



SOMOS MAXWELL

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

As our busy month of December continues, we have much to celebrate at Maxwell!

This past Thursday was an incredible day for our school. First, the STLP students participated in regional competition at the University of Kentucky. Both projects presented by the students received high qualifying scores and will advance to state competition.

On the same day, Pilar Lara, an educational advisor for the Embassy of Spain visited Maxwell. She was accompanied by the district and state coordinators for world languages. They each enthusiastically commented on the rigor of language and the great experiences that they observed during their visit to our school.

Our celebratory Thursday concluded with a successful concert presented by Maxwell's orchestra, chorus, and band students. The gym was filled with supporting families as the students shared their musical talents during this first concert of the year.

This week we also successfully began the winter session of MAP testing. As we continue with testing, please encourage your child to maximize this opportunity to demonstrate what he or she has learned during this first semester of school.

Looking toward this week, intermediate students will participate in the Maxwell Science Fair. Likewise, we will launch a new extracurricular experience just as information is shared about upcoming academic competition groups. Please see this newsletter for additional information about these opportunities.

Maxwell also successfully concluded this year's participation in the United Way Sweet Dreams campaign. Please see this newsletter for a summary of the extreme generosity extended by our families.

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

Monday, December 10 –Friday, December 14: MAP Testing

Wednesday, December 12: Science Fair

Thursday, December 13: Informational Meeting for Boy Scouts -Cafeteria (6:00 pm)

Friday, December 14: Wear Maxwell Clothing

Maxwell Pride Day!

Friday has been designated as Maxwell Pride Day! Students are encouraged to wear their favorite Maxwell clothing.



STLP Regionals

Congratulations to the Maxwell STLP group for qualifying for state competition! The students presented two projects (WMAX and an interactive bulletin board). Way to go Maxwell students! ¡Somos Maxwell!



Hour of Code

In addition to the STLP competition, Maxwell students recently participated in a special district event called the Hour of Code. Maxwell students are featured prominently in the promotional video that was developed by FCPS to celebrate this event. Please check out the following link to see Maxwell's students in action!

<https://fcpstv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bT3pXC2p5Gzo>



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/tHOtcO5f9ZxKsc7H2>



Thank you for your generosity this year! Maxwell families contributed the following to this year's campaign:

- *180 pairs of pajamas
- *76 books
- *179 tubes of toothpaste
- * Over 1,065 snacks
- *60 toothbrushes

Upcoming Academic Opportunities

Information about the Academic Team was shared on Friday with intermediate students. An informational flyer regarding the Academic Challenge will be distributed this week. You may also reach out to the individual faculty sponsors for additional details.

- Academic Challenge – [Bari Douglas](#)
- Academic Team – [Brooke MacDonald](#)

PTA News

Support Maxwell this holiday season!

Amazon Smile works the same way as Amazon. Use 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 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!