



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Kenneth S. Jaslin*

**Dear Mayo Families:** You are likely aware of the current budget situation in Oklahoma and the effect it will have on public education and other public services. Although the legislature has not yet approved a budget, TPS could not wait until then to begin preparing its own budget. Tulsa Public Schools anticipates a reduction in funding between \$13.5 million and \$20 million. Tough decisions had to be made in order to reduce expenditures for the 2016-17 school year. I want to point out that a significant amount of the cuts will not directly affect students. There were many positions in support services that were eliminated. Many administrative positions were eliminated and/or consolidated. Unfortunately, the budget shortfall will also affect every school. The purpose of this month's letter is to explain how these cuts will affect Mayo.

- **The library Teacher Assistant position was eliminated.**
- **Three part-time Teacher Assistant positions were eliminated.**
- **Four Lead Teacher positions were eliminated.** This did not result in a loss of teachers, but eliminated their extended contracts. The extended contracts compensated these teachers for working twenty extra days beyond a normal teacher contract.
- **The student count ranges for grades K-5 were changed.** In grades K-3, the student count range to maintain our current staffing of three teachers per grade level is 53-78. This range allows for a maximum class size of 26. Based on our current population, we do not anticipate any staffing reductions in grades K-3. However, the student count range to maintain our current staffing in grades 4-5 has changed to 65-96. This range allows for a maximum class size of 32. Based on our current population, we anticipated losing two Armstrong teaching positions.
- We did receive some good news related to our allocation of enrichment teachers, which includes art, music and PE. These allocations are based upon the number of regular education classroom teachers. Although we are losing two classroom teachers, schools will be "held harmless" for the 2016-17 school year and the **enrichment allocations will not be reduced.**

You may be wondering which positions will be eliminated. I want to point out two things. First, positions are eliminated—not specific teachers. Secondly, we have three classroom teachers who have submitted their resignations effective at the end of this school year. Mrs. Meredith is moving out of town to be closer to her family. Ms. Starck is moving to Pennsylvania and Mrs. Hewitt has accepted a teaching position at a school in Arkansas. In addition, Mrs. Deardorff will be leaving at the end of the school year. She was awarded a scholarship to pursue her PhD at the University of Oklahoma. Her family will be moving to Norman this summer. We will miss these teachers, but we also wish them the best. Due to these resignations, no current teachers at Mayo will have to be reassigned to other schools. There will, however, be some reassignments for current staff members.

The reduction in both support staff and teaching staff will likely result in some changes for the Mayo community next year. Some class sizes may increase significantly and there will be fewer staff to assist during recess, lunch, before and after school duties and fewer adults to have a Family. We will have to be

creative to find solutions. We will find viable solutions. Please make sure that we have your current email and that you check the Mayo Facebook page for updates throughout the summer.

School will begin August 22, 2016. Keeping with tradition, our Mayo Mingle will likely be held on Thursday, August 18. Please pencil that in, but watch for updates. Our school hours will change to 8:15AM-3:20 PM next year. Many of you have already asked about when you can drop off your children. It will likely be 7:45AM but, again, please watch for updates. We will no longer have Early Release Friday on the first Friday of each month. These days were used for Professional Development. However, the half-days were converted to full days. Instead of seven half-days, we will have three full days throughout the year. These are all three on Fridays—October 7, December 2 and February 3. You can access the 2016-17 calendar at [www.tulsaschools.org](http://www.tulsaschools.org). Click on the 'PARENTS' tab and then on the 'CALENDARS' tab.

**Enjoy your summer break.  
We'll see all of you in August.**

# PTA PRESIDENT LETTER

Greetings Mayo Families!

We're almost done with this year and it seems like it just started! By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have just 3 days of school left. We have had an awesome year of growing and learning. Thank you to all of you who supported Mayo by paying your Mayo Way, buying tickets to MayoKicks! and volunteering your time and talent to our children. Without this support, Mayo would be just another school. You truly make a difference!

A huge thank you to Allison Curran and others for organizing Staff Appreciation Week. It was a hit! And thank you to our PTA members for the teacher's lounge re-do. If you haven't seen it, take a peak!

**Please remember to attend the PTA Board Slate Vote by Membership at the Mayo Library during the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 13 at 7:15 am. Lots of opportunities if you are interested in helping next year!**

It has been a kick being your PTA president. Enjoy your last days of school!

**Marjie Boone-Smith**

Mayo PTA President, 2015-2016

## Mayo 2016-2017 PTA Proposed Slate

### VOTED POSITIONS

<b>President</b>	Tami Williams
<b>President elect (VP)</b>	Megan Nsien
<b>Treasurer</b>	Amanda Beckman
<b>Co-Treasurer</b>	Misti Ryan
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	Jennie Otanicar
<b>Co Ways &amp; Means</b>	Melissa White
<b>Recording secretary</b>	Bonnie Hackler
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Dusti Howard-LaTray

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

<b>School supplies</b>	Emily Hecker
<b>Einstein supplies</b>	Jenny Nemec
<b>Goodall supplies</b>	Jamie Vanbeber
<b>Edison supplies</b>	Brandi Ellison
<b>Armstrong supplies</b>	Erin Baumgarten
<b>TCPTA council delegate</b>	Evan Taylor
<b>Corresponding secretary</b>	Misty Todd
<b>Auction chair</b>	Megan Nsien
<b>Auction co-chair</b>	Jade Jackson, Erin Jones, Taylor Toliver
<b>Newsletter</b>	Katie Martin
<b>Volunteer coordinator</b>	Karla Eubank
<b>Family parent coordinator</b>	Marissa Douthit
<b>Past president</b>	Marjie Boone-Smith

# MAYO HAPPENINGS

## DEAR MAYO FAMILIES,

The last day of school is a few days away! On **Tuesday, May 17th**, we will celebrate the last day --- Mayo style! We have many special things planned for this day. We will have a yearbook signing time, Beach Blanket Bingo, a sprinkler time with our Tulsa Fire Department friends, and a frosty treat. There is a schedule on the back of this letter with detailed times.

It will be a Spirit Day. Please wear regular uniform bottoms and a Mayo Spirit Shirt.

Your child needs to bring his or her **swimsuit** to change into or he/she may wear their suit under their Mayo Spirit Gear. Your child also needs to bring a **beach towel (labeled with your child's name)** to sit on in the gym or cafeteria during Bingo Time. Please send **1-2 fun but reasonably healthy snacks and a juice box** for "munchies" during Beach Blanket Bingo. Some snack ideas could be raisins, chips, popcorn, fruit, cookies, but please do not send all candy!

Your student will need a **labeled plastic sack** to bring wet things home in. Also, be sure to send/wear **sturdy shoes** that can get wet. Flip flops or other shoes that will fall off easily should not be sent.

**Thank you,  
The Mayo Staff**

# TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<b>7:45</b>	School Begins! Check in with your Homebase teacher
<b>8:00-8:35</b>	Procedures for the day in instructional areas
<b>8:35-9:20</b>	Homebase Time
<b>9:20-9:50</b>	Yearbook signing in instructional area
<b>9:50-10:35</b>	Whole school signing & back to Instructional Areas
<b>10:35-12:20</b>	Lunch schedule – (Lunch will be a sack lunch from café or home. Go to your instructional area to eat.)
	<b>Goodalls</b> 10:35–11:00
	<b>Armstrongs</b> 11:00-11:25
	<b>Einsteins</b> 11:25–11:50
	<b>Edisons</b> 11:50–12:20
<b>12:20-1:20</b>	Beach Blanket Bingo in the gym and cafeteria. *Upstairs Families go to the gym *Downstairs Families go to the cafeteria <b>***Deardorff, Swofford, Greene will also go to cafeteria***</b>

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<b>1:20-1:50</b> Playground and Frosty Treat	<b>1:20-1:50</b> Playground and Frosty Treat	<b>1:20-1:50</b> Fire Truck	<b>1:20-1:50</b> Lawn Games
<b>1:50-2:05</b> Fire Truck	<b>1:50-2:05</b> Lawn Games	<b>1:50-2:05</b> Lawn Games	<b>1:50-2:05</b> Fire Truck
<b>2:05-2:20</b> Lawn Games	<b>2:05-2:20</b> Fire Truck	<b>2:05-2:20</b> Playground and Frosty Treat	<b>2:05-2:20</b> Playground and Frosty Treat

<b>2:20-2:50</b>	Back to instructional areas to clean up and prepare for dismissal from instructional area.
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# THE WRITE STUFF



## THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mayo Demonstration School - For Mayo Demonstration School, school is ending on May 17, 2016. "I think I'll be sad that because some of my friends are leaving to middle school," says Ms. Alice Nicholson, a student in fourth grade. All year has been so busy: Field Trips; The Armstrong Play, Research, etc. "It's been so busy but things are still going well," Mr. Guss says.

Recently, the Mayo Armstrongs have been through a play production, Go West on April 28, 2016. "I feel great, but we still needed to improve," replies Karissa Walker, a fellow actor.

Most people are excited to fly from school and homework. Others will miss their teachers. "I will miss my teachers but I won't," Connor Berson says. When school is out, summer begins.

**- Gabriella Ross**