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September 2, 2019

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

I hope that as you receive this newsletter that you and your family are enjoying 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 and contributions 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.

This year we will be conducting the Maxwell Open House as individual grade-level meetings that will be held on specified nights. These meetings provide 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. Please see this newsletter for a list of the meetings that have been scheduled. You will also receive communication from your child's individual teacher.

The window for the Magnet/Special Programs application and the lottery to enter Maxwell is now open. 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.

The Maxwell PTA is our parent partner organization that supports our school. Please find in this newsletter information about how you can become a member.

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, September 2: No School (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 3: MAP Testing Continues

Tuesday, September 17: Evening Magnet Open House (6:00 pm)

Thursday, September 19: Day Magnet Open House (9:00 am)

Maxwell Grade Meetings

This year each individual grade will be conducting parent meetings on specified nights. Please join us for these important meetings 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 see below a listing of the day and time for each grade meeting. Note that the meetings will follow a presentational format and will start at the time indicated below. Communication will also be sent from your child's individual grade with more details.

Kindergarten- TBD

1st Grade- September 11: 5:30 pm -6:15 pm

2nd Grade -September 10: 5:15 pm -6:00 pm

3rd Grade – September 12: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

4th Grade –September 17: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

5th Grade –September 17: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

From the Handbook...

Morning Drop-Off

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.

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 2019

This month we will celebrate *el Desfile de Naciones* or *Parade of Nations* on September 27, 2019. Please see the link below for additional information regarding the options that are available for your child to participate in this special Maxwell event.

[Please fill out this form by Monday, September 16](#)

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 week.

<https://forms.gle/wJEuQeDShxzhYvkPq>

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. Two separate open houses will be conducted at Maxwell for interested families. Please see the link below for times and registration:

<https://forms.gle/zQ2gghTtbnmSg4jR9>

¡Sé parte de algo GRANDE! ¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS ESTE AÑO!

¿QUÉ HACE LA PTA?

PTA defende cada niño

PTA brinda apoyo voluntario

PTA financia suministros, tecnología, software y hardware para el aula.

PTA celebra las artes en la educación financiando aulas especiales y Organización del concurso anual ART OF REFLECTIONS.

PTA organiza un desayuno mensual para padres, almuerzos para el personal, semana de agradecimiento a los maestros

PTA apoya a las familias organizando noches familiares y reuniones de familias

PTA celebra la cultura hispana al acoger evento anual Taste of Maxwell

PTA MEJORA Maxwell a través de esfuerzos de embellecimiento

¿QUÉ PUEDES HACER?

1. ¡Únete a nosotros! El costo es de \$ 6 por año. Su dinero nos ayuda a hacer grandes cosas en Maxwell.
2. Ayuda cuando puedas. Si quieres involucrarte más, tenemos un lugar para ti. Si no tienes tiempo en este momento, está bien. Ayuda cuando puedas.

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Be a part of something BIG! JOIN US THIS YEAR!

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

PTA Advocates for every child

PTA Provides volunteer support

PTA Funds classroom supplies, technology software & hardware

PTA Celebrates Arts in Education by funding Specials classrooms & Hosts annual REFLECTIONS ART Contest

PTA Hosts Monthly Parent Breakfasts, Staff lunches, Teacher Appreciation Week

PTA Supports Families through Family playdates & Family Nights

PTA Celebrates Spanish Culture by hosting annual Taste of Maxwell event

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Join us! Cost is \$6 for the year. Your money helps us do all of these amazing things at Maxwell.
2. Help when you can. If you'd like to get more involved, we have a place for you. If you don't have the time right now, that's ok. Help when you can.

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