



# SOMOS MAXWELL

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

The essence of fall is in the air as students participate in autumn-themed field trips and engage in pumpkin-based learning activities. The fall also provides us an opportunity to examine the progress in learning that has occurred during the first quarter of the school year. This week, student report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 25. Additionally, anticipate information about grade level conferences to be communicated by your child's teacher. The official window for conferences will open October 30. Each grade will indicate their specific process for conducting conferences for this fall.

This week will also mark the launch of a new communication forum that was referenced at the start of the school. On Friday, Maxwell, in partnership with the PTA, will host the first *el Desayuno con los Directores* or *Breakfast with the Principals*. This

event will take place in the cafeteria and will provide parents the opportunity to learn about important school vision information from the administration. This event is also intended as an opportunity for the school to gain crucial feedback. Please see below for more details.

Lastly, the Maxwell PTA will sponsor several student-based opportunities this week. Thursday will mark the awards ceremony for those who participated in the Reflections Art Contest. On Friday night, students will have the opportunity to participate in science-based learning through the Weird Science event.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to strive to provide the best learning opportunities and outcomes for the students of Maxwell!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 25: Report Card Distribution

Thursday, October 26: PTA Reflections Art Ceremony (1:30)

Friday, October 27: *el Desayuno con los Directores* (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Friday, October 27: October Awards Ceremony (9:00 a.m.)

Friday, October 27: Weird Science Night (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

## el Desayuno con los Directores

This Friday will launch the first *Breakfast with the Principals*. This reoccurring monthly event will target specific topics for discussion as related to the overall vision and focus of the school. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and will take place in the cafeteria with light breakfast items to be provided. This month's agenda will cover the following topics:

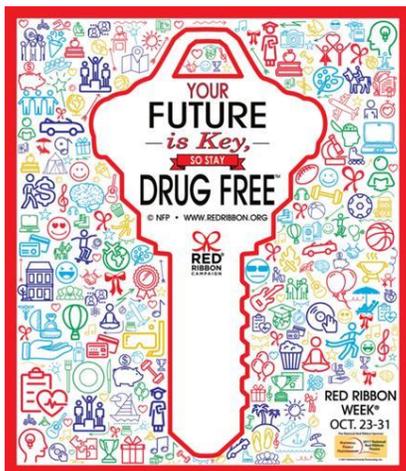
- ⇒ Review of Entry Focus and Progress
- ⇒ KPREP Test Score Overview
- ⇒ School Improvement Process
- ⇒ Parent & Family Feedback

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School picture proofs have been sent home. Please send in all orders by the due date of Friday, October 27, 2017.

Please also remember that students **will** have class on Friday, October 27, 2017 because of the changes in the school schedule that occurred earlier this year with the Eclipse.



## La Noche Latina

Dear Parent/Guardians,

World language studying does not only mean learning the language, but also one should know well the culture, conventions, the living style, history and cultural background. Strengthening culture content has become an important focus for world language teaching reform. Learning about culture is not only widening our perspective, but helpful in our knowing more about the meaning of the language.

Culture is a major and inseparable component of "knowing" a language; it is also one of the most enjoyable aspects of acquiring a new language and keeping yourself motivated.

Learning the different culture does not mean you must accept the culture and does not mean you have the responsibility to conduct your behavior according to the culture model.

For all the reasons mentioned above, the teachers of Maxwell are preparing a cultural event on **November 3** called "La Noche Latina". We are taking advantage of the fact that we were celebrating the month of Hispanic Heritage and the traditional Mexican celebration, Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) that Mexico and some central American countries celebrate on Nov 1. To enhance this cultural learning experience, we will be studying the differences of this celebration with Halloween to create a comparison between two cultures. Additionally, in making content connections, we will teach elements of dance to our students through the dance of Thriller from Michael Jackson as part of this celebration.

If you have any question or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Cornet

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