

Our mission is to maximize learning for all students



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Upcoming Important 2019-20 School Dates

September 13 – Student Council Meeting 8:30am
September 13 – 5th Gr Art Club 8:15am
September 16 – Advanced Orchestra 7:55am
September 17 – Chorus Rehearsal 8:15am
September 17 – Girls on the Run 3:45pm
September 18 – Student Council Sales/Recycling 8:30am
September 19 – Girls on the Run 3:45pm
September 19 – PTO Don and Millies Dine Out Night 4:00pm
September 20 – 5th Gr Art Club 8:15am
September 20 – PTO Fun Night 5:30pm
September 23 – Advanced Orchestra 7:55am
September 24 – Chorus Rehearsal 8:15am
September 24 – Maxey Walk a Thon
September 24 – PLC Day Early Release 2:18pm
September 24 – Girls on the Run 3:45pm
September 25 – LifeTouch Picture Day
September 25 – Student Council Sales/Recycling 8:30am
September 26 – Girls on the Run 3:45pm
September 27 – 5th Gr Art Club 8:15am
September 29 – 25th Anniversary Open House 1:00-2:30pm
October 15 & 22 - Parent Teacher Conference
October 31 – PTO Classroom Fall Party
October 27 – Maxey Color Run 1:00pm
February 13 & 18 – Parent Teacher Conference

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

September 24
October 29
November 26
December 17
January 28
February 25
March 31
April 28

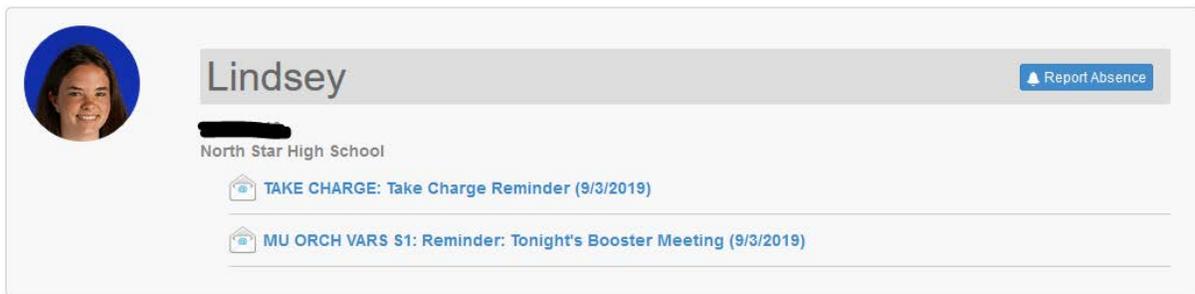
Bus Evacuation Drills

In order to comply with standards that require the practice of emergency evacuation from school buses, the Transportation Department intends to conduct bus evacuation drills for students on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. This is for Students who ride the bus after school.

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.

ParentVUE: Entering student absences

- A new **Report Absence** button is now available in ParentVUE. Parents/Guardians can now submit their student's absence, up to 30 days in advance, from ParentVUE.



The screenshot shows a user profile for Lindsey at North Star High School. The profile includes a circular profile picture, the name 'Lindsey', and a 'Report Absence' button. Below the name, there are two notification items: 'TAKE CHARGE: Take Charge Reminder (9/3/2019)' and 'MU ORCH VARS S1: Reminder: Tonight's Booster Meeting (9/3/2019)'.

Pumpkin Run

If you are interested in a fun run for your kids, try the Pumpkin Run. It is a one mile run at Pioneers Park on October 5th. Sign up online at Nebraska Sports Council.

Punt, Pass & Kick Contest

Open to Boys and Girls ages 6-15. Located behind Maxey Elementary school on September 18th. Just show up to enter.

Online Verification is Now Closed

Between July 15 and August 30 LPS parents could verify their student's information online through the parent portal called ParentVue. If you did not verify your student's information online, **a census form will come home in your student's Wednesday folder. Please update your student's information on the Census form and return it to the Maxey office before September 18th.**

Having accurate information is crucial in receiving important and timely communication from Lincoln Public Schools. Principals and teachers use the contact information for notification of concerns and emergencies. We want to make sure that your records are accurate.

Please activate your ParentVue if you have not already done so.

Maxey Elementary's 25th Anniversary Open House

We are inviting all our families, former families and community members to an Open House Celebration on Sunday, September 29th between 1:00-2:30 pm. It will be an Open House "drop in" format for viewing of some of our archives from 1995, photos from over the years, and a tour of the building. At 1:30, there will be a short stand up

presentation in the lunchroom including the singing of our school song, introduction of some of our "Original Staff Members" and a few words about the past 25 years, as Maxey has been a highly successful neighborhood elementary school. I hope many of you can stop in and spread the word to any families you know that have former Maxey students!

Maxey Family WalkATHon

Please join your student at the Maxey Walk A Thon on Tuesday, September 24th. Donation envelopes will go home with your student in their Wednesday folder. Maxey School Goal is \$20,000, proceeds go to the Lincoln Food Bank Backpack 2019 program. You may walk with your student during your student's specialist time on the Maxey school track. Specialist Times are as follows:

3rd 9:25-10:01
2nd 10:06-10:42
4th 10:47-11 23
K 11:55- 12:31
5th 12:36-1:12
1st 1:17- 1:53

Lifetouch Picture Day

Please watch for the Lifetouch order forms in your students Wednesday folders. Lifetouch picture day is September 25th. Order forms must be received on or before your child has their picture taken. You may also order pictures online at mylifetouch.com before or up to 48 hours after picture day. Please note that any order forms turned in after your child's picture is taken results in a delay in receiving their photos. Those picture packets typically arrive two weeks later than the school packets arrive.

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:

Landon Sanford 3 rd Grade Mrs. Siefert

Student Council News

Maxey Student Council is continuing to collect money for Friendship Home. Wednesday morning sales have also started. Student Council sells fun school supplies in the front hall before school. The money from sales is used to support our various projects throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

MAP TESTING

Students in grades K-1 will take the MAP Reading Fluency and students in grades 2-5 will take the MAP Growth test at least two times this school year. These tests are part of assessments required by the Nebraska Department of Education to measure student readiness to learn and growth in reading and math prior to the state assessments. Teachers and administrators will work together to use the results to help plan instruction for students.

MAP Fluency and Growth are online, adaptive tests. The difficulty adjusts to meet each student's achievement level. If your student answers a question correctly, the next question is more difficult. If he/she answers incorrectly, the next question is easier. For this reason, it is not possible for students to go back and change previous answers. Students will be allowed sufficient time for each test. Because it is important to balance time spent testing with instructional time, students who take more than two hours on MAP

Growth may not complete that test or receive a score. Grades 3-5 students will also take the Nebraska State Assessment (NSCAS) in late March/early April.

During these testing periods, we encourage you to make sure your children are in school unless they are ill. The best preparation for these tests is to come to school well rested with a positive attitude toward taking the tests. These tests are not "high stakes" for your child (they do not impact student grades or advancement from grade to grade) but it is important your child do their best on these tests so that LPS teachers and administrators have accurate information about your child's knowledge and available. Thank-you for your support as we work to understand your student's learning, and how to maximize their growth!

From the Maxey Handbook

Professional Learning Communities

Early Release Days K-5 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 2:18 p.m.

The following school days are designated as Professional Learning Communities "Early Release Days" (Tuesdays) for students: September 24, October 29, November 26, December 17, January 28, February 25, March 31, and April 28. Students in grades K-5 will dismiss 1 hour and 20 minutes earlier than the normal schedule. Students in the preschool "Early Childhood" program will not be in session on these PLC "Early Release Days".

Attendance

Why does ParentVue show my student as unexcused?

The school records several different codes for absences:

IL=ill Parent/guardian calls a student in ill.

PA=Parent acknowledged, parent or guardian calls a student in absent for another reason-medical appointment, family activity, sports etc.

MD=Medical Document this code is not in general used for students who are home ill or for medical appointments. Md is used only with documentation from a medical provider that says the student is too ill to be in school, or has had surgery or in certain cases, suffers a chronic medical condition.

SE=School Excused, for students who attend a funeral or at a court proceeding. Must be reported by Parent or Guardian.

SA=School Activity such as a field trip.

TD=Tardy, late to school in the morning.

TR=Truant, a student is truant from school without notification from a parent/guardian.

While the above codes appear on the school's attendance records, ParentVue only shows the following:

Unexcused-IL and PA

Excused-SE or MD or SA

From the Health Office

Parents, please hand in any health forms such as physicals, immunization records, etc as soon as you get them done. Especially if you are new to Maxey.

Any questions, please call the Maxey Health Office 436-1153 ext 2. Thank You , Health Office

On September 27th we will hold the annual health screenings at Maxey. All students, Pre-K to 5th grade, will be screened. The purpose of screening is to identify students needing further evaluation in the areas screened. Parents/guardians are ONLY notified if the screening result require further evaluation. The screenings are required by Nebraska state law. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to call the school health office and speak with the nurse!

