

Madison Highlights and Happenings*

April 2, 2017

Facility Master Planning Community Input Sessions

I strongly encourage Madison families to attend one of the three Facility Master Planning Community Input Sessions the CRCSD is hosting this month. The committee is recommending changes at the elementary level, which may have impact on our school and district. More information in the link listed below.

April 11, 2017 – 6 – 8:00 PM – Arthur School, 2630 B Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

April 12, 2017 – 6-8:00 PM – Van Buren School, 2525 29th Street SW, Cedar Rapids

April 13, 2017 – 6-8:00 PM – Nixon School, 200 Nixon Dr., Hiawatha

<http://www.thegazette.com/subject/opinion/guest-columnists/help-cedar-rapids-schools-reimagine-school-facilities-20170331>

Fourth and Fifth Grade Concerts

Monday, April 24 – Café

Fourth Grade – 6:00 PM

Fifth Grade – 6:45 PM

Iowa Assessments

Third, fourth and fifth graders will be engaged in taking the Iowa Assessments this coming week. Each day students will take two or three tests in the morning. All the assessments are planned to be complete by Friday. Absent students will make-up the tests the week of April 10. Please join us in encouraging your child to do their very best work on these tests.

Madison Students Receive Compliment

Roosevelt Middle School seventh and eighth grade orchestra performed for Madison students this past week. Our students and staff were delighted by their great performance and at seeing several former Madison Mustangs in the orchestra. The director and performers complimented Madison students on being a wonderful audience. The orchestra director stated that out of the four schools they had played for, Madison students were the best listeners and audience members. Way to go Mustangs!

Calendar Changes!

Walk-A-Thon/Spring-A-Thon – Carnival – May 19 (calendar shows May 26)

Western Day/Learning Celebration – May 26 (calendar shows May 19)

Western Day and Learning Celebration

Each May Madison School enjoys 'Western Day'. On Western Day (May 26) staff and students dress up in their western gear and enjoy a grilled hot dog lunch outdoors. We always greet and eat with many parents on this fun day. This year we are adding another layer to the day: Learning Celebration!

The idea behind a 'Learning Celebration' is to continue to great conversations students have with their families at the October and February Parent/Teacher Conferences. At both the conferences, students show and share their learning using their Data Binder/Folder. Madison staff continue to assist students to add to their Data Binder/Folder after the February conferences but felt little emphasis was placed on the students' hard work and parents did not get to enjoy seeing the growth of their child from August to the end of the school year in May.

Please make plans to join us on Friday, May 26 during your child's lunch hour for a time to eat together, and be dazzled by your child's learning and enjoy one another's company. More details to follow.

2017 – 2018 School Hours Change

Heads Up! School will be starting and ending at different times next school year. The change is being implemented next school year to increase times between middle and high school bus routes. The transportation department needs a few more minutes on several routes to get student riders to school in time to have breakfast and get to class on time.

Proposed start time: 8:50 AM

Proposed end time: 3:50 PM

Upcoming PTA Events

Buffalo Wild Wings Night – Monday, April 3 – West Side BWWs

PTA Board Meeting – Thursday, April 6, 5:30 – Library

Madison Day at the Kernels – Sunday, April 23

Calendar Reminders

April 3 – 13 – Iowa Assessments – Grades 3, 4, 5

April 3 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 3 – Garden Club 3:45 – 4:45

April 6 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 7 – Early Dismissal – 2:15

April 10 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 10 – Garden Club 3:45 – 4:45

April 13 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 17 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 14 – No School

April 17 – Garden Club 3:45 – 4:45

April 20 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 21 – Early Dismissal – 2:15

April 24 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 24 – Garden Club 3:45 – 4:45

April 27 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30

April 28 – Early Dismissal – 2:15

Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:15!

Virtual Backpack

Check out the CRCSD 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/>

[UICCU Give & Grow Initiative - Event Date: \(4/1/2017 - 4/30/2017\) -](#)

[2017 Safe Kids Day Event \(FREE bike helmets for kids\) - Event Date: \(4/13/2017 - 4/13/2017\)](#)

[Playtime Poppy presents Stellaluna at Washington High School - Event Date: \(4/20/2017 - 4/22/2017\) -](#)

[Splash into Spring! Learning Extensions Camp at Indian Creek Nature Center - Event Date: \(4/14/2017 - 4/14/2017\) -](#)

[Fire and Life Safety Camp - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/16/2017\) -](#)

[Heroes Safety Camp - Event Date: \(7/17/2017 - 7/21/2017\) -](#)

[Camp #LikeAGirlScout at Camp Liberty! - Event Date: \(6/1/2017 - 8/15/2017\) -](#)

[Girl Scouts: Enjoy Your Summer At Camp Liberty! - Event Date: \(6/1/2017 - 8/15/2017\) -](#)

[High School, Middle School & Elementary Girls' Basketball Camp Flyer - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/15/2017\)](#)

***You can access Madison Highlights at <http://madison.cr.k12.ia.us/>**