



MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2024 Positive Graduation Memories

The Class of 2024 is anxious for graduation and all the changes that will occur beginning on Saturday, May 11, 2024. This school year seen considerable success in volleyball, basketball, speech, FBLA and FFA. The 2024 senior class is racing with thoughts of graduating and moving on to new life experiences at MPCC, SCC, UNL Concordia University or the Armed Services. The number one comment I get when asking what they are most excited about is “Getting out of Maywood and moving forward.” That’s not too surprising a statement when you consider that almost all of us made as similar statements some years ago ourselves!

Amidst this exciting time, I get a bit hesitant and nervous as a school leader, parent, and friend with all the celebratory activities. As parents, we have survived lots of growing hurdles with your son/daughter and now we are going to experience graduation and all the fun graduation celebrations bring. As parents, you have worked to prepare and protect your child from life experiences that have the potential to seriously harm or hurt them. We also realize that, as they become older adolescents that we cannot protect them from all potential harmful situations. I am however, concerned about all the upcoming graduation celebrations and the risks our children are going to be exposed to during this time from alcohol and automobiles.

According to the State of Nebraska, FY 2020 teen drivers involved in alcohol related crashes represents 11% of all teen crashes across the state. The highest hours of teen crashes are between 7:00 pm – and midnight, which is a dangerous time for teens and typically is when they are out celebrating and driving. Nebraska data reveals that teenage deaths increased by two to five deaths in 2020 that were alcohol related. Examining all vehicle crashes 17.9% of all fatal crashes involved alcohol for teens. Alcohol related fatalities as a percent of all fatalities is 23%. As a community we have worked too hard to get our sons/daughters to graduation and losing even one student to an alcohol related accident is one high a price.

According to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), During 2009, an estimated 16 traffic fatalities and 667 nonfatal traffic injuries were attributable to driving after (under 21 years) drinking in Nebraska. Underage Nebraska children in 2009 account for 25.6% of all alcohol sales. The monetary costs of underage drinking in Nebraska, including the cost of medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering totaled more than an estimated \$423 million dollars. This represents a cost of \$2,309 per year for each youth in our state or an additional cost of \$2.92 per drink!

As a parent, we all have worked hard to raise our adolescents to this point in life and invested considerable time, sweat, effort and money. Adults, realize that trusting our students is not the issue; the issue is a lack of life’s experiences to correctly choose the right decisions. I am asking parents to help your graduate and their friends have a wonderful graduation celebration on May 11, 2024 by preventing drinking and driving. Help create only positive memories for all our graduates and Maywood students. Please visit with your son/daughter and share your expectations and concerns about drinking and driving or riding with someone who may be driving impaired. Parental views are the top influencer of behavior in this area with your son/daughter.

My hope for the Class of 2024 is to create positive graduation memories and not have a tragic experience associated with alcohol related accidents. I am looking forward to celebrating with the class of 2024 on May 11, 2024. Let’s all work together to create positive graduation memories for all!

Mark Bejot

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 –Athletic Banquet at Maywood	2-Animals Inside and Out in North Platte -MHC Golf at NPSP at North Platte (River's Edge) @ 10:00am - Drive through pork loin meal	3-MHC Track at DCS Twilight @ 1:30pm -Academic Program @9:00am	4
5	6-MHC JH Track at DCS /RPAC West Meet @ 10:00am	7-Preschool Graduation (4 yr old) -MHC Golf at Cattle Trail in Curtis @ 10:00am -k-4 Spring Concert	8-MHC Track/Districts at McCook	9-School Physicals -Pre-School Spring (3yr old) Program at 10:00am -(5-12) Band & Choir Spring Concert @ 6:30pm	10	11-Graduation @ 10:00am -MHC JH Track at Gothenburg/ State Championships @ 11:00am
12-Mother's Day	13-Field Day -MHC Golf Districts TBA	14 -K-12 Color Run	15-Elementary Field Trips	16 - Last Day of School 11:30 am Dismissal -Teacher in-Service -End of 4th Quarter	17 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;">-MHC Track NSAA State Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium</div>	18
19	20-Teacher In-Service	21 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;">-MHC Golf State Meet at North Platte TBA</div>	22	23	24	25
26	27-Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Thank you!

Maywood Public Schools and MHC athletics would like to thank the Maywood Fire Department for taking the time to send off our students to State Speech and State athletic activities. Your constant support of our activities is truly appreciated. MPS would also like to thank the surrounding area businesses and Medicine Valley Chamber of Commerce for their support throughout the year. We are truly grateful to have the greatest fans!



Wolfpack Power!



May 2024 Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1% White or flavored milk served daily This institution is an equal opportunity provider		1 Muffins BBQ Rib Sandwich Applesauce Baked Beans	2 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Ham & Turkey Cheese Sandwich Chips Carrots and Celery Fruit	3 Sausage/Cheese Biscuit Beef Tacos Corn Peaches Churro
6 Mini Loaf Blueberry Hamburger French Fries Fruit	7 Cheesy Biscuit/ Bacon & Egg Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans Spanish Rice Fruit	8 Waffles Spaghetti With meat sauce Fruit Mixed Veggies Cheesy bread stick	9 Sausage gravy/Biscuit Ham Patty Sandwich Vegetables Fruit	10 Pancake on a stick Beef Nachos Corn Fruit Churro
13 French Toast Hamburgers/ Hotdogs Chips Oranges Veggie salad	14 Cooks Choice	15 Cooks Choice	16 Breakfast only NO LUNCH SERVED Last day of school 11:30 Dismissal	17

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IMPORTANT DATES!

- School Physicals **May 9**
- Graduation **May 11 @ 10:00 am**
- Elementary Field Day **May 13 @ 9:00am**
- Elementary Field Trip **May 15th Leave @ 8:00am**
- Last Day of School **May 16 (Released @ 11:30am)**
- No Lunch Served **May 16**





Animals Inside and Out!

Maywood 3rd graders attended the third annual Animals Inside and Out. The students went through nine different stations to see different systems in livestock. It was a fantastic day! Thank you to the Nebraska Extension Office!



Lead4Change

Twice a year, Lead4Change hosts The Lead4Change Project. A small grants program that showcases the growth of students as leaders and funds their ideas for community impact.

After completing the Lead4Change curriculum, which take students on a journey of learning leadership skills through community service, students share their story of growth and impact and request funding to continue, improve, or finish their service project.

Each project addresses a community need and encourages students to develop a creative solution to support that need. We're amazed by the creativity and drive of our students as they use the leadership lessons they learned to create positive change in their communities. It's always difficult for our judges to choose winners as the projects are all meaningful and awe-inspiring .

This year's winners are surely that!

Congratulation to Maywood Public School!

Janice Arent, Educator

Project: Breakfast Club, 17 Students

The Need: Bring awareness and financial support to the need of the local volunteer fire department.

The Project: The students organized and executed a Pancake Breakfast Supper as well as 50/50 raffle to raise money for the fire department so that they could purchase new headlamps and turnout gear for 10 of their volunteer fire fighters.

The Result: The students raised nearly \$1,400 on their own to meet the drastic needs of this volunteer firefighter unit.

Then Lead4Change accepted their detailed proposal for an additional \$8,241 to fully fund the purchase of 10 new head-lamps and 10 new turnout gear sets.

Front Row: Cooper Tidyman, Savannah Klein, Silvia Del Carlo, Amelia DeV Vaughn, Jillian Johnson, Kortnie Collins, Gavon Schurr and Robert Carter

Middle Row: Volunteer Firemen– Eric Merritt, Tad Henkenius, Tristan Westphal, Danny Hejtmanek, Greg Blank, Rocky Sailor, Layton Sailor, and Clinton Norgarrd

Back Row: Lynden Merritt, Easton Gilmore, Landyn Gilmore, Jack Meyer, Jace Oldham, and Nathan Cuellar



Maywood FLBA State Leadership Conference Awards

Maywood Middle School

3rd Place– Largest Middle School Chapter Increase
Seven Up Ribbon Award

Jillian Johnson

1st Place– MS Financial Literacy
2nd Place– MS Digital Citizenship
2nd Place– MS Exploring Technology
4th Place– MS Elevator Speech
5th Place - MS FBLA Concepts

Gavon Schurr

3rd Place– Elevator Speech
Honorable Mention– MS Business Etiquette

Middle Level LEAD Awards

LEAD Aspire– Robert Carter, Amelia DeVaughn, Easton Gilmore,
Landyn Gilmore, Jillian Johnson, Lynden Merritt, Jack Meyer,
Jace Oldham, Gavon Schurr, and Brooklynn Tidyman.
LEAD Explore– Landyn Gilmore and Alonso Palma
LEAD Time Management– Landyn Gilmore

High School

8th Place– Partnership with Business Project– Dallas Grunden,
Raelene Lanning and Maddie Merritt
Honorable Mention– Introduction to Event Planning -
Dallas Grunden, Raelene Lanning and Maddie Merritt
Honorable Mention– Public Speaking- Pryce Johnston
Business Achievement Awards
Pryce Johnston-Contributor Award and the Leader Award

Chapter Awards– Ribbon Projects

Sweepstakes Award
Feed Nebraska
Spark Your Legacy
Foundation
March of Dimes
Connect with Business
Go Green
StepUp2Tech
Foundation
iGive





Senior Class Trip

The Maywood Senior class traveled to Lincoln on April 10th, 2024 to visit the Nebraska Unicameral Session. They were able to meet with District 44 Representative, Senator Teresa Ibach, and speak with her before the session. The seniors then observed part of the session from the visitor's balcony before taking the elevator to the top of the capitol building to see the view.

From there, they started their Senior Class Trip portion of the day. Shopping and playing games at Scheels, eating lunch at Chick-Fil-A, shopping at the West Roads Mall in Omaha, then taking some swings at Top Golf. They finished their day by eating a steak at Texas Roadhouse in Grand Island before heading home.



Paxton Track Invite

Congratulation to the May-Hay High School Girls track team for taking Runner-up as a team at the Paxton Track Invite. Also, congratulation to the Boys Track Team for taking the Championship as a team at the Paxton Track Invite



Members Honored at 10th Annual Maywood FFA Banquet

By Dallas Grunden, Maywood FFA Reporter

This year the Maywood FFA Chapter held its 10th annual FFA Banquet. We celebrated the growth of our chapter as we have 38 high school members and 17 junior high members! We heard inspiring retiring addresses from our senior members, and celebrated all 6 of them receiving their State Degrees. State Degree recipients are Haydn Farr, Gage Gerlach, Jeremiah Ingison, Nathan Renner, Gene Rutherford, and Layton Sailor. At the end of our banquet, we installed the 2024-2025 Maywood FFA officer team, President: Kassidy Hatfield, Vice President: Ryan Werkmeister, Secretary: Blayklee Farr, Reporter: Dallas Grunden, Treasurer: Taren Sailor, and Sentinel: Gwen Rutherford. We'd like to thank our sponsors and all those who celebrated the evening with us! In May, our new officer team plans to attend the COLT conference in Aurora, where we will learn about our new positions. Our chapter plans to stay busy over the summer with our annual Wellfleet Lake cleanup, and assisting with activities at the Frontier and Hayes County Fairs.



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Boys' State News

Burke-Towne American Legion Post 272 of Maywood, Nebraska is pleased to announce its selection of Jaxson Anders as our 2024 candidate for Cornhusker Boys State. Jaxson is the son of Andy and Emily Anders of Maywood and is a Junior at Maywood Public Schools. Boys State will be held June 2-8, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Cornhusker Boys State is set up to allow attendees to learn how governmental subdivisions operate by actually campaigning for offices, holding elections and involvement in varied activities as part of the citizen training program. Special lectures will be delivered by public officials and professional Leaders. Congratulations Jaxson! -Dan Smith



Girl's State News

Kassidy Hatfield, daughter of Travis and Brooke Hatfield has been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State June 2-8, 2024, on the campus of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Hatfield was selected based on eligibility of Maywood High School. She will study local, county, and state government processes in this nonpartisan political learning experience.

Every spring, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides approximately 25,000 young women with a hands-on educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship. Thank you Maywood Lions Club for their support of the program. Congratulations, Kassidy!

