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Maxey 2018-19 School Year Important Dates

- May 13 – Student Council Meeting 8:30am
- May 14 – Lux Jazz and Show Choir 9:20am
- May 15 – Student Council Sales/Recycling 8:30am
- May 15 – Golden Sower Celebration 10:00am
- 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

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>.

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

The last week of school, the cafeteria menu will be Manager's Choice and the salad entrée will not be available as a choice. Manager's Choice will be determined by the Cafeteria the last few days of school.

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,

Important Dates in the Maxey Library:

GOLDEN SOWER Celebration May 15

All classes will visit the book fair during their usual library times from May 3-9

May 9-Student books all due

May 10-Book Fair ends

Maxey Spring Book Fair and Silent Art Auction

The Maxey DINO-MITE Book Fair has arrived at the Maxey Library! To sign up to help at the fair, please go to the sign up genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caba82fa5f85-may2019>

Spring Book Fair is a new event for Maxey!

The dates for the book fair are:

Wednesday, May 8- 3:38-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: 8:15-9:00 a.m. and 3:38-6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 10: 8:15-9:00 a.m.

(online sales still open through Monday, May 13)

We are also hosting a silent auction of student artwork! Works will be available for viewing throughout the book fair, **silent bidding starts Thursday, May 9 at 3:40 PM and ends at 6 p.m.**

Special guests on Thursday: Artist Hannah Demma and Pete the Cat!

Please see Mrs. Christen and/or Mrs. Hergott with questions.

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!!

SORA e-books and Audiobooks for Summer

Maxey Elementary is gearing up for summer break. While summer presents an opportunity to relax and enjoy the sunshine, we want our students to continue to find ways to learn while away from the classroom. We have an exciting reading service available through Sora, the student reading app, which provides free 24/7 access to eBooks **and audiobooks**.

What better way to engage your student's mind than through reading?

This summer, the **OverDrive Summer Read** program will offer a collection of Juvenile and Young Adult titles that will be prominently displayed in Sora for quick and easy unlimited access from **June 6 – August 15, 2019**. You can explore the title offerings and learn more about the program here: <https://resources.overdrive.com/summer-read/>.

How does it work?

Sora provides the quickest and easiest way to get started with digital titles from our school. Students can simply log in using **school credentials** and instantly access **hundreds** of eBooks **and audiobooks** on virtually any device. Get started today at <https://soraapp.com> or download the free Sora app for Android or iOS. For easy access, our school's setup code is lincolnsne.

Boredom is not an option this summer.

Sincerely,

Sheri Christen, School Librarian

Suzanne Reimers, Principal

Student Council News

Thanks again to Maxey families! With your help student council was able to donate \$1000 to the Backpack Walk for the Lincoln Food Bank. On Friday, we will be having Hats On For Kids With Cancer. Students who donate \$1 or more may wear a hat to school. 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:

Evan Lin 1 st Grade Mrs. Frandolig

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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May 6-10
Teacher
Appreciation
Week

May 9
Night Out
Don & Millie's
4:30 PM- 8 PM



2019 - 2020 PTO Board Members

Congratulations to the parents who will be serving on the PTO Board next year. They will begin working this summer for next year's events. Thank you to them for giving their time and energy.

President - Lyndsay Uglow

Vice President - Katherine Erikson

Secretary - Nikki Sprague

Treasurer - Justin Ellenbecker

The board will appoint the consulting members soon!

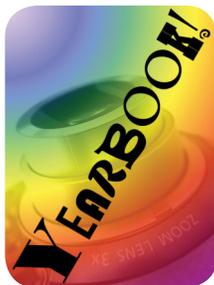
Maxey Night Out

May's Don & Millie's Maxey Night Out will be **Thursday,**

May 9th from 4:30 PM - 8 PM at 56th & Edgewood. Be sure to mention you are with Maxey!



Yearbook Sales



Pre-ordered yearbooks will be sent home on Wednesday, May 8th. There will be a limited number of extra yearbooks for sale after May 8th in the Maxey office for \$30. The extra books will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Let's show our teacher's how much we appreciate them! Join in the activities all week long!

Thursday, May 9th - the teachers will receive cookies, lemonade and iced tea

Friday, May 10th - Donate \$5 to purchase NuVibe drinks for staff

Maxey PTO Text Reminders

We encourage everyone to sign up to receive text reminders about upcoming PTO events. It's easy!

**Text @maxeypto.org
to 81010**



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.