



MAXWELL BUTTERFLY GARDEN

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WWW.MAXWELL.FCPS.NET

Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

On Monday, we received official notice from Superintendent Caulk indicating that all Fayette County Public Schools will be closed for the remainder of the year and that we will be continuing with Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI). The notice also indicated that May 27, 2020 will be the last day of school for students this academic year.

As mentioned in my communication earlier this week, the entire team at Maxwell is collaborating at this time to finalize details related to closing activities for the school year. The month of May has always been a very special time for our Maxwell community. While we may not be able to implement specific events in our traditional manner, please know that we are working to identify special opportunities to provide closure for each grade level. We will be detailing this information in a communication that will be sent via Infinite Campus (IC) this week. Please look for this communication that will provide important details regarding the closing procedures and opportunities.

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. 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 is creating concern 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...

Student Support Services:

Maxwell provides a variety of student support services to assist students with their academic and social development. Ms. Brooke MacDonald

brooke.macdonald@fayette.kyschools.us is available to provide school counseling services to individual and groups of students. Additionally, Ms. Heather Goodman heather.goodman@fayette.kyschools.us serves as our school social worker and is able to provide mental health services and referrals for students and families requesting additional support.

Extended Closure

On April 20, Superintendent Caulk sent out a message that schools will stay closed. 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.

Spirit Days

This week we will have two special dress days. On **Monday, April 27** we encourage you to dress Wacky Tacky. On **Friday, May 1st** let's put on our best homemade Derby hat! Look for reminders and additional announcements on Maxwell social media.



Online Maxwell Chess Club Open to School Community!

Students can compete in weekly tournaments against friends, attend virtual lectures targeting specific fundamental strategy concepts, and be given self-paced resources to enrich their skills. Please contact Ms. Heltzel at amanda.heltzel@fayette.kyschools.us if your student would like to participate in this opportunity!



National Virtual Field Day

While we might not be able to have our annual field day at Maxwell, this year on May 8th our school will be participating in the National Virtual Field Day! Please look for additional details that will be shared as the official day approaches. We are hopeful that all of our students will participate in this special event that you will be able to do safely from home.