



# SOMOS MAXWELL

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

I hope that you each had a great Thanksgiving break! At Maxwell we are entering into a busy time of the year that is accentuated by student recognition, demonstrations of learning, and family engagement!

This past Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students took us on a fantastic journey to Ecuador and the Galapagos via un *autobús mágico*. The students merged video and live performance to present in Spanish the knowledge that they had learned about the country of Ecuador and the unique animals of the Galapagos. Following the performance, we presented our monthly awards to close out the November celebration.

This week we will begin the winter session of MAP testing. Please encourage your child to maximize this opportunity to demonstrate what he or she has learned during this first semester of school.

On Thursday, students in band, orchestra, and chorus will present their first musical concert of the year. Please come to hear

the accomplishments of our learners as they share their musical talents.

This past Thursday, the Maxwell administration partnered with the Maxwell PTA to present *Evening with the Principals*. During the meeting results were shared from the recent survey about extracurricular activities. A next step plan was also described. Please see this newsletter for information about an upcoming extracurricular activity for students and families.

Maxwell is pleased to again participate in the United Way Sweet Dreams campaign. Families have been very generous during the initial dates of this event. Students and staff celebrated the early success with a PJ day this past Friday. You are still able to donate items this Monday. Please see this memo for additional information.

Thank you to all families for your ongoing 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

Tuesday, December 4 –Friday, December 7: MAP Testing

Thursday, December 6: Winter Concert (6:00 pm)

Friday, December 7: Wear House Colors

## House Color Day!

Students are encouraged to wear the colors of their Maxwell House on Friday. Please see the colors for each below:

**Aztec = Red**    **Maya = Yellow**

**Inca = Green**    **Olmec = Blue**



## Maxwell Winter Music Concert

The Maxwell Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Winter Music Concert will occur on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Students participating in the program should arrive at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place in the gym. Please join us for this evening of student performance!

## WMAX News Show

The award-winning WMAX news show is back! The program is produced weekly by students and features special interviews, reoccurring segments, and celebratory information. WMAX is presented each Friday to the entire school. Please take some time to watch the most recent episodes for this year! You can view the program by following this [link](#). New shows are added weekly to the school's website and can be accessed from the front page. Way to go WMAX!

*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.*

## Taller de Cocina

As an expansion of extracurricular opportunities, Maxwell is pleased to host a new afterschool experience called Taller de Cocina. This program will provide students an opportunity to learn about an authentic dish from a Spanish-speaking country. The first session will target students in grades K-1 and will occur on Friday, December 14 starting at 3:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to participate with your child during this experience. Space is limited to 28 participants. Please complete the online form to participate.

<https://goo.gl/forms/tH0tcO5fgZxKsc7H2>

Maxwell is pleased to again participate in Sweet Dreams. Last year our students contributed:

\*120 pairs of pajamas    \* Over 1,400 snacks    \*150 books  
\*500 tubes of toothpaste    \*150 toothbrushes



<div style="text-align: center;">★</div> <h3 style="color: white;">What to Drop Off</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ <b>Pajamas</b> Youth sizes S-XL, for Boys and Girls</li> <li>★ <b>Books</b> Reading levels K-4</li> <li>★ <b>Toothpaste</b> Travel sized toothpaste tubes</li> <li>★ <b>Individually Packaged Snacks</b> Individually wrapped, nonperishable food like Easy Mac, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, etc.</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">📅</div> <h3 style="color: white;">Collection Dates</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;"><b>Drop off @ Maxwell</b> <b>Nov. 19 — Dec. 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;"><b>11/30 is PAJAMA DAY!</b> <i>Wear your PJ's and bring a pair to share with a child in need!</i></p>
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### PTA News

#### Support Maxwell this holiday season!

Amazon Smile works the same way as Amazon. Use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when you shop (use your regular Amazon log-in and password). Assign MAXWELL ELEMENTARY PTA as your charity of choice. Amazon donates a portion of sales to us. All \$ goes directly to support Maxwell staff, equipment, events, supplies, and more. Use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) every time you shop!

#### Warm up with a Maxwell sweater!

We have several cold-weather options available. Check out <http://www.varsityprintshop.com/maxwell-elementary/> for the entire selection. Bonus: all shirts are delivered to the school so you don't have to pay shipping costs!