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# SOMOS MAXWELL

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

Thank you for helping us to make this past week a success! I hope that you and your student(s) are acclimating well to the start of the school year and that you are beginning to settle into some good routines.

This past week at Maxwell classrooms continued to establish their own routines and build relationships while entering into content. Students also successfully participated in two drills designed to promote safety. Please note that this week we will wrap up our planned safety drills that coincide with the start of the school year.

As we move closer to September some of our extracurricular activities and clubs will begin to launch. Please look for announcements in your child's folder that will contain any relevant news regarding when clubs will meet and how your child may participate.

The Magnet/Special Programs application window for the lottery to enter Maxwell has opened. 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. On Monday night a special information fair will be held at Frederick Douglass. If you know of families who are interested in Maxwell, encourage them to attend. Links to flyers for the event are included in this newsletter.

The Maxwell PTA will be holding the first general meeting of the year this Tuesday night. You are invited to come learn about the opportunities that exist for you to support the school and provide meaningful feedback through the organization. Pizza will also be served!

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

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

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

**Monday, September 3: No School (Labor Day)**

**Thursday, September 6: Open House Grades K-2 (5:30 pm -6:20 pm) Grades 3-5 (6:40 pm -7:30 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.

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## 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.

## Magnet/Special Programs Information Night

FCPS offers more than 30 specialized programs to meet our students' needs. FCPS invites students and their families to come out and take a closer look. If you know of a family interested in Maxwell we encourage you to share information about this opportunity. Please see the links for additional details.

| [Flyer](#) || [in Spanish](#)

### News from the Maxwell PTA!

## Maxwell Elementary PTA Membership Meeting

Let's share ideas about ...

- What prizes and incentives your student would enjoy for SPROUT, the PTA Spring Fundraiser?
- How we should target our Fundraising dollars to best benefit Maxwell?
- Why you joined the PTA this year and what you'd love us to accomplish!

**FREE CHILDCARE ON THE PLAYGROUND FOR K-5 STUDENTS!**



**MAXWELL CAFETERIA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28TH  
PIZZA: 6:00PM  
MEETING: 6:30PM**

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