



MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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One of the goals we have for our students is to graduate with skills, talents, and lessons that will prepare them for lives beyond high school. As young adults entering college and eventually the workforce we want to ensure that our students are well-educated, confident and ready to meet the demands that will be placed on them. A significant part of that is well-versed in using technology. Our 6th-12th-grade students have one-to-one computers. We feel that this is an essential tool for their learning experiences. We use Schoology for communication, grading, sharing documents, notes, and even links to enhance in-class activities. Computers help in reducing the amount of time it takes to compile and edit a document. What used to take many hours/days to write a research paper can now be condensed into a much shorter amount of time. Thanks to technology, we have an abundance (sometimes more than enough!) of information and resources, literally at our fingertips.

Social media has a strong presence in our society today. This is an example of another aspect that has tremendous advantages as both an educational tool and a communication format. It can also be used in an extremely negative, harmful and even inappropriate way. Talking to our kids about social media use and practice is paramount to ensure that our young people are aware of both the positive and negative implications of devices and their use. Tricia Bailey, (2018) writes about Talking to your kids about social media. She highlights the importance of communication and monitoring children's devices. Common Sense Media offers a multitude of videos, information, and suggestions for keeping kids safe online. Another great resource from Kidshealth.org shares additional tips and reminders. Our school's mission is to help is to help our students grow, learn and become productive members of society. We know they will need to learn and apply technology in their selected fields. Both school and home environments can help foster learning to use devices positively and productively.

In addition to the presents we may receive this holiday season, please know that your children are our greatest gifts. We treasure our time with them, and we sincerely appreciate your trust and confidence in our school, staff, and faculty. We feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful, caring and dedicated community. Our children are certainly our future, and we do not take the privilege of educating them lightly. From everyone here at Maywood Public School, we'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy new year!

Mr. Brown

Maywood Public Schools reached their NHS Food Drive Goal! Over 1,700 items were donated to help support the community of Maywood and local food pantries! Due to meeting this goal, there will be NO SCHOOL on March 7, 2019. Thank you to all who donated items. Your generosity will be used through the year for area families.

Maywood 6th graders have counted over 300 items for their Clothes Drive this winter! They are grateful for everyone's donations of blankets and warm winter clothing! These will be shared with many area donation centers that will help our families stay warm this winter.

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December 2018—Student of the Month

PK-5 December Student of the Month

Autumn Timmons

Nominated by Miss Love

Responsibility

Autumn is responsible by completing work on time. She keeps busy throughout the day and is always asking what else she can learn/do.

Respectful

She is respectful in the way she acts towards others. She is polite when interacting with her peers or teachers. She respects our Kindergarten rules and follows them accordingly.

Safety

Autumn is safe walking to and from Specials and Recess, using big kid walking feet. She is safe with materials like scissors, glue sticks, and whiteboards.

Additional Comments

Even though she joined our class halfway through the semester, Autumn jumped right into our Kindergarten family. Now it feels like she's been with us from the start. She shares a happy/bubbly attitude when going about our day and doesn't get discouraged when something won't go her way.

6-8 December Student of the Month

Lexi Wood

Nominated by Miss Armstrong

Responsibility

Lexi always comes to class prepared. She also did a great job of being a student manager for the volleyball team. Lexi was very self-motivated to get little things done to help the girls on the court.

Respectful

Lexi asks for clarification if she is unsure of a task or assignment and does this in a very respectable way. She always tries to include her classmates in activities and engages them in conversation.

Safety

Lexi follows all school and activity rules. There is never a time that I worry about her not being safe.

Additional Comments

This is a kid that always has a smile on her face and can change the mood of a room with her presence. She is willing to go above and beyond what is asked of her and is a joy to have in the classroom, in FFA, and as a student manager for volleyball.

9-12 December Students of the Month

Jason McIntosh

Nominated by Mrs. Arent

Responsibility

Jason takes the initiative to get things done. He has been instrumental in completing projects for FBLA. Jason sponsored his own blood mobile during the summer to help our chapter raise scholarship money for seniors. He gets his work done in a timely manner and does so with accuracy.

Respectful

Jason is always very polite and respectful. He is willing to help other students who are struggling to get their work done. He doesn't ask to be rewarded for helping others.

Safety

Jason follows classroom and school rules.

Additional Comments

Jason participates in almost all school activities and does more than his share to contribute to the success of these activities.

Wacey Flack

Nominated by Mr. Weyeneth

Responsibility

Wacey always does what is asked of him and returns quality work. He is engaged in class and can work effectively with his classmates.

Respectful

Wacey is always pleasant and polite with his classmates and staff. He is a good example for those around him and a role model for younger students.

Safety

Wacey rarely gets drawn into horse-play and follows all school rules.

Congratulations to the Maywood Public Schools December Students of the Month —standing left to right are Wacey Flack, Jason McIntosh, Autumn Timmons and Alexis Wood.

Other students nominated were Zach Wheat, Sunny Anders, Steven Werkmeister, Paytyn Stengel, Taren Sailor, Lynden Merritt, Phoenix Faber, Colter Hejtmanek, Troy Rutherford, Nathan Renner, Tyler Cappa, Sebastian Wheat, Stevie Handsaker and Paige Wood.



2018 Hyannis Holiday Basketball Tournament Hyannis School Gymnasium December 27th and 28th

Thursday, December 27, 2018

1:00 p.m. Central Time	Loomis vs. Stapleton (Girls)
2:45 p.m. Central Time	Loomis vs. Stapleton (Boys)
4:30 p.m. Central Time	Hyannis vs. MHC (Girls)
6:15 p.m. Central Time	Hyannis vs. MHC (Boys)

Friday, December 28, 2018

1:00 p.m. Central Time	Girls Consolation
2:45 p.m. Central Time	Boys Consolation
4:30 p.m. Central Time	Girls Championship
6:15 p.m. Central Time	Boys Championship



Admission: Adults \$4.00 and Students \$3.00
NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Maywood Public School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

January 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Mini Waffles Sloppy Joes Oven Fries Fruit Cole Slaw	8 Egg/Cheese Toast Beef Tacos Corn Spanish Rice Fruit	9 Breakfast Round Senior Citizen Meal Breaded Chicken Filet Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit and Dinner Roll	10 Sausage Biscuit Sandwich Rib Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit Pudding	11 Egg and Cheese Omelets Pig in a Blanket Macaroni and Cheese Peas Fruit
14 Pop tarts with Yo-gurt cups BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Pickles and Fruit	15 Egg/Cheese Taco Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit and Dinner Roll	16 Pancake on a Stick Sub Sandwich Tomatoes Smilie Fries Fruit	17 Breakfast Choice Chunky Chicken Gravy over Biscuits Peas Fruit	18 French Toast Sticks Pizza California Blend Fruit Cookie
21 Breakfast Round Cook's Choice	22 French Toast Sticks Breaded Pork Patty Broccoli with Cheese Fruit Dinner Roll	23 Sausage Biscuit Sandwich Mini Corn Dogs Macaroni and Cheese Peas Fruit	24 Egg/Cheese Toast Chicken Teriyaki over Rice Green Beans Fruit Egg Roll	25 Mini Waffles Hamburgers Oven Fries Fruit Brownie
28 Egg/Cheese Taco Meatball Sub Smilie Fries Fruit Pudding	29 Pancake on a Stick Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit and Dinner Roll	30 Toast with PB or Jelly and Yogurt Cup Pizza California Blend Fruit	31 French Toast Sticks Crispitos Cheese Sauce Corn Fruit	11% White or Flavored Milk Served Daily This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Thank you to the Elementary Student Council and Mrs. Smith for providing breakfast for the Maywood School staff on Monday, December 17th. The student council did a great job serving the breakfast and it tasted wonderful too. Thank you again!!



January 2019—Maywood Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 MHC JHBB at Wallace at 2:00 p.m.	4 MHC BB vs. Paxton at Hayes Center at 4:00 p.m.	5 Girls MHC BB at McPherson Co. TBA. Youth Fundamentals BB at HC starting at 9:00 a.m.
WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL THIS WEEK - WINTER BREAK						
6	7 School resumes	8 MHC BB at Maxwell at 4:00 p.m.	9 Senior Citizen Lunch at noon MHC JHBB vs. Eustis Farnam at Maywood at 1:00 p.m. RPAC Quiz Bowl at Hitchcock Co. at 1:00 p.m.	10	11 MHC BB vs. Arthur Co. at Hayes Center at 4:00 p.m.	12
13	14 MHC JHBB vs. Maxwell at Maywood at 1:00 p.m.	15	16	17 MHC BB at Bertrand at 4:00 p.m..	18	19 RPAC BB Tournament at Wauneta
20	21 Girls BB RPAC at DCS TBA	22 Boys RPAC BB at DCS TBA	23 MHC JHBB at Hitchcock Co. at 2:00 p.m.	24 Girls RPAC BB at Paxton	25 Boys RPAC BB at Paxton	26 RPAC BB Finals at MPCC
27	28	29 MHC BB vs. Medicine Valley at Maywood at 4:00 p.m.	30	31		

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHES

Senior Citizens lunches with students will be held again this year. Lunches will be held on the second Wednesday of every month starting in September. If you plan to attend please call the school at 362-4223, by the Monday before the scheduled meal. Attendees are asked to meet in the school cafeteria at 12 noon. The cost of lunch is \$3.75. We look forward to eating lunch with you and enjoying good conversation.

January 9, 2019

February 13, 2019

March 13, 2019

April 10, 2019



Maywood Public School

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 MHC BB vs. Hitchcock Co in Trenton at 4:00 p.m.	2 MHC Jr. High BB tournament at Hayes Center
3	4 Bloodmobile at the Community Hall from noon to 6:00 p.m. Frontier Co. Spelling Bee at Eustis at 10:00 a.m. RPAC Vocal Clinic at Wauneta	5 MHC BB vs. South Platte at Hayes Center at 4:00 p.m.	6 FFA Spring CDE at NCTA in Curtis	7 School dismissal at 1:00 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	8 No School MHC BB at Wauneta Palisade at 4:00 p.m.	9
10	11 Girls BB Sub-Districts	12 Girls BB Sub-Districts	13 Senior Citizen Lunch at noon	14 Girls BB Sub-Districts	15 MHC BOYS BB vs. Southwest at Maywood at 6:00 p.m.	16
17	18 Teacher In Service — No School Boys BB Sub-Districts	19 Boys BB Sub-Districts	20	21 Boys BB Sub-Districts	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	MARCH 1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	March 2

Maywood Public Schools and the MHC girls and boys Basketball teams would like to Thank the following patrons that supported the “Black Out Cancer” fundraiser at the Paxton Pre-Holiday Tournament. Money that was donated to this cause was used to purchase t-shirts that will benefit cancer research and Mullen’s head boys basketball coach, Rusty Moore, who is currently battling cancer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Susan Sjeklocha

Mick and Marlene Cox

Luke Andrews

Troy Werkmeister / Maywood Insurance Agency

Community First Bank

Western Plains Veterinary Services, PC, Jeff and Kelly Erickson



Tis the season to be.....busy!

December is one of the most festive times of year. It can also be one of the busiest months. It seems there are events and tasks to complete every day. That can make stress levels rise and relaxation seem elusive. Self-care, getting enough hydration and sleep is important to stay vibrant. In the midst of all of the activity we are reminded that this can also be a time of hardship and sadness. Missing loved ones, experiencing financial hardships, battling illnesses and working with difficult family relationships can make this time of year extra challenging. As we move through our days, checking items off of to-do lists, please remember to be patient and gentle with others. We can never really know what issues others are working through, but we can take a softer approach (which could be practiced throughout the year, not just during the holiday season!) Please take time for yourself and your family to really enjoy this opportunity to be together.

~From everyone at MPS, Happy Holidays!

Here are a list of websites to help counterbalance stress during the holiday season:

Stress, depression and the holidays: Tips for coping

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/stress/art-20047544>

Holiday Stress Resource Center:

<https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/holiday-stress.aspx>

5 Ways to Reduce Holiday Stress:

<https://www.healthline.com/health/holiday-stress-management-tips#4>

UPDATES:

Those of you that follow the school's website will notice that we've brought back the "rolling banner." This tool is updated daily and will share the most current activity. For those of you who haven't checked the website out in awhile, there have been a lot of updates. We post activities, announcements and reminders to Facebook and Twitter, so if you follow us on social media, this information is available on those forums. We are also utilizing the website to keep our patrons informed.

The website includes articles, events, reminders, the lunch menu, school calendar and newsletter.

The front page offers the calendar of events and icon buttons for our most used links such as PowerSchool, Schoology, IXL, along with social media sites. The links are a convenient way for students (and parents) to log into the sites from home or on a smartphone.

Clicking on "quicklinks" shares the Lunch Menu and the Monthly Newsletter PDF. This can be easily be downloaded and printed.

On the **left side** of the front page, current news articles are displayed. On the **right side**, under the calendar, are the social media updates.

We are in the process of updating all additional links. The first page is our main focus and that has been revised and polished. Our website can be viewed on any smartphone. There is also a Maywood Public School App available to download. Please check back often and let us know if you have questions, suggestions, or if there is a newsworthy event that to share about.

December Websites:

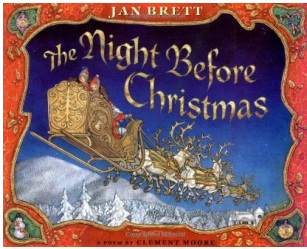
Ever wonder what Santa's house looks like? To take a tour, click on this link <https://www.zillow.com/house/santas-house/>

Of all the Christmas based websites, this one <https://www.noradsanta.org/#section-village> is my favorite! On Christmas eve, Santa's movements are tracked here, via GPS. When my children were little, we'd log on to this website to locate where Santa was landing and making deliveries, anywhere in the world. Android and Apple iPhone downloads are available for those who want to "track Santa on the fly!"

For the list makers, here's a great (free) website for gifting <https://www.myregistry.com/christmas-wish-list> this is a nice option for family and friends living distantly. It can be used for wedding, baby and other life celebrations that include wish lists.

Favorite Christmas Stories:

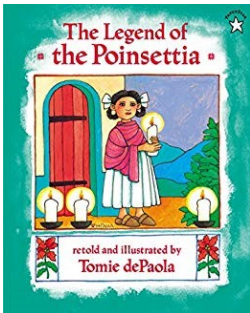
Here is a list of favorite family holiday stories. Chances are, many are in your personal libraries as well.



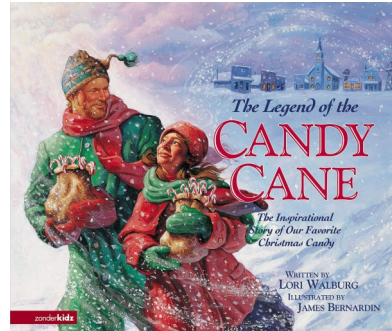
Jan Brett, *The Night Before Christmas*



Chris Van Allsburg, *The Polar Express*



Tomie dePaola, *The Legend of the Poinsettia*



Lori Walburg, *The Legend of the Candy Cane*

Happy Holidays



Maywood FFA & Ag Education News

The fall has flown by and the Maywood FFA members and Ag Education students have been busy. In the classroom, students have been monitoring our tower garden. The plant science class is in charge of checking the water levels and the pH on a weekly basis. Lettuce has been harvested many times this fall and has been available in the cafeteria's garden bar. With grant funds from the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award sponsored by NIFA, the chapter will be purchasing another tower garden to put in the 3rd grade room with our FFA buddies. Ag Education students have been able to do Ag in the Classroom activities with the 4th graders, learning all about swine and the 1st graders, making bagel bird feeders. FFA and Ag Education kids have also been trained with Nebraska Farm Bureau's Connecting Chapters program to help implement more Ag in the Classroom activities with our elementary classes. We look forward to working with the rest of the elementary classes this coming spring. Members ended the semester with a bang at our district Leadership Development Events contest held December 12 at NCTA. Below are the results from the day.

Creed Speaking

McKenna Renner-Purple

Avery Gerlach-Red

Natural Resource Speaking

Jason McIntosh- Purple

Natalie Koubek- Blue

Ag Demo

Paige Wood, Jayden Widener, Wacey Flack, & Eli Handsaker-3rd place Purple

Senior Public Speaking

Karlie Gerlach-District Champion Purple-Qualified for State

Kizziah Rutherford-Blue

Discovery Speaking

Haydn Farr-District Runner-up-Qualified for State

Ag Literacy Speaking

Jeremiah Ingison-District Champion-Qualified for State

Troy Rutherford-Blue

Junior Public Speaking

Jaycee Widener-3rd place Purple

Employment Skills

Tate Hartley-Purple

Parker Johnston-Blue

Maywood FFA Spring 2019 Dates

Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates for the Maywood FFA Chapter Spring 2019! If you would like to assist with a CDE team, please let us know! You do not need to have any experience in the contest to help the kids stay on task in practice. Spring CDE practices will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m.!

January 30- State FFA Degree Review Day and Proficiency Application Reviews

February 6- Spring CDE Contest #1, events include Nursery and Landscape, Ag Communications, Agronomy, Farm Business Management, and Vet Science

February 17-23- National FFA Week

February 28- Nebraska State Officer Visit

March 5- Spring CDE's #2, events include Ag Sales, Food Science, Floriculture, and Livestock Management

March 8-9- 212°, 360° Leadership Conference

April 3, 4, & 5- Nebraska State FFA Convention

April 29- Maywood FFA Banquet

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When we return to school in January, students will begin their 2nd semester of courses. Since 3rd quarter is often the most challenging part of the school year, it is important to remain focused on your year-long goals. Make choices that will keep you on track. Set aside time to study for tests and do ALL of your homework (and turn it in on time). Remember to exercise and get outdoors (even if it is cold). Have fun with your friends, but make school a priority. Doing well this quarter will make the remainder of the school easier. It could also impact your available course options for next school year!

Tips for Making Your Holiday Break Stress Free

- Prepare Your Child For Unknown Situations
 - Set Clear Expectations
 - Stick to Your Routines
 - Listen to Your Child's Cues
- Slow Down, and Enjoy Some Family Time!

Have a very special holiday season,
Kimberly Stengel
School Counselor

