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Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

I hope that each of you and the members of your family are doing well. This past week Maxwell officially completed our second week of Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI). I again want to thank each of you for the patience and partnership that you are continuing to show as we move through this new process. I am hopeful that as we progress that your student is able to settle into a new learning routine that works well for your family. Please know that as a school we remain committed to working with our families in order to meet the individualized needs of our students as it relates to NTI.

Since we began the implementation of NTI, Maxwell has been monitoring the volume of instructional assignments and tasks that have been deployed. Specifically, we have asked grade levels to gauge through surveys and informal conversations with families the capacity for our learners to engage with the school work that has been delivered. We are most appreciative of the feedback that you have provided as we navigate this new territory. Additionally, this past week FCPS provided some new guidance to assist schools with the process of determining the appropriate amount of instruction to implement. Specifically, the instructional time on task for kindergarten should not

exceed an hour and the work for learners in 1st grade through 5th grade should not extend beyond an hour and thirty minutes. Our grade levels and support teachers are continuing to modify the instruction so that it is manageable. Noting that each student processes work differently, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if the instruction continues to exceed the guidelines so that the teacher can assist in identifying the best plan for your learner. Our entire staff is here to support your student and family as we work through this new form of learning.

While our building will be lightly staffed or vacant during school closure, please do not hesitate to e-mail us regarding your needs. We will continue to make arrangements to provide available paper and technology supports so that your child has the tools to be successful during NTI. If you have specific educational resource needs, please contact robert.crawford@fayette.kyschools.us. We are all here to assist.

During our extended closure and NTI we will be fostering some online community-sustaining activities to keep us connected. This week we will sponsor two new spirit days. Please see this newsletter for details.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to strive to provide the best learning opportunities and outcomes for the students of Maxwell. As a school community we will continue to work together as we navigate these different times because...*Juntos mejoramos el mundo.*



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FCPS COVID-19 INFORMATION

To access a compilation of resources and messages from FCPS regarding COVID-19, please visit the FCPS COVID-19 page at:

www.fcps.net/covid19

Handbook Spotlight...

Family Resource Center:

Through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in 2018 Maxwell applied for and received grant funding to establish a Family Resource Center (FRC). The purpose of the FRC is to enhance students' abilities to succeed in school by assisting learners and their families with access to vital community programs and resources. For more information about the FRC and the services that it provides, please contact our coordinator Ms. Timia Gardner, at timia.gardner@fayette.kyschools.us or 859-381-3516.

Extended Closure

On April 2, Superintendent Caulk sent out a message that schools would remain closed until at least May 1st. Please note that Maxwell remains ready to serve our students through our NTI plan. Key resources, including devices, were distributed prior to spring break in response to information that we gathered through our family calls the week of March 16. If your situation has changed and you find that your resource needs have also changed, please contact robert.crawford@fayette.kyschools.us for assistance.

We Miss Our Students

We are still with you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cbfhrFUoRU&feature=youtu.be>

WMAX News Show Continues

WMAX is presented each Friday to the entire school. During the school closure, special segment tasks are posted in Seesaw for students to share responses. Those videos and pictures become content for the show. Thank you to Sr. Mato and Srta. Mato for continuing the show! <http://bit.ly/maxwellshow19>.



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.

Maxwell's NTI Plan & Supports

NTI Page

Maxwell has established a new NTI page on our school's website that features directions for accessing Seesaw for Home Learning and contains links to other online educational resources that students may be using. Please see the following [link](#) to access the Maxwell NTI site.

District Technology Help Desk

FCPS operates a technology call center from **8AM to 8PM (Monday – Friday)**. A team of 10 to 20 techs are available to assist with issues related to logging into devices and accessing online platforms. Please call 381-4410 for technical assistance.

Specials Moved!

Specials will now appear as segments in our award-winning news show, WMAX! We encourage all of our students to watch the program and interact with the special learning segments.

Spirit Days

This week we will have two special dress days. On **Monday, April 20** show us a unique hair style. On **Friday, April 24** dress as your favorite book character in recognition of World Book Day that is celebrated this week! Look for reminders and additional announcements on Maxwell social media.

Yearbook News from the PTA

- Families may still order yearbooks at:

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/MaxwellElementary2020>.

The current price is \$25. Hurry the before the ordering window closes!

The yearbook will feature a spread dedicated to our extended NTI. Families can submit pictures of how they are spending their NTI days to MaxwellYearbookPics@gmail.com or to submit+COVID-NTI@edophotos.com (this will upload directly to the folder - it will only accept one picture per email so if you want to submit two pictures, two emails will be necessary).

