



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sadly, once again we are trying to make sense of a situation that makes no sense. Another school shooting leaves many wondering why, what can we do to stop another incident, and could it happen here? These are all viable questions, one our school addresses several times throughout the school year through planning and practicing drills. But the recent senseless loss of young lives brings all of the emotions, confusion, and fear back to the forefront of our thoughts.

As details from the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Florida, are released it is difficult to grasp that the grievous devastation of the results took place in under ten minutes. We find ourselves asking what could have been done differently to stop this tragedy. And more importantly to us on a local level, how do we prevent this from ever happening at our school or a neighboring school?

The research on school safety has evolved over my career from information and data gleaned from past tragic events. Still, there is no clear answer, no clear guidelines on how to prevent a reoccurrence, on exactly how to assure our public that this will not happen here.

Some reassurance may come in knowing that Maywood Public Schools has taken deliberate steps in making the school environment more proactive as opposed to a less prepared reactive state of being. A few years ago the Nebraska Department of Education created a new position of Director of School Safety. This person has been tasked with the responsibility of going on site of each school building in the state and evaluating the facilities and each districts' safety plans and safety protocols. The Maywood School District received positive feedback on our written plans and how those plans are put into action and practiced.

However, just because our plans were highly noted, this does not preclude the fact that we will continue the work of making our students safe. We will continue to stop the school day to practice our protocols, we will discuss the topic of school safety during staff in-service, and we will continue educating ourselves with the most current information and research.

What can you do at home to help your child deal with the ever-present continual senseless gun violence in schools that the today's media presents? How do you address fears about their safety? The National Association of School Psychologists offer advice on talking points.

Reassure children that they are safe. For younger children who need brief and simple information, offer reassurance that their school and home are safe and that adults are there to protect them. Upper elementary and early middle school children need assistance separating reality from fantasy by discussing the efforts our school and community leaders provide in making school safe. For upper middle school and high school students we need to emphasize the roll that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines (e.g. not providing building access to strangers, reporting strangers on campus, reporting threats to the school's safety made by other students or community members, etc.), and by communicating any personal safety concerns to school personnel.

The Maywood School District will continue to practice our safety protocols, work closely with the community and local safety offices, and work to make our facilities safe physically and emotionally.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Huff*

## Principal News

State testing is right around the corner. The window is from March 19<sup>th</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>. This year the testing is no longer called NeSA testing. It is called the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System). This testing is reported to the state and helps determine the rank of Maywood Public Schools in AQuESTT.

The new testing format will look similar to what the students have done in the past with the MAP testing. The tests will be administered on a computer and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education for scoring. Results will be sent home this fall to all the parents when the school receives them from NDE.

Parents play a big role during the assessment period and can help by making sure your students get plenty of sleep, getting your children a nutritious breakfast, and making sure your students are in school on the testing days for their classes. Also, encourage your children to take their time and do their best on the tests. Parents are encouraged to get on the following link and work on the practice tests with their children: <http://www.education.ne.gov/assessment/>

The juniors will be taking the ACT test April 3<sup>rd</sup> after we return from Easter Break. Like last year, we will administer this test to the juniors down at the Maywood Community Hall. This seems to give the students a quiet and stress-free environment to help them be successful on the test. There will be five sections tested on the ACT for the juniors: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing.

The students have been working with John Baylor concepts in their core classes as well in their A-Teams. They will also be attending an ACT Prep workshop in Southern Valley on March 20<sup>th</sup> to help them be prepared for the test.

## Activity News

Winter sports have wrapped up and both the boys and girls basketball teams had a strong showing this year. The boys improved all season and finished with a record of 7-17. The girl's team was one game away from qualifying for the state tournament. They finished with a record of 20-6. District Speech was this week and Maywood will have Rebel Sjeklocha competing at State Speech the last week of March. Maywood held its high school quiz bowl this month and placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of twelve teams. State competitions for FBLA and FFA are fast approaching.

Spring sports have started practice with golf and track. Golf starts their season on March 28<sup>th</sup> and track starts on March 15<sup>th</sup>. MHC hosts their track meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Trenton and if you are interested in volunteering to help out at the meet, please contact the office. Maywood also hosts a junior high track meet on March 27<sup>th</sup>; if you would like to volunteer to help out at that track meet, please contact Mr. Brown at the high school office.

GO WOLVES!!!

Mr. Brown



The NHS is sponsoring a school wide fundraiser. All MPS students are selling Eileen's Cookie Dough in 3 lb tubs for \$15 a tub. All proceeds raised will be used to help children that are burn victims attend a camp in Burwell, NE called Kamp Kaleo. The money will help sponsor a child/children for a two week camp. Please say any Maywood student in grades Pre-K to 12th to order or call/email Mrs. Brown at [308-362-4223/abby.brown@maywoodtigers.org](tel:308-362-4223). Orders will be taken until March 22nd. Thank you for your support in this wonderful cause.

# MAYWOOD FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## ELEMENTARY WINNER

Emma Brown

Nominated by Mrs. Smith

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Emma works very hard on her daily work and is a great contributor to classroom discussions. She thinks “outside the box” and shares very important ideas to the topics being discussed. She tries her very best in new concepts and does not give up until she understands.

**RESPECTFUL** - Emma is very respectful and follows the rules on the playground. She has great ideas for our student council and would like to have more projects and even serve the community better.

**SAFETY** - Emma makes smart choices and cares about the feelings of others. She wants to see the good in everyone and will someday be that leader that creates positive activities to support her family, school, and community.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** - Emma listens to news stories and is very aware of the world and what is happening at the local and national levels. She is a strong analytical thinker and very perceptive for just being a 5th grader!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER

Emmy Oldham

Nominated by Mrs. Garrison-Lenz

**RESPONSIBILITY**- Emmy is extremely responsible in that she works diligently on the task presented to her in class. She’s excellent at finishing work within given timeframes and always gives her best effort. When she finishes classwork, she has work for other classes or her Accelerated Reading book ready to go. She is excellent at time management and using her time wisely in class.

**RESPECTFUL** – Emmy is respectful towards her teachers and fellow classmates. She always has a kind word for others and never interrupts or blurts, but contributes well in class. She is thoughtful and aspires to help others throughout the school and community.

**SAFETY** – Emmy has never acted in an unsafe way in class. She sets an example of behavior to her classmates and excels at knowing and following school and classroom rules.

Emmy Oldham

Nominated by Mr. Weyeneth

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Emmy always completes her assignments and she uses her time in class wisely. She pays attention in class and is willing to learn.

**RESPECTFUL** - She listens during class and is willing to be redirected. She interacts with her classmates respectfully.

**SAFETY** - Emmy behaves maturely and I don’t think she would intentionally do anything unsafe.

## HIGH SCHOOL WINNER

Wacey Flack

Nominated by Mr. Hamilton

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Wacey always comes to class prepared and ready to learn. He turns assignments in on time and puts forth a great effort. He sets a great example for the rest of his classmates.

**RESPECTFUL** - Wacey is very strong in this category. He is quick with a “hello” and helps anyone out when they need it. I can’t think of a more respectful student I have ever taught.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** - Wacey is an all-around great kid. I have enjoyed getting to know him this school year and this past basketball season. His work ethic sets a great example for everyone around him and makes him a valuable member of this school and community.

Wacey Flack

Nominated by Ms. Armstrong

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Wacey comes to class prepared every day, he has his homework done to the best of his abilities. He is also great at letting me know as well as his FFA teammates if he will be late or gone for something. Whenever he is gone for school events or other activities, he always checks with me before he leaves to make sure he has his assignments and knows what he will be missing.

**RESPECTFUL** - Wacey brings some pep into the classroom and is very respectful at the same time. He always does what is asked of him and doesn’t complain. This is a kid who also encourages his classmates and teammates to do their best.

**SAFETY** - As far as safety goes, Wacey follows all of the school rules and acts respectable at FFA events. I never have to really worry about him getting out of line. He also is a great influence for his classmates and teammates.

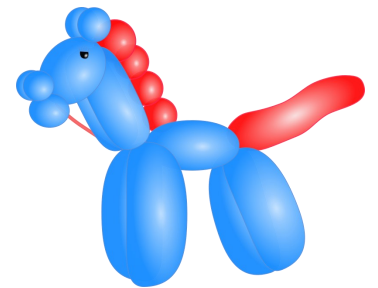
**Additional Comments** - Wacey is a great kid and brings a smile into the classroom every day, even when he isn’t having the best day. He gives 100% all the time and I am fortunate enough to have him in two classes as well as FFA. He is also one of the first kids to volunteer if something needs done.

Congratulations to the February Students of the Month— left to right are Emma Brown, Wacey Flack and Emmy Oldham.



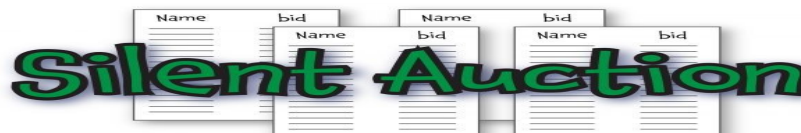
**Other students nominated-**Paytyn Stengel, Karissa Stengel, Lynden Merritt, Olivia Bauer, Hank Rutherford, Jaelyn Spangler, Tell Tobiasson, Pryce Johnston, Jhett Sellers, Stevie Handsaker, Avery Gerlach, Jenna Ingison, Alexis Wood, Kaitlyn McGuire, Sanne Beeren, Maci Sorge, Jason McIntosh, Kizziah Rutherford, and Von Fritsche.

## Maywood School Carnival Sunday, April 22, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Maywood High School



Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 16th. Tickets will be sold 5 for a \$1.00 the week before the Carnival. The afternoon of the Carnival tickets will be sold 4 for a \$1.00 Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Shirley in 1st grade or Brooke in the School office.

**There are games for all ages. Come join in the fun!**



# Maywood Public School

## April 2018 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Easter Break	3 Spaghetti with meat sauce Green Beans Fruit Bread Sticks	4 Super Beef Nachos Corn Churros Fruit	5 Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit Dinner Roll	6 Cook's Choice  Salad bar available
9 Glazed Chicken Sandwich Tomato Slices Oven Fries Fruit	10 Breaded Pork Patty Broccoli and Cheese Fruit Biscuit	11 Chicken Teriyaki Over rice Green Beans Fruit Egg roll	12 Breaded Chicken Filet Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit Dinner roll	13 Hamburgers Oven Fries Tomato and Pickle Slices Fruit Brownie
16 Meatball Sub Smilie Fries Fruit Pudding	17 Chicken Quesadillas Corn Fruit Cinnamon Bread	18 Kindergarten Orientation Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit and Dinner roll	19 Cook's Choice	20 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Dessert
23 No School Teacher work day	24 Walk to Lunch Day PB and J sandwich Veggie Sticks Fruit Chips	25 Senior Citizen Meal Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Fruit Dinner Roll	26 Sub Sandwiches Tomato and Pickle Slices Oven Fries Fruit	27 Chili Cheddar sticks Veggie sticks Peaches Cinnamon rolls
30 Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Tomato Slices Oven Fries Fruit Pudding				Flavored or Non Flavored Milk Served Daily This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Wednesday, March 21, 2018—No School —MHC Track Invite beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Trenton

Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2—No School—Easter Break

Wednesday, April 18—Kindergarten orientation

Sunday, April 22—School Carnival from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 23—No School—Teacher work day

Maywood's Got Talent— Thursday, May 3

MPS Graduation—Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym

MHC Athletic Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in Hayes Center—Thursday, May 10

Elementary Awards and Field day— Tuesday, May 15

Last day of school—Wednesday, May 16 —11:30 a.m. dismissal, no lunch served.



# April 2018—Maywood Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2 No School Easter Break	3 DCS Golf Invite at 11:00 a.m. DCS Track Invite at 12:45 p.m.	4 Paxton Jr. High Track Invite at 10:00 a.m.	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">State FBLA Leadership Conference</div>	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">State FFA Convention in Lincoln</div>
8	9	10 Arapahoe Golf Invite at 10:00 a.m.	11 Hitchcock Co. Jr. High Track Invite at Trenton at 9:00 a.m.	12 Med Valley Golf Invite at 10:00 a.m. in Curtis Elementary Quiz Bowl at SWHS in Bartley at 4:00 p.m.	13 Med Valley Track Invite in McCook at 9:30 a.m.	14
15	16	17 Paxton Track Invite at 11:00 a.m.	18 Kindergarten Orientation—No Kindergarten class today.	19 Red Cross Blood Mobile at Community Hall 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Southwest Golf Invite at Cambridge at 10:00 a.m.	20	21 Maywood Prom
22	23 No School Teacher Work Day Maywood FFA Banquet at 6:30 p.m.	24 Walk to Lunch Day	25	26 RPAC Golf Invite in Curtis at 10:00 a.m.	27 RPAC Track Invite at Trenton at 11:00 a.m.	28
29	30 Wauneta Palisade Jr. High Track Invite at Trenton at 9:00 a.m.					



Maywood Public School is now accepting applications for preschool enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. You may stop by the school office to pick up an application or call the school at 362-4223 and an application will be mailed to you.

# May 2018—Maywood Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hitchcock County Golf Invite at McCook at 9:00 a.m. Best of the Midwest in Sutherland at 3:00 p.m.	2 Senior's Last Day	3 Southern Valley Golf Invite at Oxford at 9:00 a.m. Maywood's Got Talent at 7:00 p.m.	4 DCS Twilight Track Invite at 1:30 p.m.	5 Graduation at 2:00 p.m.
6	7 DCS Jr. High Track meet at 10:00 a.m.	8 Cattle Trail Golf Invite in Curtis at 10:00 a.m.  Student Physicals for grades 6-11	9 District Track at Paxton	10 MHC Athletic Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in Hayes Center	11	12
13	14 District Golf	15 Elementary Awards and Track Day	16 Last day of school. 11:30 a.m. dismissal  No Lunch served.	17 Teacher Work Day and Check out	18 State Track Meet	19 State Track Meet
20	21	22 State Golf Meet	23 State Golf Meet	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



The Maywood Jr. High Quiz Bowl team placed 2nd at the ESU Jr. High Quiz Bowl at Southwest School in Bartley on Tuesday, March 13th. Pictured left to right are: front row, Kiley Hejtmanek, Emmy Oldham, Waylon Fackler, Jhett Sellers, and Ridge Hastings, back row are Jett Sjeklocha and Stevie Handsaker.



# Maywood FFA & Ag Education News

It might be chilly outside but things are heating up for the Maywood FFA chapter and the Ag Education department here in Maywood! In the classroom, students have been busy learning poultry breeds, administering various types of injections, meal planning for "The Busy Family," identifying plants, and working on fertilizer calculations. The newest addition to the Ag room will be arriving soon in the form of a Tower Garden, purchased with grant money from Farm Credit Services of America. Learning lab kits are also being purchased for our classroom use thanks to a generous donation from Community First Bank.

Members of the Maywood FFA chapter have been fired up this spring in preparation for their final spring contests. Members participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Frontier County Invitational (formally the Eustis-Farnam Invite) in Floriculture and Vet Science in preparation for district and state contests. The Vet Science team gained lots of knowledge and the Floriculture team walked away with the gold along with the top individual awards. At the district contest held March 6<sup>th</sup> at NCTA, the Vet Science team competed well against a fierce group of competitors. The Ag Sales team came away with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish and ticket to Lincoln while the Nursery & Landscape team kept their tradition alive and earned the district title for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Below are the state qualifiers and teams who will compete in Lincoln April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

## Sr. Livestock Judging

Tate Hartley  
Jayden Widener  
Von Fritsche  
Jon Moore

## Agriscience

Jaycee Widener  
Jesse Benell  
Brody Robinson  
Colton Hodges

## Floriculture

Von Fritsche  
Paige Wood  
Wacey Flack  
Karlie Gerlach

## Nursery & Landscape

Paige Wood  
Von Fritsche  
Eli Handsaker  
Karlie Gerlach

## Ag Sales

Tate Hartley  
Parker Johnston  
Kizziah Rutherford  
Brody Robinson

## Ag Communications

Rebel Sjeklocha  
Jayden Widener  
Tate Hartley  
Karlie Gerlach

## Ag Demonstration

Paige Wood  
Eli Handsaker  
Wacey Flack

## Natural Resource Speaking

Rebel Sjeklocha

## FFA Talent

Rebel Sjeklocha



Maywood Public School will be hosting Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, April 18 for children that are age 5 on or before July 31, 2018. Information will be mailed. If you do not receive the information by Monday, April 2nd please contact the school office at 362-4223.





# Senior Spotlight

## CLASS OF 2018



*Keegan Michael Dibbern*

Keegan's future plans are to join the National Guard.

Favorite Food: Chinese food

Favorite Movie: Varsity Blues

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Miller

Favorite High School Memory: Senior year of Football

Keegan's advice to underclassmen: Don't be stupid and don't copy and paste.

Keegan's activities include: Football, FBLA, Mock Trial, One Act and Golf

Good luck with your future, Keegan.



*Von Micah Fritsche*

Von's future plans are to attend college at UNL.

Favorite Food: T-Bone Steak

Favorite Movie: Iron Giant

Favorite Teacher: Del VanDerWerff

Favorite High School Memories: Senior year of Tennis

Von's advice to underclassmen is to put some effort into it and you'll get along fine.

Von's activities include Tennis, FFA, Basketball, Band, NHS, Quiz Bowl, Speech, and Legion Baseball

Best wishes Von for a successful future!

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## Postal Patron

# Counselor's

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These next few months are filled with activities to keep our spring season busy here at school. On March 14<sup>th</sup> a number of our 9-12 students traveled to North Platte Community College Interhigh Day and on March 28<sup>th</sup> they will go to McCook Community College Interhigh Day. The students will take tests and be involved in content specific activities on the college campuses. They have the opportunity to win scholarships and awards by scoring in the top 3. Many different schools participate in these academic competitions, so it is always a great experience for our students.

On March 20, 2018, our junior class will attend an ACT Preparation Session with Chad Cargill at Southern Valley High School. Chad is an ACT Consultant that spends most of his time in Oklahoma and Texas presenting workshops. Chad is the founder of Cargill Consulting, [www.cargillcounseling.com](http://www.cargillcounseling.com). During high school Chad knew he needed to win scholarships in order to attend Oklahoma State University. Chad's freshman year in high school, he discovered that many scholarships were based on ACT scores and the journey was on. He took the ACT a total of 18 times in high school raising his score from a 19 to a 32. This phenomenal increase was simply due to him learning what was on the test and how to take it.

Happy Spring!

Kimberly Stengel  
School Counselor

