



MAXWELL FACULTY & STAFF -2018

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

This past Friday we brought closure to a wonderful first week of school at Maxwell! On that day we assembled as an entire school to celebrate the success of the week and to introduce the new Maxwell House System.

As part of the system, all of the students and staff of Maxwell are divided into one of four houses. These groups span across all of the grade levels and serve as a mini-unit to provide support and encouragement for our learners as they progress through the grade levels. Houses will also earn points as part of our comprehensive PBIS program. Likewise, we will celebrate the many achievements of the school through this new system. Look for more information in upcoming weeks.

This week each grade focused on establishing relationships and learning routines. As an entire school we also focused on common area expectations. This upcoming week students will participate in a series of safety drills as we continue on our work to promote a safe

and positive learning environment for all students.

Just as Wednesday marked the first day of school, it also officially served as the opening of the Magnet/Special Programs application window for the lottery to enter Maxwell. This newsletter contains a link to the application. Please note that families must complete the application in order for their child to be included in the lottery for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year.

This year Maxwell has the opportunity to apply for a Family Resource Center (FRC) to operate within the building. Please find in this newsletter a link to an important survey that will help guide the focus of the application.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to strive to provide the best learning opportunities and outcomes for the students of Maxwell. We continue our journey... *Unidos en una misión hacia la excelencia*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 24: No School

Monday, August 27: Magnet/Special Programs Night at Frederick Douglass High School (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Tuesday, August 28: PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)

Morning Drop-Off

As you continue to refine your routine for the new school year, please find below important tips to keep everyone safe during the morning drop-off. Thank you for helping us to have a safe year!

- ⇒ The building doors open at 7:15 a.m. daily and staff will be present to welcome your child to the building.
- ⇒ When dropping off your child in the car lane please pull up as far as possible. Staff will assist your child in exiting the vehicle.
- ⇒ For your safety, please observe the no U-turn sign at the drop-off lane.
- ⇒ Please be mindful if you park across the street and walk your child to the building that you do not inadvertently block a driveway or other vehicle.
- ⇒ Please only use the designated crosswalk to cross the street. The crossing guard is here to assist to make sure that children and families safely navigate the traffic.
- ⇒ Announcements start at 7:40 this year and classroom instruction officially begins at 7:45. Any student arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the office by an adult.

Afternoon Dismissal

Please find below some helpful hints regarding afternoon dismissal.

- ⇒ The school day officially ends at 2:35 p.m. students who are parent pick-up will be released from the gym. Enter the gym through the rear door, adjacent to the playground.
- ⇒ Parents need to show their official car tag or a picture of the tag to enter the gym. If you do not have a tag, you need to first stop by the office.
- ⇒ Please note that cars should not park in the bus lane or in front of the gates during afternoon/bus dismissal. We need to make sure that all buses have safely left before any cars attempt to pull into these spots.

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.

Family Resource Center

Maxwell has a unique opportunity to apply for a Family Resource Center (FRC) grant. The first part of the process requires each school to conduct a survey or assessment to identify the specific needs and wants of the school. Please find below a link to a survey designed to capture this information. Please take some time to complete the form by the end of the day **August 21, 2018**.

<http://bit.ly/FRCMaxwell>

Forms & T-shirts

During the welcome event last week families were given a packet of papers to complete and return. If you did not turn in all of your forms on that day, please return those to school as soon as possible. Likewise, if you did not attend the event, you may come to the school and complete the forms. The school will also send home the packets for any student for whom we still need the completed forms.

To foster unity during our first assembly on Friday we distributed this year's Maxwell t-shirt to all students who did not come from home wearing the shirt. If your student came home on Friday with a duplicate shirt, we ask that you return one to the school office. Thank you for your assistance.

FCPS Magnet/Special Programs Application

[Online application](#) | The 2018 window is **Aug. 15 to Oct. 8** for the 2019-20 school year. Please note that the system is not a first-come, first-served system. Applications may be submitted anytime during the window, and all receive equal consideration. Please note that families will need to complete an application for any children who they would like to enroll in the program for Kindergarten. You must have an application on file for your child to be considered for the lottery.