



Maxwell Unified School District

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Summer Shadley, Superintendent

July 28, 2026

Dear MUSD Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

I hope your family has had an opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy time together this summer. We are excited to welcome our students back for another year of learning, growth, and opportunity.

At Maxwell Unified School District, our mission remains the same: to put students first in every decision we make. When our schools, families, and community work together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

This school year will look a little different, especially at Maxwell Elementary School. We are officially moving forward with one of our largest Measure A Bond projects: the elementary school modernization. While construction will create some temporary inconveniences, it also represents a major investment in the future of our students and community.

Several elementary classrooms have been relocated to portable buildings. Room 1 will remain in place for as long as construction allows. We will also be using the ASES portable classrooms for regular instructional space during the school day. As a result, the ASES Expanded Learning Program will operate from the Wellness Center after school. Music instruction will return to the stage, and art instruction will rotate among classrooms using flexible instructional and storage spaces.

We understand that these changes may require patience and flexibility from students, families, and staff. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support as we work through the temporary disruptions associated with construction.

Families will also notice several improvements across our campuses that were made possible through Measure A. New ADA path-of-travel improvements have been completed, including new concrete walkways. New security fencing has also been installed at the front of Maxwell Elementary School to provide a safer campus for our students and staff.

At Maxwell High School, improvements are continuing as well. The gymnasium has received a beautiful facelift with fresh paint and a brand-new athletic floor. We are still awaiting the arrival and installation of the new bleachers, and air conditioning in the gymnasium is expected to be installed by summer 2027. We look forward to these exciting improvements as we continue to enhance our facilities for students and the community.

These improvements are helping us create school facilities that our students, families, and community can be proud of.

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We are also beginning the planning process for a new Career Technical Education Agriculture Facility. This project is being funded through a combination of Measure A Bond funds and a 50/50 state Career Technical Education Facilities Grant. The new facility will provide expanded hands-on learning and career preparation opportunities for Maxwell students for many years to come.

As we begin the school year, we recognize that construction and campus improvements will require flexibility, teamwork, and patience. However, when we look at everything happening throughout Maxwell Unified, from modernized campuses to expanded career pathways, we are excited about the future of our district.

We are building something truly special for Maxwell's students, and our families are an important part of that journey.

We will be returning to school on **Thursday, August 13th**. Below are the start and end times for each school site:

Maxwell Elementary

TK–5: 8:20 AM – 2:55 PM

Maxwell Middle School

6–8: 8:20 AM – 3:00 PM

Maxwell High School

9–12: 8:20 AM – 3:10 PM

Welcoming New Staff

We are excited to welcome the newest members of the Maxwell Unified family:

- **Jennie Farman** – Maxwell Elementary and Middle School Principal
- **Jenna Krick** – Maxwell High School English Teacher
- **Gabriel Briseno-Corrales** – Fifth Grade Teacher
- **Max Loma** – Maxwell High School Special Education Teacher
- **Ben Davies** – Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Transitional Kindergarten
- **Maria Lopez** – Regular Day and ASES Paraeducator

We are also excited to announce that **Tiffany Jenkins** will begin a new assignment as a first-grade teacher.

Important Dates

Please make note of the following dates:

- **Monday, August 10:** Freshman Orientation at 5:30 p.m. in the Maxwell High School Library. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.
- **Wednesday, August 12:** MUSD Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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- **Thursday, August 13:** First Day of School
- **Wednesday, August 19:** Maxwell Elementary and Middle School Back-to-School Night from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Early Drop-Off

We are pleased to offer early drop-off beginning on the first day of school.

Students must be enrolled in the Expanded Learning Program by selecting the appropriate option in the online Parent Portal. Staff will supervise participating students from 7:00–8:00 a.m. in the Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose Room.

Families with questions may contact the Maxwell Elementary School office at (530) 438-2401.

Student Cell Phone Expectations

Student cell phone use is prohibited during the school day. Phones, Apple Watches, smartwatches, and similar personal electronic devices must remain out of sight and may not accompany students on restroom breaks.

For students in grades 5–12, classroom cell phone boxes have been provided. Students will be expected to place their phones in the classroom phone box before class begins. Cell phones and other personal communication devices will not be used as rewards or incentives during instructional time.

We appreciate families discussing these expectations with their students before the first day of school. Limiting the use of personal electronic devices helps reduce distractions, protect instructional time, and allows students to remain focused on learning.

Parent Resources & Registration

Visit our website: maxwellusd.net for the latest information and updates.

If you haven't already, please download the **ParentSquare App** to stay connected throughout the school year.



Click on Get Started and then enter the email or phone number you provided to the school. If you are having difficulty with this step, please call your school office and verify that the information on file is correct.

Online Registration is Now Open District-Wide

All families are required to register (update information) online by logging in to Aeries:

<https://maxwellusd.aeries.net/student/LoginParent.aspx>

Once logged in to the app, click on the highlighted red number in the upper right corner.





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Office Hours & Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Maxwell Elementary/Middle School Secretary, Chere Davis: (530) 438-2401

Maxwell High School Secretary, Bridget Azevedo: (530) 438-2291

District Office: (530) 438-2052

Summer Office Hours (through August 7th)

- District Office / High School: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Elementary / Middle School: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Regular Office Hours Resume Monday–Friday starting August 10th.

Visit our website for up to date information!

District: maxwellusd.net

Maxwell Elementary/Middle School: mes.maxwellusd.net

Maxwell High School: mhs.maxwellusd.net

We are thrilled to welcome back our Panthers and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and exciting improvements. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility.

Sincerely,

Summer Shadley
Superintendent