



SOMOS MAXWELL

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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

This past week at Maxwell we briefly weathered some hot conditions and completed our series of family grade-level meetings. Moving toward this week, we look forward to welcoming new staff and celebrating as a school community!

On Monday, we will begin implementing a new rotation for our grade 2-5 Specials. The new rotation will be called Science Lab and it will be taught by Ms. Amanda Heltzel. Ms. Heltzel has an extensive background of teaching STEM/science. We are excited to bring this new experiential science learning opportunity to our students! This week we are also excited to welcome Ms. Adela Lorca to Maxwell as a new bilingual instructional paraeducator.

On Friday, we will once again take time to celebrate the uniqueness of Maxwell and what makes us a special community of learners. Specifically, we will come together and explore our heritages and contributions as we participate in the *Desfile de Naciones* or *Parade of Nations*.

On the same day as the *Parade of Nations*, the Maxwell administration will partner with the Maxwell PTA to host *el Desayuno con los Directores* or *Breakfast with the Principals*. This event is designed in a format to provide the administration an opportunity to dialogue with families regarding relevant school topics. We hope to see you on Friday!

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

Finally, please see this newsletter for information about an incident that occurred this weekend.

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 school year and all the possibilities that it brings because...*Juntos mejoramos el mundo.*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25: G/T Information Night (6:00 pm)

Friday, September 27: Parade of Nations (8:00 am)

Friday, September 27: Breakfast with the Principals (9:00 am)

Tuesday, October 1: Picture Day

Thursday, October 3 & Friday, October 4: Fall Break

Morning Meetings

This year at Maxwell each classroom begins the day with a morning meeting. The students gather in a large circle and greet each other and share information on a specific topic. The meetings serve to foster relationships and to nurture a positive learning environment.

Weekend Incident

This weekend, vandals broke the glass in one of the exterior doors leading to the playground. They did not enter our building and broken glass was the only damage. With the safety enhancements made to our building through the Comprehensive 10-Point Safety Investment Plan, we are working closely with the Lexington Police Department to identify the individuals responsible. Our district maintenance team did not have the glass needed to make repairs over the weekend, but the door should be fixed on Monday. In the meantime, we have cleaned the area and covered the broken window so that nothing will seem out of place for our students. Fortunately, that door is not used during the day, so the damage will not change our school routines for students. The only time that door is used is as an exit for families who check their children out in the gym during afternoon dismissal. We hope the repairs will be complete before then, but if not, on Monday, we will adjust our afternoon dismissal procedure so that families will exit through the front door to the school.

From the Handbook...

Each grade level annually participates in planned field trips that are extensions of learning that occurs in the classroom. Information and permission slip requests regarding each trip will be communicated in advance by the teachers of the specific grade level. Family volunteers are sought to assist with these excursions. Any family member attending one of the trips with the school must have an active approved background check on file. An initial background application can be obtained by completing the online form at <https://apps.fcps.net/volunteer/>.

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

We will celebrate *el Desfile de Naciones* or *Parade of Nations* this Friday, September 27, 2019. Thank you for supporting your child's participation in this annual Maxwell event.

el Desayuno con los Directores

This Friday will launch the first *Breakfast with the Principals* for the year. This reoccurring monthly event will target specific topics for discussion as related to the overall vision and focus of the school. The event will start after the conclusion of *el Desfile de Naciones* at 9:00 a.m. and will take place in the cafeteria with light breakfast items to be provided by the PTA. This month's agenda will cover the following topics:

- ⇒ Priorities
- ⇒ New Learning Opportunities
- ⇒ School Improvement Process/Accountability



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/zQ2gghTtbmSg4jR9>

Reflections Art Contest has started!

The PTA is offering FREE PROJECT TIMES again this year. Your child can stay after school once per week to work on an art project for the contest. All grades and abilities are welcome. The PTA will provide the supplies and guidance.

The next project times are SEPTEMBER 24th, OCTOBER 1st, and OCTOBER 8th from 2:45p-3:45p! Email ptamaxwellreflections@gmail.com 3 days before the date if you want your child to stay after school and work on their art project! Questions? Email ptamaxwellreflections@gmail.com. *Information packets with full Reflections rules and guidelines went home last week.*

DEADLINE for all Reflections submissions is October 16th.



2019-2020
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® TEMÁTICA
MIRA DENTRO
Se reciben obras de todos los grados y capacidades.

2019-2020
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® THEME
LOOK WITHIN
Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

Visita PTA.org/Reflections para saber más y participar.

Visit PTA.org/Reflections to learn more and get involved.

Family Playdate this weekend! See flyer for details

Maxwell Family Playdates

Connect with other Maxwell families!

- SEPT 22 Woodland Park 2-4pm
- OCT 20 Jacobson Park 2-4pm
- NOV 17 Shillito Park* 2-4pm
- DEC 15 Urban Ninja 4-6pm
- JAN 19 Urban Ninja 4-6pm
- FEB 16 Urban Ninja 4-6pm
- MAR 15 Castlewood Park* 2-4pm
- APR 19 Jacobson Park 2-4pm
- MAY 17 Woodland Park 2-4pm



Urban Ninja is located at 1820 Bryan Station Rd.
Cost is \$5/child.

*weather dependent. Back-up plan is meeting at Urban Ninja 4-6pm. Watch our facebook page for updates.
www.facebook.com/maxwellpta

