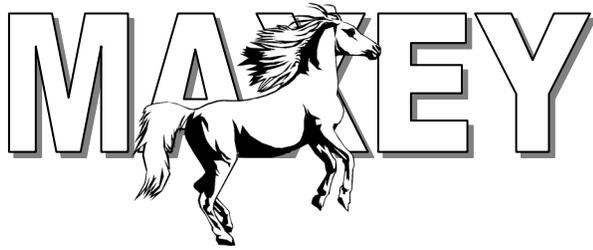


*Our mission is to maximize learning for all students*



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### **Upcoming Important 2020-21 School Dates**

September 23 – Lifetouch Picture Day  
September 24 – Remote Learner Pick Up/Drop Off  
September 25 – Remote Learner Pick Up/Drop Off  
September 29 – Maxey Spirit Day Wear Husker Apparel  
September 29 – Early Release Day 2:18pm  
October 8 – Remote Learner Pick Up/Drop Off  
October 8 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
October 9 – Remote Learner Pick Up/Drop Off  
October 13 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
October 15 – Fall Break No School  
October 16 – Fall Break No School

**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**

September 29  
October 27  
November 24  
December 15  
January 26  
February 23  
March 30  
April 27

### **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:

Calen Johnson 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr Mrs. Treat
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### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be October 8 & 13 (and possibly a few other dates scheduled individually by teachers). Fall conference will be conducted via zoom or phone if zoom is not possible. Teachers will be scheduling conference days and times with you soon. Parents of both in-person learners and remote learners will have parent-teacher conferences.

### **MAP Testing Schedule for Remote Learner**

Date	Check-in Time	Test Time	Grade	Place
Tuesday, 9/22	9:00AM	9:15- 10:30	K and 1	Annex
Tuesday, 9/22	1:00 PM	1:15-3:15 PM	2 and 3	Annex
Wednesday, 9/23 (Life Touch Day)	9:00	9:15-11:00	5 (Reading only this day)	Library  <input type="text"/>
Wednesday, 9/23 (Life Touch Day)	1:00	1:15-3:15 PM	4	Library
Thursday, 9/24	9:00 AM	9:15-11:00	5 (Math only this day)	Annex
Thursday, 9/24	1:00	1:00-3:15	Make-ups of Remote	Annex

### **MAP TESTING SCHEDULE FOR IN-PERSON LEARNERS**

Grade	Test	Date	Time
K	MAP Fluency: Foundational Skills	Gruhl: September 14 Codr: September 15 Freye: September 16 Thompson: September 17 Cade: September 18	9:30-10:30 for all classes
2	MAP Growth Reading	September 15, 16, 17	9:15-9:45 AM
3	MAP Growth Reading	September 15 and 16	11:00-12:15
4	MAP Growth Reading	September 15 and 16	1:00-1:45

### **Lifetouch Picture Day**

Please watch for the Lifetouch order forms in your students Wednesday folders. Lifetouch picture day is September 23rd. 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. Remote Learners will also have the opportunity to have their picture taken per the schedule that was emailed to Remote Learners.

### **Carpool Lane**

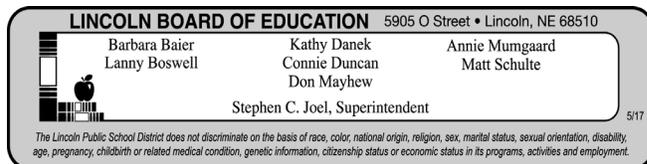
The carpool lane is for dropping off students in the morning. Please do not park in the carpool lane. If you need to get out of your car, parking is available in the north parking lot. If you pull in at the beginning of the carpool lane to drop a child off at the south end of the school, please exit your spot carefully as other cars may be moving in the outside lane. Thank you.

### **Snips from the Maxey Handbook**

#### **Parent Teacher Organization**

The Maxey School Parent Teacher Organization is a vital part of Maxey's success with children. As an organization, they represent parents/guardians and organize events and projects that serve children and families. Quarterly PTO meetings are held and dates will be listed on the PTO website [www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org)

The 2020-2021 PTO President is Katharine Eriksen.



# MUSTANG MATTERS

Maxey PTO Newsletter



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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](http://www.maxeypto.org) and click on the button to Join the PTO! Memberships are \$20 per household.

### Q: Do I need to renew my membership every year?

A: Yes, you do need to renew each school year.

### 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](http://www.maxeypto.org) and click on COVID donations.

### Maxey Elementary PTO

5200 S. 75th St.

Lincoln, NE

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### How to STAY UP TO DATE:

[www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org)

Facebook: [@maxeypto](https://www.facebook.com/maxeypto)

Instagram: [maxey.allstars](https://www.instagram.com/maxey.allstars)

Text Reminders: Send "@maxeypt" to 81010

### HOW TO CONTACT US:

President: Katharine Ericksen [president@maxeypto.org](mailto:president@maxeypto.org)

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Secretary: Nikki Sprague [secretary@maxeypto.org](mailto:secretary@maxeypto.org)

Treasurers: Justin Ellenbecker & Sherri Duval  
[treasurer@maxeypto.org](mailto:treasurer@maxeypto.org)

Consulting Member/Communications: Tracy Reichmuth  
[communications@maxeypto.org](mailto:communications@maxeypto.org)

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\***

**MAXEY STUDENT DIRECTORY**

**OPT OUT**



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Each year, the Maxey PTO provides a student directory to all PTO members.

All families will be listed in the directory (even if they do not join PTO)

UNLESS THEY FILL OUT THE OPT OUT FORM

at

by October 1, 2020.

\*\*\*You may choose what information to keep out of the directory.

(YOU STILL MUST OPT OUT IF YOU DO NOT WANT INFORMATION LISTED  
EVEN IF YOU DO NOT JOIN THE PTO)

The following information will be listed for each student: Student name & Parents name, address, phone number and email.

Contact [communications@maxceypto.org](mailto:communications@maxceypto.org) with questions.

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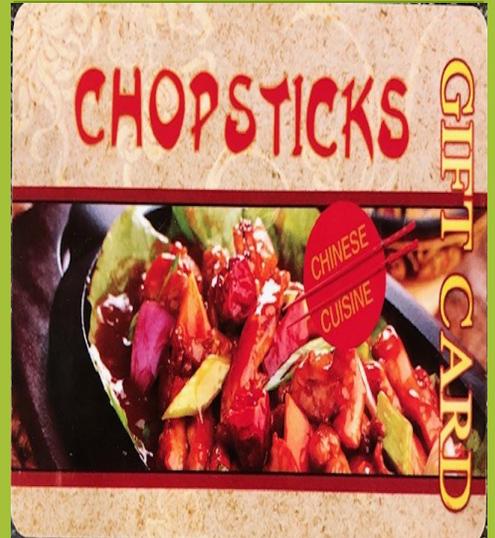


Join The PTO

PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's time to join the Maxey PTO or renew your annual membership! Membership and renewal are done ONLINE ONLY at [www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org). All members receive a Maxey Directory.

[www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org)



## GIVE AWAY

Join or Renew your membership before October 1st and be entered to win one of several \$5 Gift Cards from Chopsticks! (Anyone who has already renewed or joined since August will be entered to win!)



## BOX TOPS

SEPT 2020  
Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

### NATIONAL BOX TOPS WEEK SEPTEMBER 21-27



This week only, earn 1 Bonus Box Top with every valid receipt scan.  
Limit of 5 scans per person, while supplies last.

#### INVITE FRIENDS TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

This year, teachers need more help than ever. Use the Invite Friends button in the Box Tops app to ask friends and family to scan and earn for your school.



#### ••• National Box Tops Week BONUS •••

If a friend that you've invited scans their first receipt during the week of Sept 21-27, you'll BOTH earn 50 Bonus Box Tops!  
Offer valid while supplies last.



SEE THIS...  
CLIP IT

## DOUBLE UP SWEEPSTAKES

A CHANCE TO DOUBLE YOUR SCHOOL'S EARNINGS!  
5 Grand Prize winners will have their school's December 2020 Box Tops earnings matched, up to 20,000 Box Tops. Sweepstakes ends 10/04/20.



SEE THIS...  
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT



#### GIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR SCAN

Did you know? You can use the Give Credit feature in the app to credit your Box Tops earnings to a specific person, classroom or grade level.



#### DO YOU HAVE THE LATEST VERSION OF APP?

We regularly make important updates and improvements, so make sure your phone is up to date!



#### START THE YEAR WITH AN UPDATED LIST OF PARTICIPATING PRODUCTS!

Download it now at [BTFE.com/products](http://BTFE.com/products)

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## New This Year!!

Order your fresh cookie dough and frosting all year long! Eileen's fundraising dough is offered in 7 flavors. Dough is sold in 3 lb. tubs. Eileen's will store them for you so you can pick up just what you need at your convenience. A great cookie just gets better with Eileen's Original Frosting! Available in 1 lb. tubs and you can choose any of their color of frostings!

Available dough flavors: Sugar, Peanut Butter, M&M. Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisen, Snickerdoodle, Monster Oatmeal

<https://eileenscookieslincoln.com/maxey-elementary-school/>



## COVID DONATION

[www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org)

Covid-19 has changed everything as we know it. This year, until our COVID dial is green, the PTO will not be able to organize our regularly schedule family events and fundraisers. If you are able to make a flat donation to help with Teacher Grants and build up the Team Grant and Enrichment funds, please visit our website to donate and learn more.



## MAXEY PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 23

**Picture ID: EVT3W28C4**

Mark your calendars!

Times for remote learners to come for pictures will be posted next week.

You may order your school pictures online now by going to

[My.lifetouch.com](http://My.lifetouch.com)



## LOST & FOUND

Maxey Lost & Found

Don't forget to have your child check the Maxey Lost & Found for missing items.

Lost & Found items not claimed at the end of each quarter will be donated.

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## IMPORTANT MAXEY DIRECTORY INFORMATION

All Maxey Families will be listed in the student directory regardless of membership to

the Maxey PTO. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION LISTED, YOU MUST OPT OUT OF THE STUDENT DIRECTORY.**

Visit [www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org) and click the link to opt out of the directory. You may also choose what information you would like to share. Even if you do not join the PTO, your information will still be listed **UNLESS YOU OPT OUT.** **DEADLINE TO OPT OUT IS OCTOBER 1ST.**



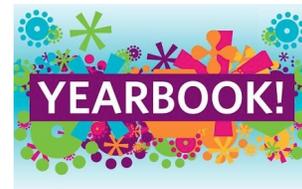
## RELIEF FUND

[www.maxeypto.org](http://www.maxeypto.org)

If you would like to donate to our Maxey Family & Community Relief Fund, please visit our website. All donations made to this

Fund will be placed in our Emergency Fund which is used to help Maxey families who need help with food, household bills, or other needs. All requests for help are reviewed by Mrs. Reimers and distributed to help families accordingly.

This fund will also help with our yearly donation to Hartley Elementary School.



## YEARBOOK PICTURES

Pictures for the Yearbook

It's never too early to send in pictures for the yearbook!

If you have any pictures from the 1st day of school this year, please email them to

[yearbook@maxeypto.org](mailto:yearbook@maxeypto.org)

PLEASE PUT MAXEY YEARBOOK IN SUBJECT LINE to avoid the email being missed in committee chairs email.

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*Please spread the word to your fellow Maxey parents to make sure they are aware of all the ways to stay Up-To-Date!! All PTO communication this year will be digital. If you are not on social media, please make sure to sign up for text reminders and join the PTO so you get all PTO communication! And visit our website regularly!*