



# SOMOS MAXWELL

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

I hope that this extended weekend has provided you and your family some extra time to enjoy the last days of summer and the start of the month of September! This week at Maxwell we celebrated our first official full week of school. As classes resume on Tuesday we look forward to this new month and many exciting learning opportunities.

This month we are excited as we will once again take time to celebrate the uniqueness of Maxwell and what makes us a special community of learners. Specifically, at the end of the month we will come together and explore our heritages as we participate in the *Desfile de Naciones* or *Parade of Nations*. Please find in this newsletter the announcement that provides you options as to how your child may participate in this annual event.

On Thursday evening the school will host the Maxwell Open House. This event provides each Maxwell family an opportunity to meet with their child's grade level teachers. This is a time when information about curriculum, classroom procedures, and communication will be

shared. This year, teachers will also be discussing Seesaw and how it will be integrated into the classroom to provide families with a view of what students are learning. Likewise, families will also have the opportunity to learn about the new digital app that the school will be using for schoolwide communication.

The Magnet/Special Programs application window for the lottery to enter Maxwell is still open. This newsletter contains a link to the application. This week on Thursday morning we will be hosting the first of two open houses for new families who are interested in Maxwell for next year. A registration link for the meeting is included in this newsletter.

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

**Tuesday, September 4-Friday, September 7: MAP Testing**

**Thursday, September 6: Magnet Open House at Maxwell (10:00 a.m.)**

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

## Maxwell Open House

The Maxwell Open House will be held this Thursday evening. Please join us for this important event in which families have the opportunity to hear about what their child will be learning this year! Additionally, classroom teachers will share important information about procedures and communication.

Please note that the Maxwell Open House has been divided into two sessions in order to accommodate parking. Please note the specific time for your child's grade level. Note that the meetings will follow a presentational format and will start at the time indicated below.

Thursday, September 6:

- Grades K-2 (5:30 pm -6:20 pm)

- Grades 3-5 (6:40 pm -7:30 pm)

## News from the Cafeteria

The cafeteria has switched to a new system this year. We are working toward students entering their numbers into to lunch keypad. Students in kindergarten and first grade should have received a paper with an image of the keypad with their lunch number attached. Please take some time to work with your child to practice entering his or her number on the simulated keypad. Thank you for your assistance as we continue to support our learners as they grow!



## STLP Recognized

Congratulations to the Maxwell STLP students as they were recognized by the FCPS Board of Education this past Monday! The group was honored for their achievement for having the best morning show in the state! ¡Somos Maxwell!

*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.*



## Desfile de Naciones 2018

This month we will celebrate *el Desfile de Naciones* or *Parade of Nations* on September 28, 2018. Please see the link below for additional information regarding the options that are available for your child to participate in this special Maxwell event.

<https://goo.gl/forms/odlw6lBT41hwCoHt1>

## Maxwell Open House for New Families

Maxwell will be hosting the first of two meetings this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for families interested in learning about the school. Families will have the opportunity to learn about the magnet application process and will be able to take a tour of the school. If you know of a family interested in Maxwell we encourage you to share information about this opportunity. A link to sign up to attend this week's meeting is included here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qS3f8kXcorG3mTg63>

## 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.