



MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Absence Policy

I am writing to inform parents and students that Maywood Public School Absence policy has changed this year. The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) continues to identify school attendance as a top issue in the school improvement process. NDE requires schools to count and report all absences regardless of the absence being excused or unexcused. NDE considers all absences a component of absenteeism. When a student reaches a total of twenty days they are considered “chronically absent.” Twenty days of absences qualifies for truancy referral subject to administrator decision, to the Frontier County Attorney.

Last year our district’s chronically absent rate was 15.54%. The elementary had an absence rate of 6.06%, while the high school absence rate was 25.53%. Think about this, high school students missed one-fourth of the days in school. This percentage is excessive. This figure does not include days missed due to school activities. This resulted on our state school ratings being down graded.

The administration and board agreed to modify our absence policy by REMOVING “excused” absences, which results in every absence being counted in the overall total. Informing the office as to whether your son/daughter is ill is still important when determining when to make truancy referrals to the Frontier County Attorney. Mrs. Schroeder has agreed to these changes in our attendance policy and is supporting referrals for truancy.

Parents, I am asking for your support by ensuring your son/daughter attends school each day. If they are truly sick, then please keep them at home, stopping the spread of illness. Please limit appointments during the school day, if possible or make the appointments early in the morning or late in the afternoon to limit absence time. Please avoid taking all day for a local appointment that occurs in the morning. Common sense says the more students are in school the less loss of learning and students having to complete make up work.

Sincerely,

Mark Bejot, Superintendent

Asbestos

Maywood Schools has completed the required three-year asbestos inspection. Maywood has asbestos tiles in the kitchen lunchroom as well as the elementary vestibules and restrooms. Grades 1 – 3 have asbestos tiles under the carpet, which is not exposed. The Kindergarten has partial asbestos tile in the classroom. The concern would be broken tiles which could expose friable asbestos. Asbestos is also found in the insulation covering the gymnasium ceiling. The inspection revealed no major asbestos issues in these areas. The Asbestos inspection is available for parent and patron review.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 –NO SCHOOL -Labor Day	2 - MHC JH VB @ Sutherland @ 2:00pm - MHC JH FB @ Sutherland @ 3:00pm -MHC JV VB-Tri @ Maywood (vs. Arapahoe & Loomis) @ 5:00pm	3	4 - MHC VB @ Southwest Tri @ 5:00pm (JV & Varsity) - MHC FB vs Mullen @ Hayes Center @ 7:00pm	5 - MHC XC @ Cambridge @ 10:00am	6 - MHC VB @ Perkins Co. @ 3:00pm
7	8 - MHC JH VB @ Wauneta Palisade @ 2:00pm - MHC JH FB @ Wauneta Palisade @ 3:00pm	9 - MHC JV VB @ Arapahoe Tri @ 5:00pm	10 - FFA Husker Harvest Days - Partner Up Rodeo - MHC JH VB @ Our Redeemer Lutheran (North Platte) @ 2:30pm	11 - MHC XC @ Chase County @ 10:00am (J.H. @ 11:00am) - MHC VB @ Maxwell @ 4, 5, 6pm (C, JV, Varsity) - MHC FB @ Maxwell @ 7:00pm	12 - School Pictures - Polish Your Pearls	13 - MHC VB @ Hitchcock County Tourney 9:00am
14	15 - MHC JH VB vs Brady @ Maywood @ 1:30pm JV VB to follow - MHC JH FB vs Brady @ Maywood @ 2:30 JV FB to follow	16 - MHC VB @ Hershey @ 4:30, 5:30 (JV & Varsity)	17 - 2:30pm Dismissal - Parent –Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-8:00pm	18 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service) - MHC XC @ Arapahoe @ 4:00pm - MHC VB @ Wauneta Palisade @ 5, 6:00pm (JV & Varsity)	19 - NO SCHOOL - MHC FB vs Loomis @ Maywood @ 7:00pm	20 - MHC VB @ McCook - Tourney @ 11:00am
21	22 - MHC JV VB vs Maxwell @ Maywood @ 2:00pm, JV & C VB to follow - MHC JH FB vs Maxwell @ Maywood @ 3:00pm, JV FB to follow	23 - MHC VB Tourney @ Maywood @ 4:00pm	24 - MHC JH VB @ McCook St. Pats @ 2:00pm	25 - MHC XC @ Hayes Center @ 4:30pm	26 - MHC FB @ Overton @ 7:00pm	27 - MHC VB @ Holdrege Tourney @ 9:00am
28	29 - MHC XC @ Kearney (UNK Invite) G-12pm, B-1pm - MHC JH VB vs Hitchcock Co. @ Hayes Center @ 1:30pm - MHC JH FB vs Hitchcock Co. @ Hayes Center @ 2:30pm, JV FB to follow	30 - MHC VB @ Wallace Tri @ 5:00pm - FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @ UNK				

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT TIMES AND DATES. CALENDARS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AND WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS ANY SCHOOL EVENTS. THE SCHOOL WEBSITE IS LOCATED AT MAYWOODTIGERS.ORG. MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS ALSO ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER @MAYWOODSCHOOL.



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Homecoming Decorating 1:00-4:00pm			1 - RPAC Student Council Workshop	2 - MHC XC @ Gothenburg @ 4:00pm	3 - MHC VB vs Cambridge @ May- wood @ 4:00pm - MHC FB vs Cam- bridge @ Maywood @ 7:00pm	4 - Homecoming Dance
Homecoming Week!						
5	6 - FBLA Blood Drive @ Maywood Community Hall - MHC JH VB @ Southwest @ 2:00pm, JV VB to follow - MHC JH FB @ Southwest @ 3:00pm	7	8 - MHC JH VB vs Cambridge @ May- wood @ 2:00pm - FFA Area Land Judging	9 - MHC XC RPAC Meet @ Arapahoe @ 4:00pm - MHC VB vs Southern Valley @ Maywood @ 5 :00pm	10 - NO SCHOOL End of 1st Quarter Teacher In-Service - MHC FB vs Hitch- cock Co. @ Hayes Center @ 7:00pm	11 - MHC XC JH State Meet @ Papil- lion-LaVista HS @ TBA
12	13 - MHC JV VB @ Wal- lace Tri @ 5:00pm	14 - MHC VB vs Suther- land @ Hayes Center @ 4:30pm - Fall District ACT Test- ing	15 - MHC JH VB Tri @ Hayes Center @ 1:00pm	16 - MHC VB RPAC Tourney @ Top 2 seeds @ TBA - MHC XC @ Districts @ TBA	17 - MHC FB @ Bertrand @ 3:00pm	18
19	20 - MHC VB RPAC Tour- ney Semis @ Top Seed @ TBA	21 - MHC VB RPAC Tourney Finals @ McCook CC @ TBA	22	23	24 - MHC XC State Meet @ Kearney @ TBA	25
26	27 - MHC VB Sub Districts @ Top Seed @ TBA	28 - MHC VB Sub Dis- tricts @ Top Seed @ TBA	29	30	31 - Halloween! Maywood Spook Parade	
FFA National Convention						



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September 2025 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 Labor Day No School	2 Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Muffin Chicken Fajita Roasted Vegetables Peaches	3 Muffins Orange Chicken Fried Rice Egg Rolls Bananas	4 Bacon, Eggs, and Toast Breaded Pork Sandwich Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	5 Oatmeal Cheese Quesadilla Carrots Pears
8 Blueberry Bagels Pepperoni Pizza Corn Pears	9 Egg Bites Beef Tacos Black Beans Mixed Fruit	10 Biscuits and Sausage Gravy Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Apricots Garlic Bread	11 Yogurt Parfait BBQ Riblet Sandwich Peas Pineapple	12 Breakfast Burrito Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Peaches Rolls
15 Breakfast Pizza Pulled Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce	16 Egg and Cheese Omelet, Bacon, and Hashbrowns Beef Nachoes Refried Beans Peaches	17 Waffles Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Egg Rolls Mandarin Oranges	18 No School	19 No School
22 Scrambled Eggs and a Biscuit Cheese Burgers Fries Grapes	23 Breakfast Pig in a Blanket Chicken Tacos Black Bean & Corn Salad Pineapple	24 Breakfast Tacos Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Cucumber Salad Garlic Bread	25 Cini Minis Ham and Cheese Sliders Cucumber Salad Apple Slices	26 Breakfast Tornadoes Sausage Pizza Green Beans Apricots
29 Oatmeal Chocolate Breakfast Bar Turkey Sandwich Broccoli With Cheese Applesauce	30 Frudel Boneless Wings Celery and Carrots Grapes Texas Toast			1% White or flavored milk served daily This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Open House

Welcome back for the 2025-2026 school year! It was great to see everyone that attended the annual open house for Maywood Public School on August 13th and 14th. It was a wonderful time getting to talk to everyone about what they did over the summer and what their goals are for this upcoming school year, in and out of the classroom. Lets have an amazing year! Go Wolves!



Expectations

Maywood Public School's Seniors created behavior expectation presentations to help cultivate a positive school environment. They presented to all of the Kindergarten-11th grade students. We're off to a great start for the new school year! Go Wolves!



Playground Fun

Nothing starts the school year off better than some new playground games! Maywood Elementary students now have 2 soccer goals, and a gaga ball pit. A huge thank you to the summer staff for getting these ready for recess!



School-Parent Compact

Maywood Public School

2025-2026 School Year

This Title I School-Parent Compact has been jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. At the annual parent-teacher conferences the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

Teacher/School:

It is important that students achieve. I agree to do the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to enable children to meet the challenging state academic standards.
2. Regularly communicate with parents on their child's progress.
3. Demonstrate professional behavior and positive attitude.

Parent / Caring Adult:

I want my child to achieve; therefore I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

1. Communicate and work with teachers and school staff on an ongoing basis to be involved and support my child's learning.
2. Support your child's learning--volunteer in their classroom; participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their education, guide positive use of extracurricular time.
3. Make sure my child is at school every day and on time, unless he/she is ill.
4. Provide a quiet place and time to do schoolwork and encourage my child to complete schoolwork.

Student:

I know my education is important to me. It is important that I work to the best of my ability. I agree to do the following:

1. Be at school every day and on time unless I am sick.
2. Come to school each day prepared with supplies and an attitude to learn.
3. Be responsible for my own behavior.
4. Respect and cooperate with other students and adults.
5. Return completed schoolwork on time.

Introducing our new faculty!



Left to right,

Mr. Thad Rathjen, is the Physical Education, Health, and Strength and Conditioning teacher. He will also be the assistant coach for high school football, high school boys' basketball, and junior high track and field. He is from Osceola, Nebraska, and attended Osceola Public Schools and Concordia University in Nebraska to earn his degree. This will be his first year as a teacher, and he is very excited to be moving and exploring new places around this part of the state! He enjoys watching and attending sporting events (mainly college football) and spending time with friends and family. He is very excited to meet you all and be a part of the school system, athletic program, and community!

Mrs. Julie Clark is a graduate of Mullen, Nebraska High School and the University of Lincoln, Nebraska. She has been teaching elementary students for 38 years and has enjoyed every class, considering them all her favorite! When not at school, Mrs. Clark enjoys spending time with her grandsons, her 3 children, and her husband J.R. Clark. Traveling, reading, and riding her horses are among her favorite hobbies. She is excited to be part of Maywood Public Schools and help her fourth graders become the best version of themselves.

Mr. Lehandre Venter, a South African by birth, has been blessed to travel the world for the last few years while teaching. He did not follow a conventional path in education. Joining the military out of high school, he studied and worked as a journalist. He then became an instructor in Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations and English at a University in South Africa. After a few years in education, he went back to the corporate world where he owned a business - keeping up to date with education, training and development. Venter eventually sold his business and immigrated to Panama to retire. However, he found retirement very boring. He accepted a position as Vice-Principal at a Canadian- Chinese school and "dragged his wife around the world on this adventure". The world became a strange place during the COVID-19 pandemic, with China enforcing strict rules. This gave him an opportunity to study. When China opened their borders, they left, and returned to Panama. Back home, he accepted a position as school director at an international school, but soon was teaching English again, as the classroom is his happy place. He is very excited that his new adventure lies here at Maywood Public Schools. Being a life-long learner, Venter is looking at starting a PhD in Education, which will supplement his Master's in Education and MBA. His motto is working hard in the classroom, but celebrating each little achievement as success is not accidental.

Mr. J.R. Clark is a graduate of Alliance, Nebraska High School and the University of Wyoming. He previously taught Ag Education in Eastern Colorado and one year at Medicine Valley before entering into the Health Insurance Industry. He has been in business with his son, Jaden, in Curtis for the past seven years. He enjoyed subbing a little, but was happy to fill in as the Ag Education. Shop Instructor for Maywood. Besides teaching and insurance, Mr. Clark spends his free time judging Collegiate and Professional Rodeos, team roping, and being a grandpa. Mr. and Mrs. Clark make their home in Wellfleet.



My name is Ms. Rachel Peter, and I will be the librarian for Maywood and Hayes Center this year! I graduated from Winside, NE, in 2004 and attended Mount Marty College, where I was able to play volleyball while earning my BA in Elementary

Education. I started my teaching career in Hayes Center, where I taught for 5 years before life took me north to Alaska! I taught in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, for 7 years and returned to the great state of Nebraska to be closer to family and my nephews. I have been in education for 16 years now, with experience in elementary and high school. I have my Master's Degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration, and I am completing my School Library Endorsement from UNO. I'm thrilled to be a wolf and work with both Maywood and Hayes Center schools!



My name is Mr. Eric Storm. I am currently the 6th grade teacher and golf coach at Maywood. Last year I taught 4th grade but made the jump up to the high school for this year. I am from Curtis, Nebraska and went to elementary school at

Medicine Valley. After that, I moved to North Platte where I graduated in 2003. I have been working at Maywood for about 6 years, though this will be my second as a teacher. I am excited for the new challenge and look forward to being here for many years to come.



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Title 1 Tidbit September 2025

What is Title 1? Title 1 is the largest federally funded program in education. It was signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) or Title 1 was designed to help students having difficulties with reading by providing funds for extra academic help. Since its inception, Title 1 has gone through various changes, but it continues to provide instructional help for students experiencing academic difficulty. Funding is given directly to the schools and is based upon poverty levels.

What does Title 1 look like at Maywood? Maywood Public School receives Title 1 financial assistance to help ensure all of our students meet challenging state academic standards. The purpose of Title 1 at Maywood is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments. At Maywood, Title 1 focuses on the premise that success is defined in terms of student achievement and that we invest in every child. Maywood Public School employs certified teachers and para-educators who are highly qualified and meet the requirements of the federal "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) as well as Nebraska's Rule 10 expectations.

Maywood Title 1 provides a "Title 1 Tidbit" in the monthly school newsletter since we know parent involvement can make a huge difference in student achievement. The "Title 1 Tidbits" give tips for parent involvement and student success throughout the year. Maywood held our Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting for on Thursday, August 14 during back to school night. If you missed the meeting, and have questions about how Maywood Title 1 services can benefit your student and family, please stop by my table at Parent-Teacher Conferences on September 17 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

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