



2019-2020 THEME: *JUNTOS MEJORAMOS EL MUNDO* (TOGETHER WE BETTER THE WORLD)

SOMOS MAXWELL

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Del Escritorio del Director

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This past Friday we brought closure to a wonderful first week of school at Maxwell! Our superhero students heard the call and have come to Maxwell this year to learn and to help make our world better. On Friday, we assembled as an entire school to celebrate the success of the week and to introduce the staff. Keeping with our year-long theme, staff and students dressed in superhero costumes or shirts as we cheered for each other on the special day!

This past week each grade focused on establishing relationships and learning routines. As an entire school we also focused on common area expectations. This upcoming week students will participate in a series of safety drills as we continue on our work to promote a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

Just as Wednesday marked the first day of school, the next day officially served as the opening of the Magnet/Special Programs application window for the lottery to enter Maxwell. 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 2020-21 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.

Last year Maxwell applied for a special grant to establish a Family Resource Center (FRC) to operate within the building. We successfully received that grant and now have a functioning FRC that operates on Mondays and Thursdays. Please find in this newsletter a link to an important survey that will help guide the focus of the FRC.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to strive to provide the best learning opportunities and outcomes for the students of Maxwell. We are excited for this new school year and all the possibilities that it brings because...*Juntos mejoramos el mundo.*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 19: Magnet/Special Programs Night at Frederick Douglass High School (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Friday, August 23: No School

Monday, September 2: No School (Labor Day)

From the Handbook...

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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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.

Family Resource Center

In 2019 Maxwell successfully received a grant to establish a Family Resource Center (FRC). Our joint FRC with Ashland Elementary is coordinated by [Tonisha Broadus](#). A survey has been developed to garner important information from the families of each school in order to help drive the focus of work. Thank you to the families who completed the survey at our welcome event on August 8th. If you did not get the opportunity to complete the survey on that day, please take some time to complete the form by the end of the month.

<https://forms.gle/wJEUQeDShxzhYvkPg>

FCPS Magnet/Special Programs Application

[Online application](#) | The 2019 window is **Aug. 15 to Oct. 7** for the 2020-21 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.

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