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Robert Crawford, Principal

This weekend has brought us some summer-like weather. Just another reminder that we are quickly approaching the end of the school year! The warm weather was palpable on Friday night as we watched 5th grade student LeQuon Greer throw out the first pitch at the Lexington Legends. It was great to see so many Maxwell students, families, and staff enjoying the game together as a school community!

This week our school focus shifts toward KPREP testing. Each day students in grades 3 through 5 will participate in a designated portion of the assessment. Please see this newsletter for some specific steps that you might take to support your student during this testing week.

As a greater school community, we are committed to encouraging our students during testing. This year's theme *Believe in Your Selfie*, was selected by the Maxwell Student Council. All students will have shirts to wear during testing that display this theme. Students were

treated to a "prep walk" on Friday and an interactive motivational presentation on Wednesday about maintaining a Growth Mindset.

This week also marks important deadlines regarding some parent and family feedback opportunities. This newsletter contains a link to the Maxwell Parent/Guardian Input Form for student placement. Likewise, please find an additional link related to voting for the new school logo.

Information has been distributed regarding the upcoming SBDM election. The PTA conducts the parent election for SBDM. Please see this newsletter for additional information about the election and how to declare your candidacy by Monday!

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

Monday, May 14-Friday, May 18:
KPREP Testing

Tuesday, May 22: Primary Day (No School)

Wednesday, May 30: Maxwell Field Day (K-2/ 9:00 -11:00, 3-5 /12:00 -2:00)

Thursday, May 31: Last Day of School

Believe in Your Selfie!

As students prepare for testing this week, please see below some helpful hints, adapted from parent guide resources, to encourage your learner so that he or she does his or her best. These tips hold for any instructional day, not just testing!

- Help your child get plenty of rest each night so that he or she is ready for each day.
- Please be sure that your child has a good breakfast.
- Please be sure that your student arrives promptly each day. Remember that school official begins at 7:45 and testing will start shortly after that time for selected grade levels.
- Praise your child for what he or she does well and develop his or her confidence.
- Encourage your child to approach the test with a good attitude and not to stress over the experience.
- Remind your child to just do her or his best! Believe in your selfie!

For additional tips and more information from the national parent guides please see [here](#).

Thank You!

The entire Maxwell staff would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Maxwell PTA and all the families for your kindness and generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your very thoughtful gestures each day made the entire week very special. We are very grateful and thankful for your support!



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.

Maxwell Parent/Guardian Input Form

Maxwell is committed to partnering with families to provide the best learning opportunities for all students. The Parent /Guardian Input Form serves as the official mechanism in which parents/guardians are able to provide input for the student placement process for the upcoming school year. This year's form has been adapted for online submission. All forms should be completed and submitted by **Friday, May 18, 2018**. If you are not able to access the online form at home, you may come to the school office to complete your submission.

Please see below the link for additional information and the form. We encourage all families in grades K-4 to complete, including those students who might not be returning, so that we have accurate information for decision-making purposes.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hTZqXGl71WeClbPv2>

Maxwell Logo Vote

At Maxwell we are committed to a continuous improvement process that includes examining our collective vision and mission. As part of this journey we are reviewing our brand and logo. Two revised logo options have emerged from suggestions provided through separate teacher, parent, and student focus groups. The options have been provided in the link below so that all stakeholders may participate in a vote. Please review the two options and select your choice for the new Maxwell logo. Voting will be open until **May 18, 2018**. The grand reveal of the new logo will occur at our last school assembly on May 29, 2018.

<https://goo.gl/forms/4nbgwFtnvdvqmWh92>

Please note that the school lunch accounts need to be current and paid for the remaining days of the year by May 18, 2018.

SBDM Parent Representative Elections

Serving on SBDM is one way that you can support the mission of the school. If you are interested in running for a parent representative position, please fill out the [attached form](#). Include a letter explaining why you should be elected along with a photo of yourself. These must be turned in to the school office by **Monday, May 14, 2018**.

Nominees will be announced via email and will speak at the **May 24th General PTA** meeting at **6:30pm in the cafeteria**. Applicants' letters of interest will be emailed to all families and hard copies will be available for review in the office. The election will take place on **May 25th from 7:15-8:15am and 2-5pm**.

Please contact Peggy Findley ptamaxwellpresident@gmail.com with any questions.