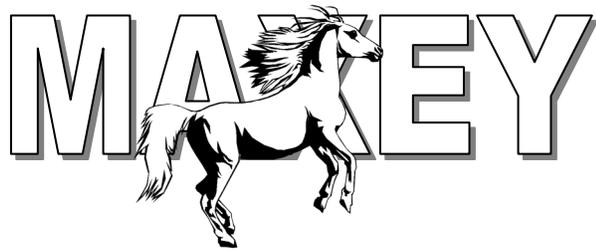


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Upcoming Important 2020-21 School Dates

August 25 – PLC Day Early Release 2:18pm

August 27 – Remote Learners Drop off work/Pick up new work

August 28 – Remote Learners Drop off work/Pick up new work

September 7 – No School

September 23 – Lifetouch Picture Day

September 29 – Maxey Spirit Day Wear Husker Apparel

September 29 – Early Release Day 2:18pm

October 8 – Parent Teacher Conferences

October 13 – Parent Teacher Conference

ALL scheduled events are tentative and subject to change due to health directives put into place to prevent further spread of Covid-19.

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

August 25

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 15

January 26

February 23

March 30

April 27

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!

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Maxey PTO Newsletter



In this issue:

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About Maxey PTO

PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization. The Maxey PTO is a nonprofit group comprised of parents, teachers and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of all students at Maxey Elementary. Our goals are to encourage interaction between family and school, serve as a source of support, and work with teachers, staff and community to improve our student's educational experience.

Join the PTO

Q: Why should I join the PTO?

A: We strongly encourage all parents and faculty to join the PTO. Joining the PTO is a great way for you to show support for your child and to ensure he/she receives the best education possible. You can attend the PTO meetings, volunteer your time for PTO events and support the fundraising events to help educate your children. Your input is important to us.

Q: What are the benefits of joining the PTO?

A: All members will have access to our Maxey Student Directory (we are hoping for a digital directory this year—stay tuned). Your membership also entitles you to vote at all PTO meetings regarding all PTO business. You may desire to volunteer (when we can resume our regular activities). And just paying the dues to join the PTO helps us fund programs and the teacher grants which enhance your child's educational experience at Maxey. You also will get emails from the PTO on events.

Q: How do I join the PTO?

A: All memberships are done ONLINE this year. Simply go to www.maxeypto.org and click on the button to Join the PTO! Memberships are \$20 per household.

Q: How else can I help the PTO?

A: Due to COVID-19, this year will look very different for the PTO. We usually hold several fun events which also serve as fundraisers to help pay for our PTO budget. At this time, we are only allowed to sell spirit gear and ask for donations. We will be selling Eileen's Cookie Dough the entire school year also as it does not require in person or group contact. If you would like to donate a flat amount to the PTO this year, please visit our website at www.maxeypto.org and click on COVID donations.

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Maxey Spirit Gear Orders Due!!

All new Maxey Spirit Gear is available to order now!! All orders must be placed ONLINE by 8/28. Items will be sent home with students after 9/14. Pick up for 100% remote learners can be arranged. Contact Nikki for questions (402-310-4926). To order visit our Maxey PTO website (www.maxeypto.org) or you may go to:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/maxey/shop/home>



Donations During COVID-19

The PTO will be very limited on fundraising capabilities this year due to Covid-19. There will be no Fun Night and at this time no Janet's Jungle. We are selling Spirit Gear, do Box Tops, and will have Eileen's Cookie Dough for sale (watch for more info on this), but at this time those will be our only fundraisers. We will have a button on our website open for monetary donations this year. Our biggest budget item is our teacher grants. This is a monetary amount given to each teacher at Maxey to provide student's with supplies and purchase items needed in their classrooms. If each family contributed \$50 we would meet this budget expense. Our Team Grants (the funds given to each grade level which pay for non district funded field trips) are on hold at this time due to no field trips. However, we would like to also have that fund ready once restrictions are lifted. If you are able, please consider donating to Maxey PTO this year either on the website (www.maxeypto.org) or send a check to Maxey PTO (ATTN: Tracy Reichmuth). Thank you in advance!!

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Committee Chairs Needed



Currently most of our committees are on hold and activities are limited due to COVID-19 and no volunteers being allowed in buildings and no major fundraisers. However, we would like to be prepared for when we can get back to activities as normal. We were unable to hold elections last spring due to school closing. Therefore, by default our board members have essentially stayed the same and we hope this is OK by all or our members. We will hold elections this spring even if we need to do it virtually (fingers crossed this is not the case). So keep that in mind for all those hoping to hold a more active role in our PTO!!

At this time, here is a list of committees with a brief description which are in need of chair people! If you have questions, please feel free to email any of the officers at the emails on the first page of the newsletter or you can also text Tracy Reichmuth (402-309-0399) for more information. Positions with an “asterisk” have a chair this year but that parent will be leaving Maxey after the 2020-2021 school year and will need to be filled, so if interested, you could “shadow” them this year!

Dine Out Nights: Set up monthly dine outs at local restaurants. Communicate dates with Maxey office and communications chair. Remind communications chair to advertise when date approaches.

Fundraising Chair: Coordinate with all fundraising committees.

Monarch Press: This position is done at the school. You may determine your hours. This committee puts together all the booklets and publications for the teachers and students. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE.

***Yearbook:** Put together Maxey Yearbook.