



MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2026 State Assessments- Nebraska Educational Profile (NEP)

April is a time of staff, students and schools experience varying levels of anxiety as we move into the “Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System” more commonly known as NSCAS testing. Spring state assessments monitor student progress in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Students in grades 3rd-11th will to some degree experience their own “April Anxiety.” All Juniors will be assessed using The National College Board’s ACT exams. ACT testing will focus on English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Writing. The Junior class, Sophomore Class and Freshman Class took the ACT exams on March 24th.

NSCAS tests are high stakes for our schools, district and the community. As you know, these exams rate our student’s learning progress in reading, math, and science against the Nebraska States Standards. Our goal is to have every student score “on-track” or at the “advanced” level on these examinations. The students and teachers have been working hard learning grade level curriculum all year and now the time has come for us to see what they have learned. The challenge for Maywood is that we are small in numbers and a few high or low scores will greatly influence the overall assessment scores.

As parents, I am asking for your help and cooperation during testing times by helping your son/daughter prepare at home. Examining the testing schedules, we have students testing almost daily beginning April 7th and continue throughout April grades three through the eighth graders. Teachers will have students test in multiple pieces to keep them engaged and hopefully get their best scores. First, and foremost, please help us get top performance by your son/daughter by making sure they receive at least eight hours of sleep the night before tests. Please put up the cell phones to allow them adequate sleep time. Secondly, make sure you require your children to eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. Thirdly, take a few moments to positively encourage your children to do their best work on the exams. You play an important role as parents encouraging your children to strive to do their best by demonstrating their learning at all grade levels.

Why are these exams so important? The NSCAS exams are a “snapshot” reflection of student learning as compared to a set of state proficiency outcomes. Student grade level performance are reported in the AQuESTT State of the Schools report each Fall. Student performance data is used to rank the schools as “Excellent, Great, Good or Needs Improvement, schools. School districts will be compared to one another by others. This year the Nebraska Department of Education is modifying the AQuESTT factors, which may give us different outcomes.

I want Maywood students to take pride in their learning accomplishments and reflect the level of learning that is occurring throughout our school. I am asking parents to discuss the importance of their student doing their best and be persistent because it reflects the learning at Maywood Community School.

Thank you for your help and cooperation,

Mark Bejot

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 - MHC Golf @ Cambridge @ 10:00am	2 - MHC Track @ Perkins County @ 10:00am	3 - No School (Easter Break)	4
5 - Easter Sunday	6 - No School - Easter Monday	7	8 - MHC JH Track @ Paxton @ 10:00am	9 - MHC JV Golf @ Chase County @ 10:00am	10	11 - MHC Track @ Cambridge @ 10:00am
12	13 - FBLA Blood Drive - JH & Elem. Quiz Bowl @ Southwest @ 4:00pm	14 - MHC Golf @ Arapahoe @ 9:30am	15 - MHC JH Track @ Trenton @ 10:00am	16 - MHC Golf @ Curtis @ 10:00am	17 - MHC Track @ Cambridge @ 10:00am	18
				FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney		
19	20 - FFA Banquet	21 - MHC Track @ Gothenburg @ 4:00pm	22 - MHC JH Track @ Sutherland @ 10:00am	23 - MHC Golf @ Cambridge @ 10:00am	24 - District Music Contest @ Chase County	25 - MHC Track @ Hershey @ 10:00am
26	27 - Senior Cap and Gown Photos	28 - MHC JH Track @ Bertrand @ 10:00am	29	30 - 5-12 Band & Choir Spring Program @ 6:30 - MHC Golf @ Curtis @ 10:00am		

Title 1 Tidbit

April 2026

Spring is upon us so let's SPRING into action and improve our family time and our kid's quality of sleep! An easy way to encourage face-to-face interaction with your family is by putting away devices (including yours) at set times. Great times to holster that device include during meals, on family outings, and/or during family game night. If you're using a device and your child interrupts, switch your attention to them. You'll help them see that the person in front of them is more important than what's on screen. It's easier for your child to get up on time for school if they have had at least 9 hours of sleep. It's best if parents set a reasonable bedtime and make sure children put away electronic devices and/or shut off the TV so they aren't tempted to stay awake and watch a show, read messages, or play games. Electronics have a way of eating into sleep time and affecting the quality of sleep. Having a device or TV in the bedroom has been linked to lower test scores, sleeping problems, and even obesity. Parents who set a healthy limit to screen time find everyone wins! Before bed activities that can replace screen time might include a healthy snack, a shower, brushing teeth, journaling, reading, drawing or coloring, a bedtime chat with your kids, singing a lullaby, rocking or cuddling, and moving the pet onto their own bed so a child's bed is a haven for sleep. Some great websites for information on healthy snacks, limiting screen time, and creating healthy bedtime routines include:

<https://food.unl.edu/free-resources/newsletters/food-fun-young-children/snacking-healthy/>

<https://food.unl.edu/free-resources/newsletters/food-fun-young-children/reduce-screen-time-and-get-active/>

<https://food.unl.edu/programs/sleepless-nebraska/>

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May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 - MHC RPAC Track Meet @ Cambridge @ 10:30am	2
3	4 - MHC JH Track @ Wauneta @ 10:30am	5 - Animals Inside & Out - MHC Golf @ McCook @ 10:00am - MHC Track @ Sutherland @ 3:00pm	6 - MHC Athletic Banquet	7 - MHC Golf @ North Platte St. Pats @ 10:00am - Preschool Open House 4:00pm - 6:00pm	8 - MHC Track @ DCS Twilight @ 1:30pm - Preschool Open House 8:00am - 10:00am	9 - Maywood Graduation @ 1:00pm
10 - Mother's Day	11 - MHC JH Track @ DCS @ 10:00am	12 - MHC Golf @ Curtis @ 10:00am	13	14 - MHC District Track @ TBA	15 - Elementary Field Day	16 - MHC JH State Track @ Gothenburg @ 11:00am
17	18 - MHC District Golf @ TBA	19 - Elementary Field Trips	20 - Last Day of School (11:30am Dismissal) - Teacher In-Service	21 - Teacher In-Service	22 - MHC State Track @ Burke Stadium	23 - MHC State Track @ Burke Stadium
24	25 - Memorial Day	26	27 - MHC State Golf @ Columbus @ TBA	28 - MHC State Golf @ Columbus @ TBA	29	30
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Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross

Scholarship Blood Drive **Maywood High School**

Community Hall

Monday, April 13, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Janice Arent at 362-4223 during school hours or after at 362-4240 to schedule your appointment.

Walk-ins Welcome!



April 2026 Menu



Breakfast every day offers the choice of 3 different cold cereals. All grains offered at breakfast and lunch are whole grain rich. A variety of low fat and fat free milks are offered with breakfast and lunch. The Garden bar is offered to K-12 Students daily. Which includes a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit for the students to choose from.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1% White or flavored milk served daily This institution is an equal opportunity provider		1 Biscuits & Gravy Orange Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit	2 Breakfast Tornados Pulled Pork Sandwich Carrots Fruit	3 Waffles Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks With Marinara Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fruit
6 Frudel Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fruit	7 Pancakes & Sausage Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks With Marinara Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fruit	8 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Toast Au Gratin Potatoes & Ham Green Beans Fruit Roll	9 Breakfast Egg Roll Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fruit	10 Oatmeal Popcorn Chicken Carrots Fruit Biscuit
13 Cini Mini's Cheese Burgers Fries Fruit	14 Waffles & Bacon Pork Carnitas Refried Beans Fruit	15 Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit Teriyaki Chicken Rice Broccoli Fruit	16 Bagels Fish Sticks Green Beans Fruit Breadsticks	17 Cheese Omelet Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fruit
20 Breakfast Burrito Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Vegetable & Pasta Salad Fruit	21 Strawberry mini Bagels Chicken Crispito With Nacho Cheese Peas Fruit	22 Breakfast Taco Spaghetti With Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fruit Garlic Bread	23 Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Biscuit	24 Breakfast Tornado Boneless Wings Celery & Carrots Fruit Texas Toast
27 Waffles Grilled Chicken Sandwich Broccoli With Cheese Fruit	28 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links Beef Nachos Black Beans Fruit	29 Breakfast Egg Roll Tater-tot Casserole Fruit Roll	30 Cherry Turnovers Cheese Pizza Corn Fruit	

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TEAMMATES NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Spring into Mentoring

Happy April, Mentors and Mentees,

April is a great time to reconnect, refresh goals, and enjoy meaningful moments together as mentor and mentee. With the school year winding down, your time together matters more than ever! Your consistency makes a difference. Even simple conversations can have a lasting impact. Thank you for showing up and supporting your mentee!

- Our program continues to grow, and we need additional mentors to support students who are waiting for a match.
- If you or someone you know would be a great fit, please consider joining us! Mentoring is a small time commitment that creates a big impact.
- We are also looking for individuals interested in becoming more involved by serving as a Teammates Board Member.

Thank you for all you do,
Maywood TeamMates Chapter

Meeting Ideas

- Talk about goals set earlier in the year
- Celebrate progress and discuss what they're proud of
- Set a small goal to finish the school year strong

Upcoming Events


- April 3rd-6th - No School
- April 13 - FBLA Blood Drive
- April 20 - FFA Banquet

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A colorful poster for a preschool open house. The background is a light purple color. In the center, the text "Maywood Preschool" is written in a white cursive font. Below it, the words "OPEN HOUSE" are written in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline. Underneath, the dates and times are listed in a white cursive font: "May 7th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm" and "May 8th, 8:00am - 10:00am". At the bottom, the text "Come and meet your teachers & see your classroom!" is written in orange. The poster is decorated with various elements: a yellow school bus in the bottom left corner, an orange book in the top right corner, and a green ball with white patterns in the bottom right corner. There are also several small yellow and green dots scattered around the poster.

Maywood Preschool
OPEN HOUSE
May 7th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
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Come and meet your teachers & see your classroom!