

# Madison Highlights and Happenings

*“Everybody learning, every day!”*

**February 18, 2018**

## Students and Technology

Monitoring children’s activities on electronic devices is must in order to keep children away from inappropriate material and be safe. It is very important for families to monitor all electronic usage by children regularly. Often a quick glance at what a child is viewing on YouTube for example, is not enough; instead, spend a few minutes viewing the video yourself to discover the content. One series of YouTube videos which has made its way into Madison School is the ‘Jeffy’ videos. At first glance the videos seem to be harmless, student made videos of stuffed dolls and puppets. However, the content is often very inappropriate in language, topic and expression.

Several students have come to school discussing Jeffy videos. Due to the content of the Jeffy videos the learning environment is being disrupted. When the learning environment is negatively impacted by activities off campus, those students engaging in the activity may have consequences for their behaviors. Students at Madison should not be drawing, writing or discussing Jeffy videos (or any other inappropriate materials/topics). Students who disregard this expectation will have a consequence such as loss of recess.

We highly recommend families closely and frequently monitor all text messaging, phone calls, FaceTime, Skype, Instagram, etc. It is very easy for students to engage in cyber-bullying types of behaviors using these devices and applications. When the off-campus behaviors impact the school environment, then we have an obligation to address the behaviors. School Board Policy outlines expected behaviors and responses in Policy 604, Jurisdictional and Behavioral Expectations.

## Looking for Your Input!

We are seeking input from our Madison families via an online survey. Results from the survey will be compiled along with results garnered from a staff survey as well as a survey given to fourth and fifth graders. The focus of the survey is around the idea of a safe and collaborative school culture and environment. We will be using the data to assist us in creating a school improvement plan for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

You are able to take the survey in the computer lab during conference nights or you may click on the link provided to take the survey. We appreciate you taking the time to give us honest feedback. Thank you!

A video was prepared to introduce the survey to you. The video provides some of the reasoning behind the survey.

### [Madison](#)

Access the survey by clicking the link below.

[Parents/Guardians](#)

## Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences continue on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you need to sign up for a conference, contact the office.

## Book Fair!

Madison's annual book fair is February 13 – 20. The book fair will be open during both conference nights. Proceeds are used to purchase new books for the library.

## Madison Gear Order Form!

PTA is working with the Cotton Gallery to provide Madison Gear for sale! Order forms will be available during student-led conferences. Orders are due on February 27.



MadisonMustangs20  
18-OrderForm.pdf

Commented [GJ1]:

## 2018 – 2019 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year will be open on February 26, 2018. There are two methods of registration available to families.

- 1) Online registration
  - a. Will go live on February 26, 2018
- 2) In-person registration
  - a. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Madison School
  - b.

## Alternative Kindergarten Informational Nights

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

From 6:00 – 7:00PM

Where: The ELSC

2500 Edgewood Rd NW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

For questions, please call 319-558-2247

Your child must be turning 5 by September 15, 2018

## Counselor's Corner

Here is a link to Mrs. Druschel's newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/wq9dy-counselor-s-corner>

Included:

Random Acts of Kindness

-ideas and the history

The Ripple Effect

Bucketfilling lessons

## Stay Connected with Madison

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

Follow us on Twitter: Madison Mustangs @MadiMustangs

Madison PTA is on Facebook!

Madison Elementary PTA @madisonmustangpta

Madison PTA email: [pta\\_madison@yahoo.com](mailto:pta_madison@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming PTA Events ~

- **February 22 – PTA Meeting at 6:00**

The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!!!

Membership to Madison's PTA is \$7.00. Forms are available in the office and by sending an email to [pta\\_madison@yahoo.com](mailto:pta_madison@yahoo.com)

## February Calendar Reminders~

- **February 20 – Student-Led Conferences 4:00 – 7:00**
- **February 22 – PTA Meeting at 6:00**
- **February 23 – Early Dismissal at 2:20**
- **February 26 – No School**
- **Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:20!**

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.**

[February Green Scene Newsletter - Event Date: \(2/14/2018 - 3/2/2018\) -](#)

[Kirkwood Boys Basketball Camp - Event Date: \(6/6/2018 - 6/8/2018\) -](#)

[Summit's 2018 Summer Camps are here! - Event Date: \(6/11/2018 - 8/3/2018\) -](#)

[ExploreU@MMU STEM Summer program - Event Date: \(7/9/2018 - 7/14/2018\) -](#)