



MAXWELL GARDEN

# SOMOS MAXWELL

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## Del Escritorio del Director

Robert Crawford, Principal

I hope that you and your family are doing well as we have finally moved into some warmer weather! We are quickly approaching the end of the year as we have only seven days of school remaining for the 2019-20 school year! This past Friday afternoon FCPS released guidance to schools so that we could develop and submit plans for approval to implement closing procedures for the end of school. We submitted our Maxwell plan yesterday evening and we look forward to receiving our official approval. In this newsletter you will find some tentative closing procedural information. Note that these items are subject to change pending the final approval of our school plan. We will communicate official information in Infinite Campus once our plan has been fully approved. Likewise, we will post the plan on our NTI site. Thank you for your patience as we endeavor to keep all of our students, families, and staff safe during these different times.

This week we will be implementing several different spirit activities that do not require face-to-face close contact. On Monday and Friday, we will continue with our spirit days. Finally, on Friday we will host a special end of the year parade for each grade. Please see

this newsletter for additional details. Note that we have a couple of additional surprises for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that will take place the week of May 25. Stay tuned!

This past week we communicated that nominations and applications for the parent/guardian SBDM elections have been extended. Please see this newsletter for additional information.

During these last two weeks of NTI please know that our entire staff remains committed to working with our families in order to meet the individualized needs of our students. Please do not hesitate to communicate with us via e-mail or Seesaw regarding your needs. We are all here to assist.

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](http://www.fcps.net/covid19)

## Social and Emotional Well-Being Supports

Maxwell's NTI section contains a link for social and emotional well-being supports

<https://www.fcps.net/Page/15959>. On the page you will find information about outside resources and a referral form if you are needing additional assistance during this time. The page also has information about our FRC.

## 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](mailto:robert.crawford@fayette.kyschools.us) for assistance.

## 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.

## 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>.



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## End-of-Year Events & Procedures (Tentative)

### "Reverse" Parades – Friday, May 22

At Maxwell we are representative of the entire Lexington community and our families extend throughout the whole district. Our staff has missed not seeing our students and families during the extended NTI session. As a way to bring closure to the year, while maintaining appropriate social distancing, we will be hosting a "reverse" parade for grades K-4. For the reverse parade, we invite you to decorate your car and drive through the school's bus lane during a designated time for your child's grade level. Your child's teacher and other staff will be present to wave and cheer from a safe distance on the sidewalk. Note that in order to comply with social distancing protocols and to keep traffic flowing, all individuals will need to stay in their cars. We will be implementing strict safety protocols and the Fayette County Public Schools Police Department will be present to assist us during this process. Note that cars should only contain members of individual households and families will need to comply with all state and district regulations and protocols. We hope to see all of our families on this special day!

Kindergarten: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

1<sup>st</sup> grade: 11:00 am – 11:45 am

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 1:00 pm -1:45 pm

4<sup>th</sup> grade: 2:00 pm -2:45 pm



### 5th Grade Parade & Surprises

On Tuesday, May 26 we will host a special parade for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This parade will follow the same format as the "reverse" parades. However, we will have special decorations and music to commemorate this special event. Note that we will observe strict social distancing protocols and students and families will not be able to exit vehicles. Families will be able to ride through the route during a designated time on that day. In addition to the parade, we have some parting gifts and surprises that will be shared on another day with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Stay tuned for additional details!

### Drop-off/Pick-up Days

As part of our closing plan, Maxwell has outlined three days (May, 27, May 28, and May 29) when families may choose to pick up and to drop off items. Items that would be part of this process would include yearbooks, student belongings, instruments, important papers, etc... There is also a process defined for receiving medication and returning items that you might not need during the summer. Note that all details will be communicated on our NTI page and in an official notification to be sent via Infinite Campus once our plan is formally approved. Thank you for your patience.

## Maxwell's NTI Plan, Supports, & News

### NTI Page

Maxwell has established a 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.

### Transportation for 2020-2021

The FCPS Office of Transportation has initiated a new process for requesting bus transportation for your child. Specifically, if you need bus transportation for the 2020-2021 school year, you must fill out the bus request form at the following [link](#). This applies to all students who will attend Maxwell next year grades K-5. Likewise, current 5th grade families who have students entering Bryan Station Middle School next year will also need to complete this form. If you plan to use bus transportation at any point next year, you must complete the form before June 26, 2020. Note that this process applies to both new and currently enrolled students.

### Spirit Days

This week we will have two special dress days. On **Monday, May 18** we honor essential workers! On **Friday, May 22** wear your Maxwell gear and join in the parade! 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](mailto:amanda.heltzel@fayette.kyschools.us) if your student would like to participate in this opportunity!



### Maxwell PTA SBDM Elections

The PTA operates the SBDM Parent Election. The School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council is the governing body for our school. It determines school policy for curriculum, staffing, discipline, scheduling, instructional practices, extracurricular activities, and other matters pertinent to the operation of the school.

- Our council is made up of 2 parents, 3 teachers, 1 principal.
- Terms of office run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

English application link: <https://forms.gle/WkyRXGdzUFdfihDL9>

Spanish application link: <https://forms.gle/1LJqtFy5Vmyfd3KNA>

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## ELECCIONES DE PADRES PARA EL SBDM

AHORA SE ACEPTAN SOLICITUDES PARA  
LOS MIEMBROS PADRES DEL CONCILIO  
DE TOMAR DECISIONES BASADO  
EN LA ESCUELA PARA EL AÑO  
ACADÉMICO 2020-21.

VEA ARRIBA PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y EL ENLACE  
PARA SOLICITARLAS ELECCIONES SE LLEVARÁN A  
CABO DEL 21 AL 27 DE MAYO.

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## SBDM PARENT ELECTIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING  
ACCEPTED FOR PARENT  
MEMBERS OF THE  
MAXWELL SBDM COUNCIL  
FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

SEE ABOVE FOR MORE INFO AND THE LINK TO APPLY.  
ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 21ST-27TH.