

Madison Highlights and Happenings

August 25, 2018

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 re-committed to our Madison Mission and Vision statements based on our collective core values. 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, increasing teacher understanding of number sense and how to best teach so students develop a strong sense of number, decreasing inappropriate behaviors, increasing helpful academic feedback to families, improving reading achievement, awarding appropriate behaviors and maintaining high frequency of communication with families. We have big goals!

Madison students will once again engage in giving back to our community through targeted Community Service Projects. Madison will engage in giving back to others in our community. We are excited to continue our service to others. The past couple of years 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!"](#)

James Girdner

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

Staff Changes at Madison

Each year we experience changes in staff at Madison. Some staff members retire, move to another school setting or move to another district. Sometimes CRCSD moves programs between buildings resulting in staff changes. A run-down of this year's changes are bulleted below.

- Madison is no longer a federally funded Title 1 School. Title 1 funding is based on the percentage of free or reduced students in a building. To qualify a school needs to have the same or higher percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch as the district average. About 54% of CRCSD's students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Madison's free or reduced lunch percentage is close to 46% of our students.
 - The loss of Title 1 funding resulted in the loss of two staff positions
 - Title 1 teacher – Mrs. Carradus (who was moved to Arthur Elementary)
 - Half time Title 1 paraprofessional
- There is a change in Madison Instructional Design Strategist (IDS) personnel. Dr. Fowler, who has been Madison's IDS for the past 11 years has accepted a position at the district level. Dr. Fowler is now CRCSD's PK – 12 Math Curriculum Facilitator.
- We are welcoming Mrs. Shelli Carradus back to Madison in the role of IDS!
- One of the special education categorical programs (Intellectual Disabilities) at Madison was relocated to Garfield Elementary School. As a result, there were several changes in personnel.
 - Mrs. Locke was moved to teaching fourth grade at Madison
 - Mrs. Althoff was moved to a paraprofessional position at Pierce Elementary
 - Mrs. Netto was moved to a paraprofessional position at Gibson Elementary
 - Mrs. Bielefeld was moved to a paraprofessional position at Pierce Elementary
- A special education categorial program (Behavior Focus) was moved from Truman Elementary to Madison resulting in Mrs. Schutterle returning to Madison from Wilson Middle School.
- Mrs. Blaha retired from her role as Kindergarten Paraprofessional last spring.
- Mrs. Woodcock has been hired as our Kindergarten Paraprofessional.
- Mrs. Simon has been hired as Madison's Building Behavior Technician.
- Mrs. Huston, art teacher, was moved to Arthur Elementary.
- Mrs. Schmidt was hired as our new art teacher.
- Our Health Secretary, Paula Haight, took a leave of absence.
- Our new health secretary is Brenda Gifford.
- Our new school nurse is Teri Schloss.
- The Grant Wood Area Education staff new to Madison is Tammy Matthews and Christina Gallagher-Quilty.
- We are seeking a paraprofessional for the Behavior Focus Program. If interested in the 7.5 hour a day position, apply online through the CRCSD's website or call the office for more information (558-2473).

Stay Connected with Madison

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

Follow us on Twitter: Madison Mustangs @MadiMustangs

Counselor's Corner

Check out Mrs. Druschel's web page! Lot's of good information is included!

<https://www.smore.com/vqyau-counselor-s-corner>

PTA Scrip Orders Due August 29

Purchase gift cards to MANY local businesses and support the Madison PTA. The next order is due August 29th with delivery of gift cards on September 10th.



PTA Scrip order
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Upcoming PTA Events ~

- August 21 – August 31 – Madison Apparel Sale – call the office for an additional form – 558 -2473
- [September 4 – PTA Meeting – 6:00 pm - Library](#)
- September 7 – Donuts with Dads – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Café (This is also Team Spirit Day – Wear your favorite team's gear!)
- [September 7 – PTA Cherrydale Fundraiser begins and runs through September 22.](#)
- September 21 – Muffins with Moms – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'

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

The PTA Board is seeking someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Contact Janelle Solberg for more information!
janelle.solberg@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



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Madison Apparel on Sale Through August 31st!

T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Hats, Sweats, Shorts and Gloves: all with the Madison Logo are on sale through August 31st! A form is attached or can be picked up in the main office or from the PTA bulletin board by the gym door. You may also call the office to have a form sent home with your student.



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September Calendar Reminders~

- Early dismissal on Friday, **August 31st** - Students are dismissed at 2:20.
- No school on Monday, **September 3rd** - Labor Day!
- Donuts for Dads, Friday, **September 7th** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Team Spirit Day, Friday, **September 7th** – wear gear from your favorite team – UI/ISU/UNI

- Early Dismissal on Friday, **September 7th** – Students are dismissed at 2:20
- Fundraiser begins, Friday, **September 7th**
- Muffins for Moms, Friday, **September 21nd** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Fundraiser ends, Friday, **September 21st**
- **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. (Last year we received about \$800 from the receipts! Thank you!)
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 **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.

[Girls Try Hockey For Free with Maidens of Mayhem - Event Date: \(9/8/2018 - 9/8/2018\)](#)

[Fall Class Registration at the Eastern Iowa Arts Academy! - Event Date: \(8/27/2018 - 9/24/2018\)](#)

[National Advanced Driving Simulator Coloring Contect - Event Date: \(8/17/2018 - 9/1/2018\) -](#)

[8th Annual Cougar Cubs Baseball - Event Date: \(9/9/2018 - 10/7/2018\)](#)

[Tanager Place Autism Social skill Program - Event Date: \(8/13/2018 - 5/31/2019\)](#)

[Supercuts Back To School Haircut Specials 2018 - Event Date: \(8/7/2018 - 9/2/2018\)](#)

[Iowa Hawkeye Soccer - Event Date: \(8/17/2018 - 8/31/2018\)](#)

[YMCA Youth Sports Registration Winter 2018-2019 - Event Date: \(8/27/2018 - 5/15/2019\)](#)

[Autism Spectrum Social Skill Program afterschool / Tanager Place - Event Date: \(8/27/2018 - 5/31/2019\)](#)

[Schedule a Free Music Class for Your Toddler or Preschooler! - Event Date: \(8/13/2018 - 12/7/2018\) -](#)

[Schedule a Free Trial Music Lesson! - Event Date: \(8/6/2018 - 12/21/2018\)](#)

[Coe College School Days Off - Event Date: \(10/8/2018 - 4/22/2019\)](#)

[Sylvan of Hiawatha Fall STEM - Event Date: \(8/6/2018 - 12/27/2018\)](#)