmick@lps.org

Last Week of School Lunch Menu

May 13-17: Order Lunch A, or Vegetarian. We will have 2 entrees Cafeteria Manager Special.
May 20-23: Order Lunch or Vegetarian. NO SALADS the last week and probably only 1 entree. The last day is a sack lunch of Soy Butter and Jelly Sandwich, baby carrots, raisins and milk.
Thanks!
Susan Stone, Cafeteria Manager

Year End Events/Procedures

Thanks so much to all our families for the ongoing support of the home school connection at Maxey. As we complete another year and prepare for summer, I wanted to remind you of some end of the year events and procedures. Our last day of school is Thursday,
May 23. Students are asked to leave backpacks at home on this day. This has been a district wide request to avoid littering of the streets (although our kids would never do that!). The last day of school will be Field Day. Students will spend a portion of their day outside participating in fun games and challenges. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle along, but we will also have water breaks throughout the day. We would like to remind our students that this is still a regular day of school where all school rules apply (including appropriate dress). I am confident that our students will have fun and have a great send off to summer.

Negative meal balances need to be paid in full before June 3, 2019.

The parent/guardian is responsible to pay for all school meal purchases made by their student(s). Negative balances can be paid in the school office or sent to Accounting, LPSDO Box 2, 5905 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.
Also, online payments can be made through June 30th at https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home
Negative balance meal accounts will be referred to a collection agency if they are not paid. If you have questions regarding your child's negative meal account, please contact Accounting at 402-436-1700. If you have questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Tamara Weins at extension 1701 or tweins@lps.org. c: Jamie Berens, Accounting
Edith Zumwalt,

LIBRARIES ROCK!! Summer Library at Maxey

Maxey Library will be open this summer on Wednesday afternoons:
May 29, June 5, 12 and 19 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories.!
Please come and join us!!

Student Council News

Maxey Student Council has had a great year. The students have worked very hard recycling and raising money to help many people! Thank you to the Maxey community for your continued support! We could never do it without you!

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 Kids" recognized this week:

ELL Graduates:
Kdg-Kayla Le, Adeline Tran, Avaneesh Vinoth Kumar
1st Gr- Kevin Le, Carly Xu
2nd Gr- Anton Alexandrov, Ryan Dao, Platon Panfilov, Sai Aarthi Ravella, Siddharth Sajeesh
3rd Gr- Andrew Guan, Vincent Lin, Lele Liu, Nyerourn Puoch
4th Gr- Tabarak Alkreiz, Finley Yedlik
5th Gr Hassan Al Sammarraie

Japanese Homestay Program

Interested in having an unforgettable Japanese experience for your family this summer here in Lincoln? We invite you to become a host family for a Japanese 9th grader this summer! We have the exciting opportunity to host around 150 students from Senshu Matsudo JHS, a school near Tokyo, this June. Families will host their guests from 11:30 AM Saturday, June 22nd, to Tuesday afternoon June 25th (4 days and 3 nights). This exciting opportunity is open to Nebraska families who want to enjoy a fun, intercultural experience for both kids and parents alike. If you have questions, please contact Emily Pieper at Lux Middle School, epieper@lps.org or follow the link https://forms.gle/juQNRrH5GA2U1bW66.

Maxey Summer Office Hours

May 26-August 2 Maxey office is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm
Starting August 5 the Maxey office will be open Monday-Friday 7:30am–4:30pm
We welcome visitors in the summer and will update our answering machine with days we will be closed (402-436-1153 x1.)

Upcoming Important 2019-20 School Dates

July 26 – Teacher Post Cards mailed from Maxey
August 8 – Maxey Open House 6-7pm
August 12 – First Day of School
August 12 – Early Release 2:18pm
August 13 – Early Release 2:18pm
August 14 – Early Release 2:18pm
August 15 – Regular Dismissal
September 24 – Maxey/PTO Walk a Thon
October 15 & 22 - Parent Teacher Conference
October 31 – PTO Classroom Fall Party
February 13 & 18 – Parent Teacher Conference
February 14 – PTO Winter Classroom Party

2019-20 PLC Early Release Days

Last Tuesday of every month
August 27
September 24
October 29
November 26
December 17
January 28
February 25
March 31
April 28

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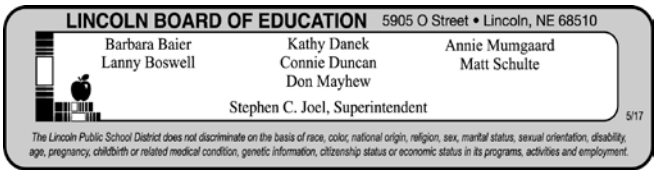

NO MUSTANG MATTERS NEWSLETTER TODAY.

Japanese Homestay Experience

Interested in having an unforgettable Japanese experience for your family this summer here in Lincoln? We invite you to become a host family for a Japanese 9th grader this summer!

We are looking for families who are interested in hosting students from a school near Tokyo, Japan this summer. 72 boys and 84 girls are coming from Senshu Matsudo JHS, this June.

The home stay will be from **11:30 AM Saturday June 22nd to Tuesday afternoon June 25th (4 days and 3 nights).**

LPS affiliation is not a requirement to host! This exciting opportunity is open to Nebraska families who want to enjoy a fun intercultural experience for both kids and parents alike. We encourage families to consider hosting two students, but families are invited to host up to three. The host family matches are determined by the Japanese homeroom teachers in Japan.

Want to Sign Up? Go to the following link and complete the form:
https://forms.gle/W7CofVdd2wNHHzHD7

If you have questions please contact Emily Pieper at Lux Middle School - (402) 436-1220 or epieper@lps.org. You can also contact Megan Forgey (coordinator of Japanese students' trip to Nebraska) at senmatsunebraska@gmail.com.

We appreciate your generosity in opening your home to these wonderful Japanese youth. Please feel free to send this link to any other families you think would be interested!

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need an extra bed or room for our guests? No, Many families will blow up an air mattress or or put blankets/sleeping bags on the floor. Our Japanese students are just thrilled to get to experience life with an American family.

What do we do with our guests while they are here? Students are wanting to experience what life is like as an American. Living your day to day life is a great way to provide that experience. Some activities families do enjoy with their guests are shopping, grilling out, fishing, yard games, bowling, Homes Lake, playing sports, and so many other activities.

Do I need to have a student enrolled in LPS to host? You do not. We have families who have no children in the home, families with little ones, and everything in between.

Why do you recommend hosting 2 or more students? First, we have found in previous years hosting two or more helps with the language barrier. While these students have a good base for understanding and speaking the English language, communication is made easier when a couple of students are together and can work through any confusion that may arise. Second, we have found that not only are the Japanese students more comfortable in their new environment, but also host families seem more at ease as well. One big reason for this is the communication aspect, but also, the Japanese students are able to have someone familiar to them in their new environment. With this said, some families do prefer to host one student, and have a great experience as well.