



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# Sportsmanship Starts with Me!

Generally speaking, road construction detours are something that I dislike although the improvements are good for all. One of my favorite construction zone signages is “Give ‘Em A Brake!” We all know that we should slow down and pay attention to our driving to avoid accidents. Like highway construction zones, we all should “Give Our Referees a break!” I have found that we tend to struggle in demonstrating good sportsmanship, especially in critically tight ball games.

During tournament times like RPAC and district play, we want our student athletes to play superbly. Our children, parents, and community members are easily aggravated when a call occurs that we do not agree with. I must admit that I get upset too, however, we have given over our student athletes to the coaches to play and we need to encourage them to play as asked. It is noticeable when referees recognize when they make a poor call and they start to even up the play calling. I have also witnessed over the years that if poor sportsmanship is demonstrated that more often than not, calls go against the team with the poor sportsmanship. Anyone can get caught up in a game and experience strong emotions and it is easy to say things, that probably shouldn't be said.

Sportsmanship begins with each team player and coach. As, I view the question of what is a “good sport?” The golden rule comes to mind, “treat others the way you want to be treated,” even If you do not get the same treatment in return. According to [teamusa.org](http://teamusa.org), essential sportsmanship elements are, “playing with integrity, respect of officials and coaches, self-control maintenance, and being a good sport and teammate.” I believe as parents and school staff we desire for our students to display good sportsmanship at all times. As a parent, sometimes I had to remind my children what each of the elements look like. The best teacher that I have found with my children is my personal consistency of displaying the same sportsmanship skills.

As I examine the six items mentioned being a good role model of expectations comes to mind. Along side integrity, which is doing what is right because it is right is huge. Treating coaches and referees with respect is fundamental, as it would be for your children to respect their parents. We all know that players and referees will make mistakes during the game. Sometimes we fail to exercise proper self-control and the students see the lack of sportsmanship. I have observed that when we as parents make negative comments to the referees that our team seems to pick up more fouls. So as spectators, we can positively help our team by supporting decisions and encouraging our teen athletes to demonstrate self-control enables our student athletes to simply play well.

Reflecting on sportsmanship, these are important life skills that our students need for greater success in life and career pursuits. Being positive, supportive, and looking for the best in ourselves and others will help us to be better people and enjoy life pursuits. Let's “Give ‘EM a Brake,” by practicing good sportsmanship in all of our school activities. I am asking for your help as we move forward into tournament times, to demonstrate amazing sportsmanship for our athletes and the community around us.

Mark Bejot

# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library	3 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library	4 - <b>2:30 Dismissal</b> - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm - FFA State Degree & Proficiency Review - FBLA - Loper Business Invitational - MHC JH BB vs. Med Valley @ Maywood @ 1:00pm - Family Reading Night @ 4:00pm-8:00pm - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library	5 - <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher In-Service  - MHC BB @ Hershey @ 4:00pm	6 - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  - MHC BB vs. Hitchcock County @ Hayes Center @ 4:00pm	7 - MHC JH BB WaPa Tourney @ Wauneta @ 9:00am  - Speech Meet @ Gothenburg
8	9 - RPAC Vocal Clinic @ Hayes Center (Concert @ 7:00pm)	10 - MHC BB vs. Wauneta-Palisade @ Hayes Center (Parents/Senior Night) @ 4:00pm	11 - FFA District CDE - NAEP Testing Day - MCC Interhigh Day - MHC JH BB @ Brady @ 1:00pm - Elm. & JH. Quiz Bowl @ Eustis Farnam @ 1:00pm	12 - FBLA Bloodmobile	13 - MHC BB @ Chase County @ TBD	14 - Valentine's Day  
15	16 - Presidents' Day - MHC Girls BB (Sub Districts @ High Seed @ TBA - Chas Perez Speaker	17- MHC Girls BB (Sub Districts @ High Seed @ TBA	18 - RPAC Speech Meet @ Med Valley	19 - MHC Girls BB (Sub Districts) @ High Seed @ TBA	20 - MHC Boys BB @ Perkins County @ 6:00pm	21 - Speech Meet @ Ogallala
22	23 - FFA CDE (Welding) @ McCook  - MHC Boys BB (Sub Districts) @ High Seed @ TBA	24 - MHC Boys BB (Sub Districts) @ High Seed @ TBA	25	26 - MHC Boys BB (Sub Districts) @ High Seed @ TBA	27 - MHC Girls BB (District Finals) @ High Seed @ TBA	28 - MHC Boys BB (District Finals) @ High Seed <b>(Possible Date 1 of 3)</b>

## Scholastic Book Fair

Maywood Public School's library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair **February 2nd-4th**. The students will have the opportunity to browse during library time with purchasing available on the 4th during Parent Teacher Conferences. More information can be found on the Book Fair website at:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/maywoodelementaryschool3>

If anyone is interested in donating to the Share the Fair account, Scan the QR code or go to:

[tinyurl.com/maywoodbookfair](https://tinyurl.com/maywoodbookfair). Share the Fair is the giving program built into the Scholastic Book Fair, empowered by contributions from people like you! These funds support students at our school who need help getting new books. Your Contribution helps even more kids take home a book from the Fair.



◆ **No kid should leave the Fair empty-handed.** ◆



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 - MHC Boys BB District Finals @ High Seed (Possible Date 2 of 3)	3 - FFA Spring CDE - NPCC Interhigh Day - MHC Boys BB District Finals @ High Seed (Possible Date 3 of 3)	4	5	6	7
MHC Girls BB State Tournament @ Lincoln						
					- No School	
8 - Daylight Savings Time	9	10 - Prom Shoppe Tux-Fittings	11	12	13	14
MHC Boys BB State Tournament @ Lincoln						
					- No School (End of 3rd Quarter)	
15	16 - Connect the Dots Career Day @ Curtis Community Center	17 - Senior Government Trip @ State Capitol Building (Lincoln)  - St. Patrick's Day 	18 - PK-6th Grade Polish Your Pearls	19 - 5th & 6th Grade Farm Safety Day	20	21 - MHC track @ UNK Indoor Invite @ 11:00am
22	23 - RPAC Instrumental Music @ Medicine Valley (Concert @ 7:00pm)	24 - Spring State and District ACT Testing	25	26	27	28 - MHC Prom @ North Platte
State FFA Convention						
				- MHC Track @ Perkins County @ 1:00pm		
29	30	31				



## Maywood FFA Students Qualifying For State!

Maywood FFA Ag Demonstration Team Taren Sailor, Blayklee Farr and Dallas Grunden earned first place at the District FFA competition at NCTA on Wednesday, January 21 Qualifying for State Competition in March.

Students from Left to Right in Photo:  
Taren Sailor, Blayklee Farr, and Dallas Grunden

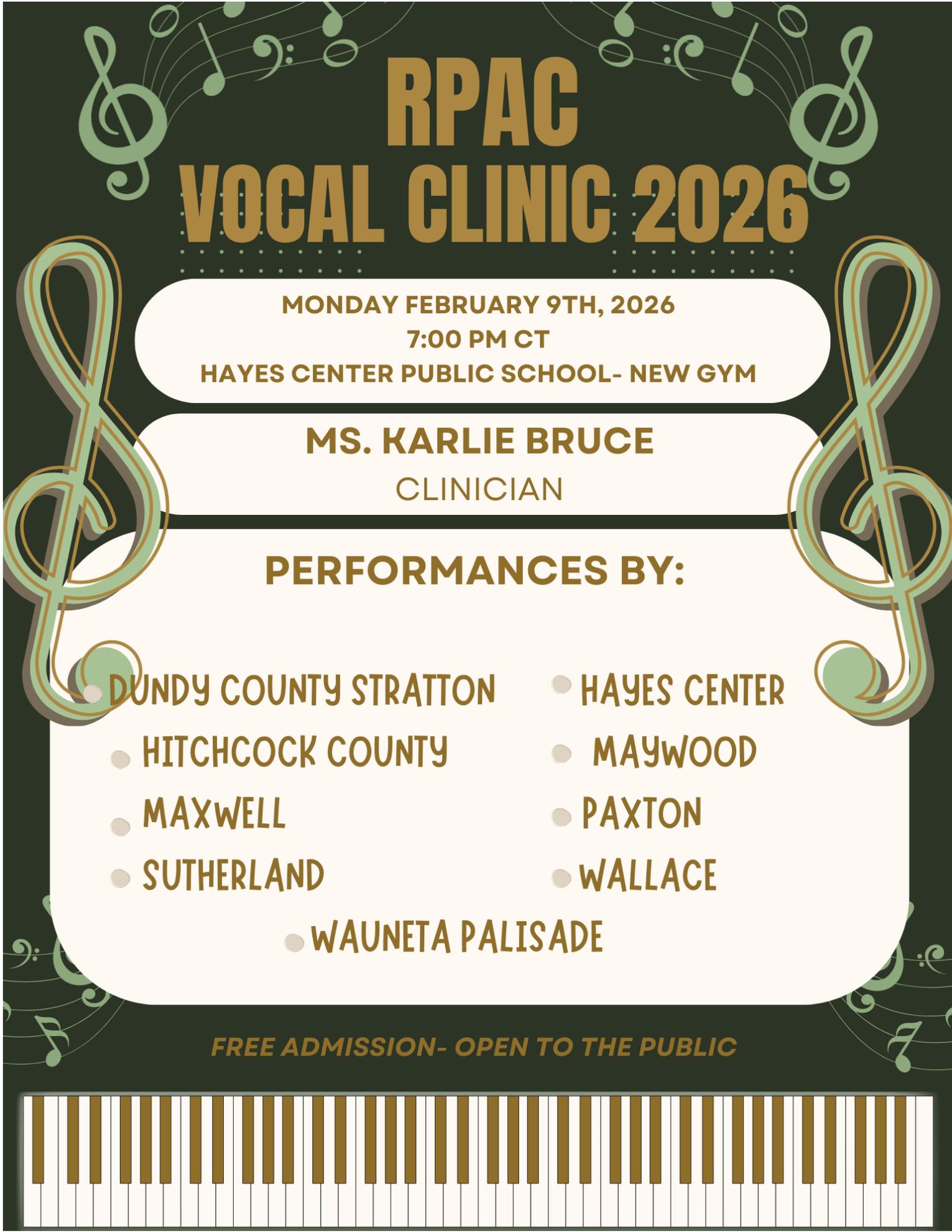
# February 2026 Menu



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
<b>2</b> Pancake on a Stick  Cheese Burger Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fruit	<b>3</b> Bagels  Chicken Crisпитos With Nacho Cheese Mexi Corn Fruit	<b>4</b> Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, & Toast  Pepperoni Stuffed Crust Pizza Green Beans Fruit	<b>5</b>  <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;"><b>No School</b></div>	<b>6</b>  <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;"><b>No School</b></div>
<b>9</b> Biscuits & Sausage Gravy  Breaded Pork Sandwich Fries Fruit	<b>10</b> Frudel  Fish Sticks or Fish Taco Black Beans & Corn Salad	<b>11</b> Breakfast Tornadoes  Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Apricots Garlic Bread	<b>12</b> Waffles  Mini Corndogs Peas Fruit	<b>13</b> Breakfast Burrito  Cheese Pizza Cucumber Salad Fruit Cookies
<b>16</b> Oatmeal  Grilled Chicken Sandwich Carrots Fruit	<b>17</b> Yogurt Parfait  Pork Carnitas Spanish Rice Corn Fruit	<b>18</b> Pancakes & Sausage  Tater tot Casserole Fruit Roll	<b>19</b> Breakfast Bagels  Hotdog Baked Beans Fruit	<b>20</b>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>Cook's Choice</b></div>
<b>23</b> Breakfast Pizza  Country Beef Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Rolls	<b>24</b> French Toast Sticks & Sausage  Chicken Tacos Refried Beans Fruit	<b>25</b> Breakfast Tacos  Cavatappi With Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Garlic Bread	<b>26</b> Turnovers  Hamburger Pizza Smile Fries Fruit	<b>27</b> Pancake on a Stick  Boneless Wings Celery & Carrots Fruit Texas Toast
<b>1% White or flavored milk served daily</b>  <b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</b>				

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The background of the poster is dark green with scattered musical notes and treble clefs in a lighter green color. Two large, stylized treble clefs are positioned on the left and right sides, framing the central text. At the bottom, there is a graphic of a piano keyboard with white and black keys.

# RPAC VOCAL CLINIC 2026

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026  
7:00 PM CT  
HAYES CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOL- NEW GYM

MS. KARLIE BRUCE  
CLINICIAN

## PERFORMANCES BY:

- DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON
- HITCHCOCK COUNTY
- MAXWELL
- SUTHERLAND
- HAYES CENTER
- MAYWOOD
- PAXTON
- WALLACE
- WAUNETA PALISADE

*FREE ADMISSION- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*

# Zathura!

Before school got out for Christmas break, Maywood's third grade students read the book "Zathura". The book "Zathura" is a science fiction children's picture book written and illustrated by American author Chris Van Allsburg. The story is about two brothers, Danny and Walter Budwing, who are drawn into an intergalactic space adventure when their house is magically hurled through space. The book is a companion to Chris Van Allsburg's Caldecott Medal-winning "Jumanji". The brothers are transported into space through a mysterious board game and have to survive the strange ordeal with the help of their sister, Lisa, and an astronaut who comes to their aid. When they were done with their book the students got the chance to work together and create board games based on this book. Once the students came back from Christmas break they all got to enjoy playing each of their board games with the rest of the elementary classes.



## Title 1 Tidbit

### Make it Easier for Your Child to Focus

A world full of interesting distractions can make it tough for students to stay focused on schoolwork. Regularly zoning out in class can affect your child's ability to learn and retain information. Studies show that young students who can't focus tend to become older students who can't focus. To help strengthen your child's powers of concentration:

- Remove distractions: TV's and other unnecessary devices should be turned off during study time.
- Allow short breaks: A 5-minute breather can help kids clear their heads and refocus. Strive for movement during these breaks.
- Turn big assignments into small tasks: If your child has to write a report, say "First, think about what you want to say. Next, make an outline. Then start writing." Help them by listening to them read it to you and then read it to them. This helps with the editing process.
- Make a learning activity into a game to keep your child interested: After reading together, challenge your child to summarize the story using only three sentences. Another challenge might be to take turns making up a new story, sentence by sentence, using the same characters. Great follow up questions are to ask where the story took place, what was the main idea or theme, and who were the main characters.
- Great Sleep: The best concentration comes with the right amount of sleep each night. For the best night's sleep, establish a consistent bedtime routine, keep the bedroom cool, dark, and quiet, and limit screen time before bedtime. Most importantly, turn off all devices/no screen time at bedtime.

For more information on the Maywood Public School Title 1 Program, please contact:

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Special Education and Title 1 Teacher  
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**FEBRUARY  
4TH  
4-8 P.M.**

# *Title 1* **FAMILY READING NIGHT**

You're invited: Maywood's Annual Title 1 Family Reading Night will be held in conjunction with Parent Teacher Conferences and the Maywood Book Fair. Library teacher, Mrs. Peters, and Title 1 teacher, Mrs. Lenz, will be there to help match students with a free book, paid for by Title 1 funds!

Find us in the Maywood  
High School Commons!



**ENJOY  
FREE POPCORN!**

# Maywood Public Schools 2025-26

## First Semester Honor Roll



### Regular Honor Roll

#### 12th Grade

- Sawyer Dibbern
- Raelene Lanning
- Graci Peterka
- Gwen Rutherford
- Joseph Small

#### 10th Grade

- Cali Rutherford

#### 8th Grade

- Maddyn Farr
- Stone Lenz

#### 6th Grade

- Sunny Anders
- Cash Farr

#### 11th Grade

- Katie Domes
- Haylie Gustafson
- Karlee Hatfield
- Clayton Mahanes
- Lucas Mahanes
- Steven Werkmeister

#### 9th Grade

- Robert Carter
- Morgen Friend
- Easton Gilmore
- Layla Hughes
- Gavon Schurr

#### 7th Grade

- Henry Domes
- Ryan Domes
- Elden Merritt

### Distinction Honor Roll

#### 12th Grade

- Charlie Callis
- Blayklee Farr
- Dallas Grunden
- Taren Sailor
- Karissa Stengel

#### 10th Grade

- Jillian Johnson

#### 8th Grade

- Colter Hejtmanek
- Kylee Sanderson
- Katelyn Werkmeister

#### 11th Grade

- Oliver Anders
- Emma Peterka
- Adalyn Schurr
- Jaylee Sellers

#### 9th Grade

- Paytyn Stengel

#### 7th Grade

- Gavin Johnson

# FEBRUARY

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## IMPORTANT TEAMMATES INFO:

Happy February to Mentors and Mentees!

February is a month that reminds us of the importance of connection, kindness, and encouragement—values that sit at the heart of the TeamMates Mentoring Program. As we move through the winter season together, we are grateful for the time, care, and consistency our mentors continue to provide to their mentees. We had a great night celebrating TeamMates Mentors on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank everyone for the great turnout and look forward to more successful events in the future. As always, if you are interested in being a Mentor or Mentee, please contact Shannon Storm at Maywood School.



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## Meeting Ideas

- Reflect on January goals
- Discuss new classes
- Card or board games



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/4 - 2:30 pm Dismissal and Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-8:00 pm
- 2/5 & 2/6 - No School



## Postal Patron

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### Introducing a New Smiling Face!

Jennifer Venter has joined our team here at Maywood Public Schools as our new 4th grade teacher. We asked her to write a short bio to tell us a little more about herself.

I grew up in South Africa, but I have been fortunate enough to visit and live in different countries, which has contributed to my personal growth and allowed me to make friends in various parts of the globe.

I am also passionate about personal development, so I continually learn new skills that enhance my life experience and knowledge. I received the calling for teaching in 2019 and fell in love with the teaching profession. So, I completed my Master of Arts in International Education in 2022. Then my Masters in Education (Advanced Teaching) in 2025. I am always searching for the next turn off in my educational journey. I am also a certified yoga teacher offering yoga classes twice a week. Furthermore, I am also a professional photographer.

I am a passionate teacher who believes every student can succeed with the right support and encouragement. I enjoy creating a positive learning environment where curiosity, respect, and effort are valued. My goal is to help students build both academic skills and confidence that will serve them beyond the classroom.

Welcome to the team Jennifer we are happy to have you here at Maywood Public Schools!



**Jennifer Venter**