

Madison Highlights and Happenings

August 26, 2017

Welcome back to another great year of learning and fun at Madison! The first day of school has been described as 'Happy Chaos' by some: so many happy faces, warm greetings, kids and families unsure as to where they are to go and do! It is exciting and happy! Thank you for making Madison School a part of your family. We are planning for a superior year of high academic engagement with great leaps in learning along with tons of fun and many opportunities of giving to others.

Before students returned to school, Madison teachers were busy planning, meeting, and prepping for a great school year. Teachers revisited our Madison Mission and Vision statements based on our collective core values. We determined it was time to re-work these documents to better represent who we are and what we believe as a staff. We spent quality time planning academic strategies and goals for our students as well as instructional strategies for teachers. Our School Improvement Plan was reviewed and updated. Madison teachers are ready for a year of high academic achievement, great student engagement, fewer office referrals, and time to embrace our greater community. Madison School Improvement Goals include improving math achievement, decreasing inappropriate behaviors, increasing helpful academic feedback to families, improving reading achievement, awarding appropriate behaviors and maintaining high frequency of communication with families.

Madison students will once again engage in giving back to our community through targeted Community Service Projects. This year our focus is 'Community Service for Community Servants'. Madison will engage in giving back to others such as firefighters and veterans. We are excited to continue our service to others. Last year we re-discovered it is truly 'more blessed to give than receive'. Thank you for supporting us in our endeavors.

We are working toward our vision of, ["Everybody learning, every day!"](#)



Madison Mission

At James Madison Elementary School we build caring relationships, collaboratively educate, and set high academic and behavioral expectations for all students and staff. We are:

- Respectful
- Compassionate
- Knowledgeable
- Engaging
- Positive
- Professional
- Flexible
- Growth Mindset Oriented

School Hours

Breakfast begins at 8:25
Students escorted to their classrooms at 8:45
School begins at 8:50
Announcements: 8:55
Tardy: 8:55
Dismissal: 3:50
Early Dismissal: 2:20



Stay Connected with Madison

Madison's Website: <http://madison.cr.k12.ia.us/>

Follow us on Twitter: Madison Mustangs @MadiMustangs



Upcoming PTA Events ~

- September 8 – Donuts with Dads – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Café (This is also Team Spirit Day – Wear your favorite team's gear!)
- September 8 – PTA Cherrydale Fundraiser begins and runs through September 22.
- September 22 – Muffins with Moms – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'
- September 28 – PTA meeting – 6:00 pm - Library




The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!! Email the Madison PTA at pta_madison@yahoo.com

Membership to Madison's PTA is \$7.00. Forms are available in the office and by sending an email to pta_madison@yahoo.com

September Calendar Reminders~

- Early dismissal on Friday, **September 1st** - Students are dismissed at 2:20.
- No school on Monday, **September 4th** - Labor Day!
- Donuts for Dads, Friday, **September 8th** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Team Spirit Day, Friday, **September 8th** – wear gear from your favorite team – UI/ISU/UNI
- Fundraiser begins, Friday, **September 8th**
- Muffins for Moms, Friday, **September 22nd** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Fundraiser ends, Friday, **September 22nd**
- Fall Pictures on Thursday, **September 28!**
- **Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:20!**

Supporting Madison ~

Fundraiser	Description	Where the Funds Go
Hy-Vee Receipts 	Collect Hy-Vee receipts and turn them in to the classroom teacher, office or container in the foyer. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Madison for every \$200 collected in receipts.	Money used to purchase school supplies not listed on the supply list sent to parents. Every student at Madison benefits.
Box Tops 	Clip Box Tops from packages and turn them in to the classroom teacher.	Teachers earn 10 cents for each box top to use in purchasing classroom supplies.
Pop Tabs 	Pop off those tabs and send them to the classroom teacher. The Student Ambassadors collect them.	Ronald McDonald House helps families of seriously ill children.

Check out the **CRCS Virtual Backpack** for information and opportunities for families. Go to the link below to access information on the events/opportunities listed below.

<http://webapps.cr.k12.ia.us/virtualbackpack/FlyerLinks.aspx?school=Madison>

Virtual Backpack items for Madison.

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Fall Programs - Event Date: \(9/5/2017 - 12/22/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/25/2017\)](#)

[FREE KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - SING - Event Date: \(9/8/2017 - 9/8/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/25/2017\)](#)

[Nancy Patrick Studio - Piano/Voice Lessons - Event Date: \(9/5/2017 - 12/20/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/25/2017\)](#)

[CREATURE FEATURE: An 8 week class at The Eastern Iowa Arts Academy - Event Date: \(9/19/2017 - 11/7/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/24/2017\)](#)

[Register for ART AND MUSIC fall classes at the Eastern Iowa Arts Academy - Event Date: \(8/23/2017 - 10/4/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/23/2017\)](#)

[Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk/5K - Event Date: \(9/24/2017 - 9/24/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/23/2017\)](#)

[Jr. J-Hawk Poms - Event Date: \(10/8/2017 - 3/3/2018\) - Posted Date: \(8/22/2017\)](#)

[MOvMNT Dance Collective Audition - Event Date: \(9/10/2017 - 9/10/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/21/2017\)](#)

[Jr J-Hawk Girls' Basketball try-outs - Event Date: \(9/5/2017 - 9/14/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/14/2017\)](#)

[Footloose - Event Date: \(9/7/2017 - 10/1/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/1/2017\)](#)

[James and the Giant Peach - Event Date: \(9/16/2017 - 9/30/2017\) - Posted Date: \(8/1/2017\)](#)

[Cougar Cubs Baseball - Event Date: \(9/10/2017 - 10/8/2017\) - Posted Date: \(7/25/2017\)](#)