



MAXWELL FLOWER MURAL

# SOMOS MAXWELL

September 8, 2019

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

As we move into our second week of September, we celebrate the equivalency of a full month of school. To coincide, at Maxwell we have shifted into a rhythm as we continue to focus more intensely on instructional outcomes and student learning opportunities.

This week we begin with our individual grade meetings for parents and guardians 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 meeting dates and times. You will also receive communication from your child's individual teacher.

The Maxwell PTA is our parent partner organization that supports our school. This Tuesday will be the first general meeting of the year. Please find in this newsletter information about this special meeting.

Later this month 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.

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.

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

**Tuesday, September 10: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (5:15 pm)**

**Tuesday, September 10: PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)**

**Wednesday, September 11: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (5:30 pm)**

**Thursday, September 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (5:30 pm)**

## 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- September 20: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- September 11: 5:30 pm -6:15 pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade -September 10: 5:15 pm -6:00 pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – September 12: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade –September 17: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade –September 17: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

## From the Handbook...

### 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.
- ⇒ Thank you for helping us to clear the gym during afternoon dismissal. By picking up your child and moving through the line to the playground, we are able to account for remaining students and bring timely closure to dismissal.

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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.*



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get the opportunity to complete the survey on that day, please take some time to complete the form.

<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. 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>

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!



# PTA GENERAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 10TH 6 PM-7PM**

PIZZA will be served

FREE CHILDCARE FOR 5 YRS AND UP

## MEETING TOPICS

WHAT DOES MAXWELL PTA DO?  
INTRODUCTION OF PTA  
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS  
Q&A

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION AT 6PM  
KY CHILD SAVINGS PROGRAM  
JOE WILCOX

¡TODAS LAS FAMILIAS SON BIENVENIDAS!



# REUNIÓN GENERAL DE LA PTA

**10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 6PM A 7PM**

SE SIRVE PIZZA

CUIDADO GRATIS DE NIÑOS DE 5 AÑOS Y MAYOR

## TEMAS PARA LA REUNIÓN

¿QUÉ HACE LA PTA DE MAXWELL ?  
INTRODUCCIÓN DE LOS MIEMBROS DE  
LA JUNTA DE LA PTA  
INFORMES DEL COMITÉ  
PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS

PRESENTACIÓN POR UN INVITADO  
ESPECIAL A LAS 6 P.M. PROGRAMA DE  
AHORRO PARA NIÑOS DE KY  
POR JOE WILCOX