

# Digno de Nota

Spanish Immersion Program - Maxwell

October 6, 2008

## Walk to School Day!

Walk. Run. Hop. March. Dance. Ride your bike. Roller skate. However, you want to get to school is ok with us just as long as you leave the car parked at least one block away. Join thousands of other families all around the world walking to school together Wednesday, October 8th! Walkers will be counted and we are hoping to top our number from last year. There will be a breakfast snack, a sticker and small prize for all participants counted. So let's take a walk together!

## Box Tops for Education Drive and Campbell's labels

The apple tree collection sheets are coming in for our fall drive for Box Tops. So far Mrs. Schneider's class is in the lead. The winning class will not only get the good feeling of winning and contributing to our school, but a fun fall treat! So keep them coming in! Remember, you may send them in on a collection sheet or in a small baggie if you have alot. Be sure to put your child's name and teacher's name on the baggie so it will be counted for them.

I have extended the deadline to Friday, October 24 for the class competition. That is the date we need to get in all the Box Tops we have for the fall deadline from the Box Tops for Education organization. We will then get a check in December to purchase some great things for our children's education here at Maxwell. Don't forget to check with neighbors and extended family to help us out, too!

Also, get in any Campbell's labels you have by the end of October. We are no longer doing the Campbell's labels and putting all our effort into the Box Tops where we can get cash to use however we would like. I am going to count all of them, get a final point number, and then place an order through their catalog for some items for our school. Thanks!

Happy Clipping,  
Carrie Beth Tonks

## Adios to Hunger

### Congratulations First Grade!

First Grade donated 285 pounds of food to Adios to Hunger food drive. Maxwell donated 1,162 pounds of food to God's Pantry. Awesome!

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and brought in food.

Trish Dryer  
Adios to Hunger Coordinator

## 09/09/08 SBDM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Angie Funk, SBDM Efficiency Committee Parent Member

WOW! If you really want to know what's going on at Maxwell you should attend an SBDM meeting. Here are highlights from the 09/09/08 meeting:

Sr. Gutierrez and Sra. Vasquez kicked off the meeting with comments about Spanish culture at Maxwell and how our children are being exposed to a variety of cultures via the Spanish teachers who come from all over the world. Their passion was evident and they received thunderous applause at the end of their speaking.

5<sup>th</sup> graders will be involved in an NIH research initiative on problem behaviors such as drinking, eating disorders, smoking and depression. This study is being done by Greg Smith of UK.

SBDM Committees have begun meeting and there are 15 parent members so far. It's not too late to become involved. Just call the school or email the committee chairs listed on Maxwell's website.

The budget was reviewed. Ms. Wainright's grant application for Native American Music and Dance, K-5, was approved for submission. Anthony Redfeather Nava will visit and present this program in November if the grant is approved.

Maxwell's Student Placement Policy regarding class balance was discussed due to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent's concern that the current student placement policy may not have been achieved with this year's classes. The SBDM Council explained the policy and how classes are balanced. Parents still had questions and the decision was made to add the topic to the October SBDM agenda.

SUPPORT presented the agenda item related to Immersion Learning Environment Improvement Approaches regarding rewarding students for using conversational Spanish. Staff who are already implementing this practice will have a proposal to bring to the Learning Environment committee in October.

SUPPORT presented the agenda item related to Identification of a Valid Spanish Language Assessment since currently there is no common assessment for all 5 Spanish Immersion Schools (Maxwell, Liberty,

# Upcoming Events

Oct. 6	Mon	7:45AM Folder Stuffing 6-7:30PM KCCT Picnic	In PTA room At Woodland Park for 4th, 5th and 6th graders
Oct. 7	Tue	6PM PTA Meeting SBDM Committee Meetings	In Cafeteria Contact Committee chair for time and place
Oct. 8	Wed	Walk to School Day	
Oct. 9	Thu	Picture Day	
Oct. 10	Fri	Tiles	In student's classroom 7:45-8:45 1st-4th . 8:45-9:45 in 5th.
Oct. 11	Sat		
Oct. 12	Sun		
Oct. 13	Mon	7:45AM Folder Stuffing	In PTA room
Oct. 14	Tue	4:30 PM SBDM Meeting	In library
Oct. 15	Wed	Magnet Application Window Closes	Last day to apply for 2009-10 school year.
Oct. 16	Thu	Fall Break	No School
Oct. 17	Fri	Fall Break	No School
Oct. 18	Sat		
Oct. 19	Sun		

Russell Cave, BSTMS and BSHS). Currently, the district is working on an assessment and Srta. Bouvy and Sra. Vasquez are meeting with teachers from the other 4 immersion schools to have an assessment by year-end.

Student Achievement Data was tabled due to time constraints.

Next SBDM Full Council Meeting is 10/14/08 at 4:30pm. SBDM Committees will meet on 10/07/08-Contact Chairs for times.

Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings.

## Maxwell Merchandise

The deadline for orders of Maxwell merchandise has been extended until this Friday October 10th. A new order form has been included in the Communication Folders. Feel free to use the new form or continue to send in the old one if you still have it. This will be the last day we can take orders and still meet our scheduled merchandise delivery date. If you would like to view the logo in full color go to [maxwellpta.org/maxwell-merchandise](http://maxwellpta.org/maxwell-merchandise). If you have any questions contact Stephanie Hamilton at 523-0474 or e-mail [SJHamilton@aol.com](mailto:SJHamilton@aol.com).

## PTA Meeting Tuesday Night October 7th

The next PTA meeting will be from 6-7PM in the cafeteria. We encourage everyone to attend. Babysitting is provided. We are excited to have PTA district President Tina Moorhead in attendance. Some agenda items include a discussion of Spanish Heritage Month including the Latina Festival Celebration, an update on our recycling program, and Ms. Bell will address some important questions including the financial impact of tardies. A complete agenda is available at [www.maxwellpta.org](http://www.maxwellpta.org). See you at the meeting.

Tammy Margolies  
PTA President