



MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Preventing A Measles Outbreak

Measles is one of the most contagious virus known to infect humans. To put this in perspective, nine out of ten susceptible individuals exposed to measles will be infected. Measles infection is a serious disease that can lead to severe complications, including death. Those most at risk are young children, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems.

Symptoms include fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough, and pink eye, followed two to four days later by a rash. Although measles is usually considered a childhood disease, it can be contracted and cause severe illness at any age. Measles spreads easily through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes and can remain infectious in the air or on surfaces for up to two hours - meaning you can be infected even without direct contact with a sick individual. People can spread it before they even realize they are ill with more than just a common cold.

Although Nebraska is not experiencing a measles outbreak and there are no current cases in Nebraska. Our neighbors to the South, Southwest Kansas has 37 measles cases as of April 23rd. Three cases were appropriately vaccinated, one case not properly vaccinated, thirty one measles cases occurred in unvaccinated individuals, and two cases were unable to verify vaccination. By age groups, children age 0 - 4 had ten cases, Children ages 5 - 17 had 20 cases, and adults 18+ have had seven measles cases.

Nebraska's measles plan is to prevent the disease from entering Nebraska by making sure we maintain a 95% vaccination rate. Thus far, two children have died in Texas out of 480 cases, due to measles and two in New Mexico have died due to measles complications. The best method of preventing an outbreak in Nebraska is to make sure we are all vaccinated with the MMR vaccine.

"The MMR vaccine has been used for decades and has an excellent safety record. Just one dose is 93% effective, and two doses are 97% effective. A community must maintain 95% immunity against measles to stop an outbreak, which is why it is critical for all Nebraskans and their families to receive the MMR vaccine," said DHHS Chief Medical Officer Dr. Timothy Tesmer. "Measles is a preventable disease. Without vaccination, it can spread quickly and dangerously. The potential side effect of measles is brain swelling, known as encephalitis, which can be deadly. If you are interested in receiving the MMR vaccine for either yourself or your children, please reach out to your health care provider or your local health department."

"Our goal is to prevent cases from showing up in our State and to ensure the protection of our kids, families and communities," said Gov. Pillen. "When it comes to measles, vaccination is the most effective tool available." Please take steps to prevent measles from spreading to our school by ensuring your children are properly vaccinated with the MMR vaccine.

Dates are Subject to Change

MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-26 CALENDAR

8,11,12,13,-Teacher In-Service
13-Open House 6 - 12
 5:30-6:30 PM
14-K-12 First Day of School
 1:00 PM Dismissal
14-Open House PK - 5
 5:30-6:30 PM
18-First Day Preschool

AUGUST 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1-No School-Labor Day
17-2:30 PM Dismissal
 Parent-Teacher
 Conferences 4-8 PM
18-No School
 Teacher In-service
19-No School

SEPTEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

10-No School
 Teacher In-Service
 End of 1st Quarter

OCTOBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

10-No School
 Teacher In-service AM
 Elementary/Jr. High
 Quiz Bowl 1:00 PM
26-28-No School
 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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19-1:00 PM Dismissal
 End of 2nd Quarter
22-31-No School
 Christmas Break

DECEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Grades K-12

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

No Preschool on Fridays

JANUARY 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1-2-No School
5-No School
 Teacher In-Service
6-School Resumes

FEBRUARY 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

4-2:30 PM Dismissal
 Parent-Teacher
 Conferences 4-8 PM
5-No School
 Teacher In-service
6-No School

MARCH 2026						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6-No School
13-Possible No School
If Food Pantry Can Goal is Met
 End of 3rd Quarter

APRIL 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

3-6-No School
 Easter Break

MAY 2026						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

9-Graduation @ 10 AM
20-Last Day of School
 11:30 AM Dismissal
 Teacher In-Service
 End of 4th Quarter
21-Teacher In-Service
25-Memorial Day



No School
 Early Dismissal
 Teacher Day
 Graduation

Student / Teacher
 1st Quarter: 38 / 44 Days
 2nd Quarter: 46 / 47 Days
 3rd Quarter: 45 / 47 Days
 4th Quarter: 46 / 47 Days
 Total: 175 / 185 Days

The Performance of a Lifetime!

Emma Peterka, Katie Domes, Rowan Fletcher, and Director Whitney Van Zyl performed Steve Dobrogosz's 6-movement work, *Mass*, at Carnegie Hall on Monday, May 11, 2025 under the baton of UNK's choral director, Dr. John Petzet. It was a stellar performance with a standing ovation and moving tears from the audience members.



Running to the End

The 4th Annual Color Run was a great way to celebrate the end of the school year! Our students got to spend time outside on May 19th with their friends getting some "color". Thank you Ms. Vicky Armstrong for all of the organizing of this event for the MPS Wellness Committee!



Outdoor Adventures

The 2nd and 3rd graders went on an adventure to Camp Comeca! From the thrilling milk crate climb to competitive field games and serene canoeing, our students had a fantastic time exploring and trying new things. So proud of their courage and teamwork!



Water Sources

The 4th and 5th graders went to Kingsley Dam where they learned about the dam's construction and its importance to the State. The students had a great time learning all about how dams like Kingsley help conserve water in Nebraska.

State Track

Every athlete represented MHC at a very high level at the 2025 State Track and Field Championships. Here is the final recap:

Girls 4x8 Relay— State Champions with a PR time of 9:49.12 improved by 1.48 sec. ****NEW MHC RECORD****

- Caylie Softley
- Karissa Stengel
- Reagan Stengel
- Addison Richards

Girls 4x4 Relay - State Champions with a PR time of 4:06.82 improved by .13 sec.

- Blayklee Farr
- Addison Richards
- Reagan Stengel
- Ava Messersmith

Blayklee Farr - Participated in Long jump - Placing 4th with a jump of 16'4.75, & the 400m - Placing 15th with a time of 1:02.12

Ava Messersmith - Participated in the 100m - Placing 9th with a PR time of 12.98 improved by .11 sec.

Reagan Stengel - Participated in the 400m - Placing 8th with a PR time of 1:01.23 improved by 1.04 sec.

Addison Richards - Participated in the 800m - Placing 4th with a time of 2:23.13

Caylie Softley - Participated in the 800m - Placing 11th with a time of 2:26.75, & the 1600m - Placing 7th with a time of 5:34.75

Sawyer Dibbern - Participated in the 300m Hurdles - Placing 16th with a time of 42.96

Congratulations on an outstanding State Track Meet!



Postal Patron

2025 Elementary Field Day was a whole bunch of fun with a bunch of wind! Our students were able to participate in different games. Such as Chalk Art, Parachute, Leaky Pipe, Rock-Paper-Scissors, Tug-of-War, an Obstacle Course, Kahoot, Kick & Throw, Racing on the Track, Long Jump, Tic-Tac-Toe, a Sponge Race/Sponge Run. At the end of the day Students were able to celebrate the day with their family enjoying some ice-cream. The day ran without a hitch and no one blew away in the wind!

