



SOMOS MAXWELL

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

This past Friday Maxwell students, staff, and families gathered together to celebrate our country of study and to acknowledge student success! The celebration of Costa Rica started with a student performance of a traditional dance. We were then treated to the song *Caballito Nicoyano*, as interpreted by our 3rd grade students. Following the song, we even had a surprise visit from a real caballito! The celebration concluded with a recognition of this month's student awards. ¡Pura Vida!

On the same day, in collaboration with the Maxwell PTA, the school hosted another Breakfast with the Principals. This month focused on the topic of language proficiency. Please see this newsletter for related content to the meeting.

Looking toward this week and the start of February, we move into the 100th Day of School. Please see communication from your child's

classroom teacher to learn if any related activities might occur that day.

This Friday we will patiently wait to learn what the groundhog is thinking in terms of the weather. Regardless of his prediction, please see this newsletter for reminders about school winter weather procedures.

Lastly, as we reflect upon the state events from earlier this week, I want to assure you of our commitment to maintain a safe and positive school environment. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your student during this processing time.

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

Thursday, February 1: 100th Day of School

Monday, February 19: Presidents Day (No School)

Thursday, February 22: Family Reading Night

Winter Weather Reminders

As we continue through winter please find here some safety tips and helpful reminders.

- ⇒ The building doors open at 7:15 a.m. and staff will be present to welcome your child.
- ⇒ School officially starts at 7:45 a.m. Any student arriving after this time will need to be signed in at that office.
- ⇒ Please be sure that your child has the appropriate clothing to be able to go outside for recess during the winter days.
- ⇒ In the event of inclement weather please consult the FCPS protocol for specific procedures www.fcps.net/weather.
- ⇒ ESP operates during snow days (for current students) in accordance to policies at LFUCG offices. Site hours are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If FCPS dismisses school early, ESP receives students and will close 3 hours after dismissal.

Desayuno con los Directores

The Maxwell PTA partnered with the Maxwell administration to present *Desayuno con los Directores* or *Breakfast with the Principals*. This past week the topic of focus centered around developing an understanding of language proficiency. During the meeting we discussed the Novice and Intermediate proficiency benchmarks that students should achieve in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Please find below a link to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines that details each of the proficiency levels for each specific language domain.

<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012/english>

Maxwell Escuela de Inmersión en Español is a learning community committed to: equity, proficiency for all, and Spanish language acquisition empowering students for success in a global society.

Maxwell Elementary, Escuela de Inmersión en Español, es una comunidad de aprendizaje comprometida con la igualdad, la competencia académica para todos y la adquisición de la lengua española con el fin de que sus alumnos tengan éxito en una sociedad global.

Office Reminders

Please be sure to sign in at the electronic sign-in screen outside of the office. Please be sure to also obtain a name tag.

Please be sure to update your residence and contact information if it has changed since the start of the school year. Current information is needed so that we can contact you as needed.

PTA News

The date for the annual **Taste of Maxwell** has been established for **Friday, April 20, 2018**. Contact the Maxwell PTA to learn how you might get involved to support this important fundraising event for the school.

Yearbooks

YEARBOOKS are on sale online. The early-bird price is \$17.50 for the month of January. The price will increase in February. Go to https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/yearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=27153&product_id=17007 to purchase.

