

# Madison Highlights and Happenings

## August 27, 2016

Madison Mustangs are off on a great stampede of learning for the 2016 – 2017 school year! Students have been brushing up on Madison procedures, taking baseline assessments, greeting old friends, making new friends and learning, learning, learning! It is wonderful to have all the Madison Community back together for another great year.

This year Madison staff has set several goals for improvement as well as goals to maintain tried and true instructional practices we have experienced success with in the past. New goal areas include weekly newsletters from each classroom teacher to families, setting short-term math goals and communicating student advancement toward the goals every three weeks, using assessment data to drive instructional practice: when and what to teach, re-teach and when to move ahead and learning to focus our mindset toward growth and improvement. Things we are maintaining include Write Tools strategies for our writing program, continuing the handwriting plan, and bettering our Mustang Moments of Excellence, and common area procedures.

The Madison teaching staff has reviewed data from last year, compared it with prior years and have learned some interesting trends at Madison.

- Writing has improved across all grade levels since implementing Write Tools strategies
- Handwriting and attention to neatness has improved since creating and sticking to a handwriting plan
- We still need to improve our reading comprehension results
- Math computation is maintaining at a good level, but problem solving (application to 'real-world' problems) is in need of improvement
- Office referrals have decreased (third lowest in the district!!)
- Parents requested more frequent and targeted communication from teachers
- Attendance rates at Madison are some of the best in the district

As you can see, we have made a lot of great strides forward, yet we have room to grow! Thus, our Mission and Theme continues to be the same: ["Everybody learning, every day!"](#)



### Upcoming PTA Events ~

**September 9 – Donuts with Dads – 8:00 – 8:45 am – Madison Café (This is also Team Spirit Day – Wear your favorite team's gear!)**

**September 23 – Muffins with Moms – 8:00 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'**

**The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!!! We are actively seeking board members, general members and volunteers! Call the office for more information at 558-2473 for more information.**

### September Calendar Reminders~

No school on Monday, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**! Labor Day!

Early dismissal on Friday, **September 2nd!** Students are dismissed at 2:15.

**Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:15!**

Fall Pictures on Wednesday, **September 28!**

### Supporting Madison ~

<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Where the Funds Go</b>
<b>Hy-Vee Receipts</b>	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.
<b>Box Tops</b>	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.
<b>Pop Tabs</b>	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 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/FlyerLinks.aspx?school=Madison>

## Virtual Backpack items for Madison.

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Fall Programs - Event Date: \(8/29/2016 - 1/5/2017\)](#)

[Kennedy High School Spirit Wear - Event Date: \(8/26/2016 - 9/10/2016\)](#)

[Piano/Voice Lessons - Event Date: \(9/6/2016 - 5/26/2017\)](#)

[Madison Elementary Jack, Giants, and Varmints! - Event Date: \(9/13/2016 - 11/1/2016\)](#)

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[Cedar Rapids Ice Arena Youth Hockey & Learn to Skate Open Houses - Event Date: \(9/1/2016 - 9/8/2016\)](#)

[Asbestos Information Letter - Event Date: \(8/23/2016 - 9/23/2016\)](#)

[Jefferson Jr. Poms - Event Date: \(9/5/2016 - 9/9/2016\)](#)

[Parenting Young Children-Cedar Rapids Public Library - Event Date: \(9/12/2016 - 10/17/2016\)](#)

[Parenting Young Children-Starry Elementary School - Event Date: \(9/13/2016 - 10/18/2016\)](#)

[Parenting Young Children-STEM - Event Date: \(9/28/2016 - 11/2/2016\)](#)

[Play and Learn: Parent PLUS - Event Date: \(9/22/2016 - 11/17/2016\)](#)

[Register Now for FALL CLASSES in Music and Art - Event Date: \(8/23/2016 - 11/30/2016\)](#)

[Jr Cougar Baseball 7U Tryouts - Event Date: \(10/4/2016 - 10/6/2016\)](#)

[Jr Cougar Girls Basketball Registration 1st - 8th grade - Event Date: \(10/3/2016 - 3/3/2017\)](#)

[7th Annual Cougar Cubs Baseball - Event Date: \(9/6/2016 - 10/4/2016\)](#)

[Jr. J-Hawk Girls Basketball Tryout - Event Date: \(9/6/2016 - 9/8/2016\)](#)

[YMCA Youth Sports Registration Winter 2016-17 - Event Date: \(8/29/2016 - 5/3/2017\)](#)