



SOMOS MAXWELL

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

It was wonderful to see so many families participate in the Maxwell Open House this past Thursday! While the weather and traffic might have been a little challenging that evening, I sincerely hope that you found each individual classroom meeting to be informative and helpful as we look toward a great year at Maxwell!

At the Maxwell Open House many of you were able to stop by the large iPhone that was on display to promote the new Maxwell app. We hope that this new communication method will be a true entry point to keep families updated on upcoming events and breaking news. Please see this newsletter for additional details about this new tool.

On Thursday night you were able to gain some insight into curriculum and the procedures within your child's class. That night you were also introduced to Seesaw, a student-focused communication online journal that will be utilized throughout the school. Your child's teacher will be sharing information about how to obtain login credentials to access your child's Seesaw journal.

As mentioned last week, this month we are excited to bring back el *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. Please take some time to complete the associated online survey so that we may register your child's country selection.

The Magnet/Special Programs application window for the lottery to enter Maxwell continues to be open. If you have a child entering in kindergarten next year, you need to take some time to complete. This newsletter contains a link to the application. This week on Thursday evening we will be hosting the second 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 10-Tuesday, September 11: MAP Testing

Thursday, September 13: Magnet Open House at Maxwell (6:00 p.m.)

Maxwell App

Maxwell has a new app that is designed to provide families with a single landing point for information for the school. The app may be obtained by searching for Maxwell Elementary on your phone's app store. Be sure to look for the app that contains our school's logo.

Once you download the app you will be able to set your preferences and receive updates as they become available. The home page contains links to social media, Seesaw, and other helpful information. We will continue to develop the app over the year so that it becomes a viable communication tool that you will be able to rely upon for current information!



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!

Orchestra and Band

Students in 4th and 5th grades who are interested in participating in orchestra or band are reminded to turn in their forms. Classes are scheduled to start soon.

PTA News:

The Reflections Art Contest is now open. Additional information to be shared soon!



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 second of two meetings this Thursday at **6:00 p.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 building. 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.