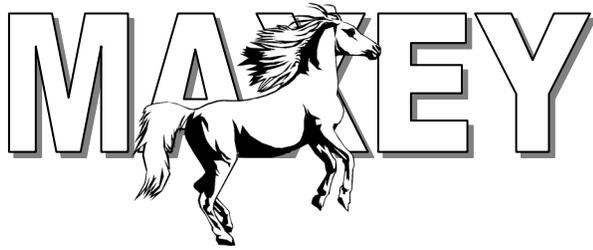


*Our mission is to maximize learning for all students*



# Messenger

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

November 19 – Remote Student Drop Off/Pick Up

November 20 – Remote Student Drop Off/Pick Up

November 23 – No School

November 24 – No School

November 25 – No School

November 26 – No School (Thanksgiving)

November 27 – No School

November 30 – No Elementary School Teacher Plan Day

December 10 – Remote Student Drop Off/Pick Up

December 11 – Remote Student Drop Off/Pick Up

December 11 – No Elementary School—Teacher Plan Day

December 15 – PLC Day Early Release 2:18pm

December 22 – Remote Student Drop Off Tuesday before Winter Break

December 23- January 4 No School Winter Break

**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**

December 15

January 12 New

January 26

February 9 New

February 23

March 16 New

March 30

April 13 New

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:

Levi Thompson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr Dr. Zalman
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### **Spirit of Giving**

Due to Covid, many families have found themselves financially struggling because of job loss or illness. For a number of years Maxey has done a giving tree to help support families at Hartley Elementary and this year we would like to open it up to Maxey families in need. If receiving a few gifts for your children for the holiday is something that would be helpful to your family, please e-mail Mrs. Reimers ([sreimers@lps.org](mailto:sreimers@lps.org)). Your name will stay confidential with her and she will contact you when gifts are ready for pick up. Please include the following information for your children:

gender

grade

age

gift list (usually top 2-3 toy/gift ideas along with clothing size)

### **Remote Learner Return & Retrieve Information**

Below is some important information regarding return and retrieve days for second semester. We are planning on **Friday only** pickups in order to give teachers an extra day to prepare the materials for the two week period. We are also adding an extra pick up day on **December 22**, to allow for students to receive materials for the first week back in January.

Below is the schedule:

December 22 (Tuesday before winter break)

Jan. 8

Jan. 22

Feb. 5

Feb. 19

March 5

March 26

April 9

April 23

May 7

May 20 – (Thursday -return only, last day of school)

Please let me know if you have any questions about the return and retrieve process.

### **The Temperature Is Dropping!!**

As the temperature drops, students should be wearing more layered clothing to school. If the temperature drops below 10 degrees with wind chill factor or if it is snowing/raining, we will have indoor recess. It is very helpful to have your students name written on the tags of their jackets. Many coats and sweatshirts show up in the lost and found on a daily basis and if we can read a name, we can return it to the owner. Outdoor recess is two times daily for students.

**Map Testing**

Following are the MAP Fluency and Growth testing dates for our school in the WINTER. Remote students will have the option of coming to school to test with their class, or Opting Out for the Winter.

**PLEASE NOTE: MAP CORRECTION!**

Mrs. Gruhl's MAP date was incorrect. See the chart below for the correct date:

Grade	Test	Date	Time
K	MAP Fluency: Foundational Skills	Gruhl: December 10 Codr: December 8 Freye: December 9 Thompson: December 4 Cade: December 9	9:30-10:30 for all classes
1	MAP Fluency: Adaptive Oral Reading	Uhing: December 1 Brown: December 2 Meyer: December 3 Treat: December 4 Frاندolig: December 7	9:30-10:30 9:30-10:30 9:30-10:30 1:15-2:15 9:30-10:30
2	MAP Growth Reading	December 1, 2 and 3	12:45-1:15
3	MAP Growth Reading	December 2 and 3	11:00-12:15
4	MAP Growth Reading	December 8 and 9	12:50-1:50
5	MAP Growth Reading	December 2 and 3	9:15-10:45

**Parent Cafes**

The Foundation for LPS is sponsoring two Parent Cafes facilitated by HopeSpoke for the parents/caregivers of any student in Lincoln Public Schools. These are parent education groups, not support groups, and will cover topics such as parenting styles, communication, responsibility, discipline, self-esteem, anger, and problem-solving.

There will be two cafes - one for those whose children are 5-12 years old and another for those who have children who are 13 and over. The Cafes will be presented through Zoom and will run for 6 weeks for an hour each week. The group for parents of adolescents and teens (13+) will meet weekly on Mondays from 1:00-2:00 pm from November 16 through December 21. The group for parents of youth (ages 5-12) will meet on weekly Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 from November 17 through December 22.

The groups are limited to 20 participants each and will be filled on a first-come basis. Please plan to attend all 6 sessions of the group. [HERE \(https://forms.gle/aRnQuMaGGczzuYAMA\)](https://forms.gle/aRnQuMaGGczzuYAMA) is a link to sign up.

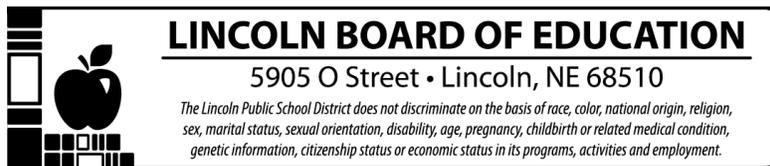
## **Snips from the Maxey Handbook**

### **Five Ways to Get Your Child Off to a Good Start**

You can help your child get off to a good start this school year. Here are some ideas to get you started.

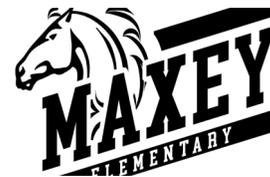
1. Get to know your child's teacher. As a parent you know your child best. Share what you know with the teacher. Does your child have a special interest? A favorite book? Are there subjects in which your child needs special help? You don't have to wait until parent teacher conferences.
2. Talk to your child's teacher about problems, too. What goes on at home affects how a child does in school. Separation, family illness, a new baby, or even a move can all affect a child's school work. You don't have to tell the teacher your personal business, but make sure your child's teacher knows important facts that will help them serve your child better.
3. Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Tired children can't do their best work. Set a bedtime- and stick to it.
4. Learn what is expected of your child. Will there be homework? How much? How can I help?
5. Limit TV. Studies show that children who do best in school watch the least amount of television. But remember, when you first turn off the TV set, you'll have to help your child find other things to do. Read a book or magazine. Take a walk. Visit the library or try playing a game.

These tips can not only get your child off to a good start, they can also help to make the entire school year successful.



# 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.

**EILEEN'S COOKIE DOUGH MAKES HOLIDAY**

**BAKING EASY!! NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!!**

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**How to STAY UP TO DATE:**

*www.maxeypto.org*

*Facebook: @maxeypto*

*Instagram: maxey.allstars*

*Text Reminders: Send "@maxeypt" to 81010*

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*Vice President: Lyndsay Uglow  
vicepresident@maxeypto.org*

*Secretary: Nikki Sprague secretary@maxeypto.org*

*Treasurers: Justin Ellenbecker & Sherri Duval  
treasurer@maxeypto.org*

*Consulting Member/Communications: Tracy Reichmuth  
communications@maxeypto.org*



## SPIRIT GEAR CLOSING SOON

**\*\*ORDER NOW\*\***

Maxey Spirit Gear Store is OPEN!! All new items have been added!! New style sweatshirts in grey, red & pink! Stocking hats! And fleece zip up jackets in red, grey, and black!

Items will be available mid December. There is a "GIFT" option if items ordered are planned holiday gifts. Items listed as "GIFT" under teacher selection will be delivered to the office and held for pick up instead of sent home with students.

All orders must be placed ONLINE. Store closes at 9 A.M. on 11/23!

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

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## SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM

The holiday season of 2020 will be the 17<sup>th</sup> year for the Spirit of Giving program at Maxey. This is a program where Maxey students and their families sponsor children in need from our sister school, Hartley Elementary, along with other local families including some from our Maxey family that are in need. Last year, Maxey provided over 80 children with gifts!!

COVID-19 has changed many things and that includes our annual Giving Tree. Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have a physical tree with tags for our families to take. Instead we will have all the "gift tags" listed via sign up genius which should be available by the end of this week.

To participate in the Online Giving Tree, families will need to sign up for a gift tag via Sign Up Genius. Gifts will not be allowed to be delivered to Maxey this year. Any family who sponsors a gift tag will drop their gifts off at the Giving Tree Coordinators house (located in the Edenton South location) December 14th-17th. Drop off of gifts will be contactless. Gifts will be delivered to Hartley on December 18th for quarantine and then they will be sent home with families the following week!

The Sign Up Genius will be ready by the end of this week. Please check the Maxey website, Maxey Facebook PTO and Instagram, or sign up for Reminder Texts to be notified with the Sign Up is ready!

Contact Tracy Reichmuth with any questions. 402-309-0399 or [treichmuth@msn.com](mailto:treichmuth@msn.com)



## Brick Project

Maxey PTO is hoping to continue our Brick Project but we are in need of a reasonably priced brick engraver. If you know of a business who would be able to help our non-profit continue this project, please contact our PTO president:

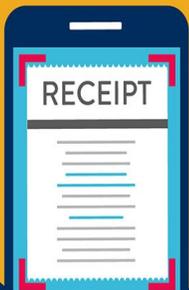
[president@maxeypto.org](mailto:president@maxeypto.org)

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**BUY  
SCAN  
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FOR  
EDUCATION**



Please consider downloading the BTFE App!

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Top earnings online.

Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to pay for whatever it needs!!



## 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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## 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.



## 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.



## Lunch / Maxey Elementary / Maxey Elementary

**DECEMBER 2020**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b> Soft Shell Taco Meat with Shredded American Cheese Chef Salad Breaded Mozzarella Cheesesticks with Marinara Sauce Vegan Taco Cheese Chef Salad Refried Beans Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Diced Pears Soft Flour Tortilla Dinner Roll	<b>2</b> Breaded Chicken Fingers Breaded Pork Patty on a Bun Chef Salad Chik'n Nuggets with Lettuce, Tomato and Dressing in Wrap Cheese Chef Salad Crinkle Fries Romaine Tossed Salad Kiwi & Grapes Applesauce Warm Croissant Hamburger Bun Pita Pocket	<b>3</b> Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Turkey Hot Dog on a Bun Chef Salad Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Lentil Pasta with Cheese Chef Salad Baby Carrots Romaine Tossed Salad Diced Peaches Assorted Fruit Spaghetti Noodles Garlic Bread Hot Dog Bun Dairy Free Garlic Bread	<b>4</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Mexi Pizza Chef Salad Cheese Sticks Black Bean Salsa Burger Cheese Chef Salad Sweet Green Peas Romaine Tossed Salad Blueberries w/Whipped Topping Mixed Fruit Hamburger Bun Dinner Roll
<b>7</b> Breaded Popcorn Chicken Cheeseburger Patty on a Bun Chef Salad Chickpea Salad in a Pita Pocket with Lettuce, Tomato and Dressing in Wrap Cheese Chef Salad Baked Beans Romaine Tossed Salad Apple Wedges Pineapple Tidbits Fluffy Biscuit Hamburger Bun Pita Pocket	<b>8</b> Muchos Nachos Meat with Cheese Sauce and Tortilla Rounds Country Beef Patty on a Bun Chef Salad Black Bean Salsa Burger with Lettuce, Tomato and Dressing in Wrap Cheese Chef Salad Savory Carrots Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Diced Pears Tortilla Rounds Hamburger Bun Soft Flour Tortilla Dinner Roll	<b>9</b> Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Tangerine Chicken on Brown Rice Chef Salad Chana Masala with Brown Rice Cheese Chef Salad Broccoli with Cheese Sauce Romaine Tossed Salad Kiwi & Grapes Applesauce Brown Rice Dinner Roll	<b>10</b> Creamed Turkey Salisbury Steak Chef Salad Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Cheese Stick Cheese Chef Salad Whipped Potatoes Beef Gravy Romaine Tossed Salad Strawberry Cup Assorted Fruit Dinner Roll Mint Frozen Yogurt Cup	<b>11</b> No Elementary School
<b>14</b> Breaded Chicken Patty on a Bun Hamburger Pizza Chef Salad Bean Burrito Cheese Chef Salad Crinkle Fries Romaine Tossed Salad Apple Wedges Pineapple Tidbits Waffle Bun Dinner Roll	<b>15</b> Walking Taco Meat and Corn Chips with Shredded American Cheese Cherry Chicken on Brown Rice Chef Salad Chik'n Nuggets Cheese Chef Salad Refried Beans Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Diced Pears Corn Chips Brown Rice Dinner Roll	<b>16</b> Creamy Mac & Cheese Three Meat Pizza Chef Salad Vegan Taco Cheese Chef Salad Green Beans Romaine Tossed Salad Fresh Banana Applesauce Pita Pocket Dinner Roll	<b>17</b> BBQ Chicken Chef Salad Breaded Ravioli with Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks and Marinara Sauce Hearty Bean Chili Cheese Chef Salad Savory Carrots Romaine Tossed Salad Assorted Fruit Diced Peaches Cinnamon Roll Dinner Roll	<b>18</b> Breaded Chicken Nuggets Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chef Salad Gardenburger on a Bun Cheese Chef Salad Golden Corn Romaine Tossed Salad Blueberries w/Whipped Topping Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll Hamburger Bun Assorted Dessert
<b>21</b> Teriyaki Chicken on Brown Rice Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Black Bean Bowl over Brown Rice Green Beans Diced Pears Brown Rice	<b>22</b> Breaded Chicken Fingers Breaded Pork Patty on a Bun Chik'n Nuggets with Lettuce, Tomato and Dressing in Wrap Sweet Green Peas Assorted Fruit Assorted Grain Hamburger Bun Pita Pocket	<b>23</b> No School	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b> No School
<b>28</b> No School	<b>29</b> No School	<b>30</b> No School	<b>31</b> No School	

**K-12 Dairy Choices** 1% White Milk - Chocolate Fat Free Milk - Fat Free Milk - Strawberry Fat Free Milk  
**Condiments** BBQ Sauce - French Dressing - Grape Jelly - Honey Mustard - Hot Pepper Sauce - Italian Dressing - Ketchup - Ketchup - Margarine Pats - Mustard - Mustard - Parmesan Cheese - Pickle Slices - Ranch - Ranch - Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing - Salad Dressing - Salsa - Sour Cream - Soy Sauce - Sriraca Ketchup - Maple Syrup - Maple Syrup Packets - Tartar Sauce  
**Price Information** Paid Lunch(\$2.45), Reduced Lunch(\$0.40), Adult/Non-Student(\$3.85), Second Lunch(\$3.85), Breakfast(\$1.30), Adult/Second Breakfast(\$2.35)

**View more:** <http://schools.mealviewer.com/school/MaxeyElementary>

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Thanksgiving Break  
November 23-27, 2020  
Elementary students do not attend November 30, 2020

عطلة عيد الشكر  
27-23 نوفمبر/تشرين الثاني 2020  
30 نوفمبر/تشرين الثاني 2020 عطلة لتلاميذ المدارس الابتدائية

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Праздник Благодарения  
23-27 ноября 2020  
Учащиеся начальных классов не учатся 30 ноября 2020

Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias  
Desde Noviembre 23 al 27, 2020  
Los estudiantes de la escuela primaria no tienen clases el 30 de Noviembre, 2020

Nghi Lễ Tạ Ôn  
Ngày 23-27 tháng 11, 2020  
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