

MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No. 1 Tiger Drive P.O. Box 46 Maywood, NE 69038

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#### Who mentored you as you were growing up? Thank them, then pass it on.

The Maywood Public School District has sponsored a TEAMMATES Mentoring Program for the past few years. Several district individuals have willingly given their time and personal commitment to the success of this program. They have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the life of one student at Maywood Schools.

Tom and Nancy Osborne founded the Program in an effort to provide support and encouragement to school aged youth. The goal of the program is to see our youth graduate from high school and then pursue post-secondary education.

This program helps many of our students see that we do care about them, both personally and academically. The Gallup Organization has assisted TEAMMATES since 2002 in measuring key student outcomes for students participating in the program. This data demonstrates positive improvement for participating students in the areas of academics, attendance, discipline referrals, and student feedback ratings.

Mentoring is making an investment in the future. As a mentor, you will spend one hour each week during the school year with a student showing your interest in their life. This short amount of time can increase the likelihood that they will graduate from high school and become a contributing member of society. As a mentor you help to identify the gifts and talents of our young people that provide them a sense of hope and vision for their life.

If you are interested in stepping up to the challenge of being a mentor for one of our students, please contact Mrs. Patricia Bauer or myself at 362-4223. We would be happy to discuss what this would mean to you and to your student. Or we can give you the name of one of our current mentors so that you may discuss what being a mentor means to them.

"Our young people face different challenges today that affect them personally. If we are going to make a difference, we have to get involved with them as one-toone mentors. We thank you for your support and we know that one student at a time, we can make a difference, not only in this generation, but for the generations to come." -Dr. Tom Osborne

Sincerely,

Mrs. Huff

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday break with family and friends. The first semester went by extremely fast, the report cards have been sent home from the first semester. I am excited to get the second half of the school year underway. A few reminders for the second semester, please be sure to call the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. If you are not receiving the messages from the school on school announcements, late starts, or school closings, please contact the office so that your information can be entered into the system. The messages can be delivered by a phone call, text message, or e-mail.

This semester there will be a new face around Maywood Public Schools. Delaney Isom is a student from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She is doing her student teaching at Maywood Public Schools with Mrs. Adrienne Johnson. Delaney is pursuing a degree in Art Education K-12. Ms. Isom grew up in North Platte and wants to move back to the area once she graduates. Ms. Isom will be getting married this April. We are excited to have Ms. Isom working with our students and Mrs. Adrienne Johnson this semester at Maywood Public Schools.

I look forward to seeing the students of Maywood Public Schools continue to grow throughout the rest of the school year. Let's make 2017 a great year at Maywood Public Schools!

## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

## Tucker Hartley: Nominated By Mr. Sonnenfeld

#### Comments by Mr. Sonnenfeld:

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Tucker always works to complete his assignments on time, and more importantly, he takes time out of his schedule whenever he has questions over an assignment. Tucker also works to help his classmates understand concepts and process new information to help them succeed.

**RESPECTFUL** - Tucker comes to class with a positive attitude every day and works to keep the classroom atmosphere a conducive learning environment.

SAFETY - Tucker practices safe procedure in lab settings, preventing problems from arising.

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

#### Jhett Sellers: Nominated by Ms. Reece

#### **Comments by Ms. Reece:**

**RESPONSIBILITY-** Jhett is a very responsible student. He always asks solid, clear questions in class. He's done a great job of integrating technology and using Google Docs. Students are invited to submit computer generated word documents and Jhett has done an outstanding job of creating documents and emailing them. His work is neat, concise and well thought out.

**RESPECTFUL-** Jhett is respectful to his classmates and teachers. He is polite, he listens, smiles, pays attention in class and does not interrupt.

**SAFETY-** Jhett is safe in school. He walks in the hallways, doesn't disrupt class, doesn't interrupt others when speaking and is quiet.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS-** I've enjoyed working with Jhett. He's reliable, honest and he works hard. He gets his work done, takes his time and does a good job and shows a genuine interest in what he's doing. He's a fun kid to have in class.

## PK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

#### Adalyn Schurr: Nominated by Mrs. Arent

#### **Comments by Mrs. Arent:**

**RESPONSIBILITY** -Adalyn always puts forth her best effort. She works diligently, while always trying to use the correct technique. It doesn't matter if she is the first one done, but that she has done her work accurately.

**RESPECTFUL** -Adalyn always listens carefully and follows directions. She is respectful and doesn't talk out of turn. She is a great role model for her classmates.

**SAFETY** -Adalyn follows the rules and keeps her hands and feet to herself. She sits quietly in her seat without disrupting other students.

Pictured left to right is Senior, Tucker Hartley; 2nd grader, Adalyn Schurr and 6th grader, Jhett Sellers.

Congratulations for being chosen as the January 2017 students of the month.



## February 2017—Maywood Public School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Thursday, February 2nd. There will be a Title I meeting during the conferences. This meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library.			1	2 1:00 p.m. dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	3 No School— Winter Break JV/V BB vs. Hitchcock Co. at Trenton starting at 4:00 p.m.	4 Varsity BB at Wallace starting at 6:00 p.m.
5	6 RPAC Vocal Clinic starting at 1:00 p.m. in Hayes Center Concert at 7:00 p.m.	7 JV/V BB vs. South Platte at Hayes Center starting at 4:00 p.m.	8 Spring FFA CDE #1 in Curtis	9	10 JV/V BB at Wauneta- Palisade starting at 4:00 p.m.	11
12	13 BB Girls Sub Districts at Cam- bridge TBA	14 BB Girls Sub Districts at Cam- bridge TBA	15	16 BB Girls Sub Districts at Cam- bridge TBA	17 JV/V BB vs. Southwest at Maywood Boys teams only	18
19	20 BB Boys Sub Districts at Cam- bridge TBA	21 BB Boys Sub Districts at Cam- bridge TBA	22 ational FFA Wee	23 BB Boys Sub Districts in Cambridge TBA	24	25
26	27	28 Spring CDE #2 in Curtis				

## MOBILE PANTRY—HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one day distribution. The goal is to provide food where there is a high need but limited resources. The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge. The mobile food pantry will be in Curtis on Saturday, February 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at NCTA (Student Union Bldg. or "The Barn") 404 East 7th Street. Contact: 308-362-7465 Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry food.

## March 2017—Maywood Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 No School Spring Break	4 Best of the West Speech Meet in North Platte at 8:00 a.m.
5	6	7 1:00 dismis- sal Maywood Quiz Bowl at 2:00 p.m.	8 Spring Activi- ty Photos	9	10 No School Spring Break End of 3rd Qtr.	11
12	13 Qtr. 4 be- gins	14	15	16 UNK Track Invite at 1:00 p.m. in Kearney	17 FFA Acti- vate and Lever- age in Kearney	18 FFA Acti- vate and Lever- age in Kearney
19	20 Farm Safety Day in Curtis Elem./Jr. High Quiz Bowl in Maywood	21 RPAC In- strumental Mu- sic at Maxwell Concert at 7:00 p.m.	22 NO SCHOOL MHC Track meet at McCook at 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25
26	27 High School Quiz Bowl at South- ern Valley	28 Maywood Jr. High Track Invite at 1:30 p.m.	29 Cambridge Golf Invite at 10:00 a.m.	30	31 Pleasanton High School Track invite at Kearney at 8:45 a.m.	

Do you have somebody new in your neighborhood? If so, Mrs. Covey wants to know. Every year Mrs. Covey keeps track of the families in the school district for the Census. The Census is required of all Nebraska school districts. This helps the school district know how many children will be in each class. If you have a new neighbor please let Mrs. Covey know. She can be reached at Maywood School . The office number is (308) 362-4223

Eileen's Cookie forms will be given out to the students in February. We will sell cookies for two weeks. This school wide sales program gives the opportunity for children who are burn victims to summer camp. The students are picked by St. Elizabeth's Burn Center. Since we have been doing this fund raiser the students and community have sponsored 3 children each year. If you need more information on the cookie sales please contact Adrienne Johnson at home 308-362-4868, or at school 308-362-4223. Thank you for your support!

## Lunch Menu February 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Garden Bar available Monday through Thursday.		1 Chicken Tacos Refried Beans Fruit Churro	2 Flat Bread Pizza Pizza Sauce California Blend Fruit	3 No School
6 Rib Sandwich Corn Fruit Doritos	7 Italian Dunkers Meat Sauce Cheesy Bread Green Beans Fruit	8 Mini Corn dogs Macaroni and cheese Peas Fruit	9 Beef Tacos Spanish Rice Black Beans/Salsa Corn Fruit	10 Chicken Nug- gets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Fruit Dinner Roll
13 Meatball Sub Smilie Fries Fruit	14 Baked Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Fruit Dinner Rolls	15 Chicken Quesadillas Green Beans Spanish Rice Fruit	16 BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Cole Slaw	17 Sausage Pizza California Blend Fruit Cookie
20 Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice Green Beans Egg Roll Fruit	21 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Fruit Pudding	22 Crispitos Cheese Sauce Corn Fruit	23 Breaded Chicken Filet Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Fruit Dinner Roll	24 Hamburgers Oven Fries Fruit Brownie
27 Spaghetti With Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Bread Stick	28 Pig in a Blanket Macaroni and Cheese Peas Fruit			Flavored or non- flavored milk served daily.

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Health Notes: Flu season has arrived! The flu spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing, touching or even talking. People infected with the flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day prior to having symptoms and up to 5-7 days after. The best defense is limiting contact with those who are ill and frequent washing of hands with soap and water or if that is not available use hand sanitizer.

*Before sending your child back to school after an illness, they should be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of medication.* For more information please go to the CDC website at: <u>www.cdc.gov/flu</u> or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

## BOOM...That JUST Happened!!!

The Journalism class has been working very hard the last semester to put out an awesome Yearbook! Several of the students were able to attend a conference at UNL hosted by the Nebraska High School Press Association. The sessions were very informative and we were able to bring back some great ideas for our yearbook. The students who attended the conference were able to tour the 10/11 news station. They watched a live broadcast and spoke with broadcasters and those that work behind the scenes.



The journalism students wanted to get more students and staff involved with the yearbook, so they decided to have a theme contest in October. Students and staff had a week to come up with different themes, and the journalism class chose the best three. All students, grades 7-12, had a chance to vote on their favorite of the three. The winning theme, by Mrs. Stengel, was BOOM...That JUST Happened! The contest was a lot of fun, and it was great to see everyone's involvement. The 2016-2017 yearbook will look different than past yearbooks, and we believe that everyone will be excited for the new look! The price for a yearbook is \$32. We will have a **pre-sale** going on until March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you order and pay by March 31<sup>st</sup> you can purchase a yearbook for \$25. For every yearbook you purchase at full price (\$25 before March 31<sup>st</sup> or \$32 after March 31<sup>st</sup>), you can purchase another one for \$15. If you have any questions, please ask a Journalism student: Kayla M., Juan B., Karlie G., River H., Julie I., Tyler S., Maci S., or myself. I can be reached at 308-362-4223 or you can email me at <u>abby.brown@maywoodtigers.org</u>

### Maywood FFA News

Greetings from the Maywood FFA Chapter. Members participated in multiple events during our Leadership Skills Events contest on December 14<sup>th</sup> including ag demonstration, creed speaking, extemporaneous speaking, cooperative speaking, jr. public speaking, natural resource speaking, and job interview. January brings time to prepare for our spring Career Development Event contests along with our state officer visit on January 31<sup>st</sup> with Miss Halle Ramsey. Events for February include State Degree Review and Interviews on February 1<sup>st</sup>; spring CDE contest #1 of Ag Communications, Livestock Management, & Floriculture on February 8<sup>th</sup>; and our final CDE contest of Nursery & Landscape Management, Vet Science, Ag Sales, and Meats Evaluation on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Members will celebrate National FFA Week February 19-25. If you are interested in sharing your Ag story or assisting with a team, please let Miss Armstrong know!





Parents

#### Encouraging

#### **Parents**

March 16-18, 2017 Younes Conference Center Kearney, Nebraska

Are you a Nebraska parent of a child with special needs? Then this conference is for you! <u>No registration fee!</u> Two nights' lodging and most meals furnished!

#### What is PEP?

The purpose of PEP is to bring parents of children with disabilities together in an accepting and confidential environment, giving them the opportunity to share ideas, feelings and common concerns, and to obtain information on parenting and education a child with a disability. Parents will go home with renewed energy, hope and a desire to work closely with professionals who serve their child so that every child can experience the fullest life.

#### Who Should Attend?

This conference is open to all Nebraska parents who are raising a child with a verified disability. The must have an active IFSP/IEP.

A small number of openings are reserved for education professionals who serve children with disabilities and are employed in NE school districts. Professionals will experience PEP from a parent perspective.

#### **Guidelines for Participants:**

- All registered participants must attend the entire conference.
- For married couples, both spouses are required to attend the conference together for maximum benefit.
- Single parents are welcome to bring a support person that shares responsibility for raising the child with a disability and is actively involved in the child's education.

#### Conference Details: Registration, Lodging, Meals and Childcare

- Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. There is NO registration fee!
- Lodging on Thursday and Friday, dinner on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday are furnished.
- You will receive an email or letter confirming your participation. The PEP staff will reserve a hotel room in your name and arrange for your meals.
- Please make your own child care arrangements. Children are not permitted to stay in their parents' hotel room at the Conference
- Once your registration is confirmed, you are expected to attend the PEP Conference as the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is covering the conference costs, including your hotel room and meals.
- If an emergency arises and you cannot attend PEP, please call us immediately at 402-471-2471, so that your hotel reservation and meals can be cancelled. Failure to notify us could jeopardize future funding for this Conference.

#### How Do I Register?

To register, **first** *read* the **Guidelines for Participants.** Then, complete the registration form available online at:

#### www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html

Register by **February 20, 2017.** After this date, please call 402-471-2471 for availability.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact your school or PEP staff at 402-471-2471.

#### **PEP – A Unique Conference**

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), Office of Special Education, recognizes that parents are experts in many areas of their child's life. Thus, NDE has entrusted parents to create guidelines, plan and run the PEP Conference. PEP is unique in that it is a conference FOR parents BY parents.

#### What Parents Say About PEP

"I learned a lot of great information. I feel relieved and empowered and know I am not alone."

"I like that this conference is put on basically by 'lay people' with special needs kids who live this every day. Thank you!"

"After coming, I understand the importance for parents to come together because they are so busy 'just handling' things. They need to regroup and get on the same page. This has started a movement in us to better our relationship like nothing ever has. Thank you!"

"Life changing! I can't even express how amazing and encouraged I feel."

#### What Education Professionals say about PEP

"I was able to take my professional hat off and listen to what parents with a child with a disability go through from the day they learn about the disability."

#### Comments Shared about the Informational Session at PEP

#### Good Grief!

"Grieving is an emotional process so it was good to have the 'words' put to the process. I could identify with the presenters even though our child has a different disability."

#### **IFSP/IEP Process**

"A tremendous amount of information presented in clear, understandable terms. Easy to follow. Simple steps to a complicated process."

#### **Siblings**

"It was great to hear these siblings share what they thought and felt about their family life."

#### **Assistive Technology**

"Very helpful to have all the products in the room."

#### **Estate Planning**

"Good outline of what we needed to know to get started. Very useful."

#### Pearls of Wisdom

"Real stories from real parents in the trenches. Gut wrenching, funny and tearful – the best part."

#### **Conference Schedule**

*Thursday, March 16 6-9 p.m.* Hotel check in 5:00 p.m. Dinner Welcome and Conference Overview Discussion Group

Friday, March 17 8:30 – 5:00 The IEP Process Early Childhood/IFSP Process Transition to Adult Living Building Positive Parent/School Partnerships Lunch Good Grief! Discussion Group Dinner (on your own) Evening free to socialize, network, and relax

#### Saturday, March 18 8:30 – 3:00 Check out of hotel before 9:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Assistive Technology
- Estate Planning for the Child with Special Needs
- For Men Only
- Siblings
- Positive Behavior Management
- Empowering Kids to be Self-Advocates
- Youth Leadership Council Stories from the Heart
- Social Skills

Lunch

Discussion Group Pearls of Wisdom Closing and Evaluations

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# Senior Spotlight





Dayne Dale Littell is the son of Chuck and Billie Jo Littell

He has three brothers, Peyton, Dalton and Devon

Dayne's future plans include Building Construction

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Triple X

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Kennedy

Favorite High School Memory: Senior Sneak! We are going to the Zoo in Omaha. I will make sure it's my favorite memory. It will be fun!

Dayne's advice to underclassmen is to respect your elders.

Dayne's activities include: Football, Basketball, Band, FBLA and One Act Play Production.

## CLASS OF 2017

Devon Charles Littell is the son of Chuck and Billie Jo Littell.

He has three brothers, Peyton, Dalton and Dayne.

Devon's future plans include college. Devon is looking forward to graduating from college and getting a job.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Rouge 1

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Kennedy

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite memory was actually in Junior High. Our basketball team had a winning season with a 7-2 record.

Devon's advice to underclassmen is to do your homework, listen to your teachers and respect them.

Devon's activities include: Football, Basketball, Band, FBLA and One Act Play Production.

Good luck Devon with your future plans!



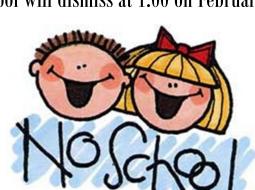
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## **Counselor's**

or n e r Parent Teacher Conferences are February 2, 2017 in the Maywood High School Gymnasium. Elementary students have appointment times available from 3:00-8:00 p.m. All 6-12 grade parents are welcome to come from 3:00-8:00 p.m. as well. If this day doesn't work for you, please contact your child's teacher to set up an alternate appointment.

School will dismiss at 1:00 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>





February 3, 2017