

Madison Highlights and Happenings

“Everybody learning, every day!”

February 3, 2018

Quarter Drive for Stead Children’s Hospital

Students had a great time wearing hats on Friday! There were some very interesting hats!! Not only did kids have fun with hats they were generous in giving. Students brought over \$300 to purchase games and toys for kids hospitalized at Stead Children’s Hospital! Thank you kindergarteners for taking the lead on the wonderful and kind Community Service Project.

Third Grade Clay

Madison Third graders have created cool, interesting and creative clay projects which are on public display!

WHEN: FEBRUARY 1-10

THE EXHIBIT WILL BE OPEN DURING REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS FROM FEBRUARY 1-10. AN OPENING RECEPTION WILL BE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST FROM 6-7:45PM. THE EXHIBIT WILL CLOSE AT 3PM ON FEBRUARY 10TH.

WHERE: BEEMS AUDITORIUM A&B (UPSTAIRS)

DOWNTOWN CEDAR RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-8PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY 9AM-5PM

SUNDAY- CLOSED

Focus on Attendance

Each day during announcements students learn which classrooms across the school had perfect attendance by 8:55 the previous day. Classes earn a ticket for each perfect attendance day and the tickets are posted on the wall in the café. Students are proud of their class each time they get a perfect attendance ticket! Please help by ensuring your child is at school on time each day!

The chart below shows the number of days each class had perfect attendance each month since October when we began this challenge.

Teacher	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Mrs. Engelbrecht	6	5	3	4
Ms. Yanda	4	0	2	2

Mrs. McCusker	5	4	3	6
Miss Wright	10	7	8	7
Miss Kamhawy	6	4	3	5
Mrs. Mueller	0	1	0	1
Mrs. Everhart	12	7	3	0
Mr. Casey	7	3	5	6
Mrs. Hand	9	1	2	1
Miss Gerst	1	0	1	2
Mrs. Locke	7	4	3	0
Mr. Fred	3	3	2	0
Mrs. Duthler	4	1	7	7
Total	74	40	42	41

During the month of January we have challenged students with a new attendance goal. “By January 31, 2018, Madison Elementary will average 95% of greater of daily attendance by all K – 5 students.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences are approaching! Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 20th. The online sign-up will go live at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7th. Your child will bring home a letter with your code attached to the letter to sign-up online.

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.

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

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

Support Staff Hiring Event

- February 5, 2018
- 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Educational Leadership and Support Center
 - 2500 Edgewood Rd NW
 - (319) 558 – 2747
- Positions available
 - Food and Nutrition
 - Para Professionals
 - Custodians
 - Transportation
- Apply Online at www.cr.k12.ia.us/employment

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

Hi all!!

I love February! Random Acts of Kindness Week is Feb. 11-17 and actually the whole month-it is a time to celebrate!

I am sending everyone some ideas I've found that are "kind" ideas to do or inspirational ideas. See below.

Thanks!

Mrs. Druschel

1. Spend a few minutes on [Free Rice](http://www.freerice.org), a United Nations Food Program that will donate rice to hungry people for every question you get right on their learning web site. You can learn vocabulary, French, Chemistry and even answer SAT prep questions.

This is made possible through corporate sponsors you'll see on the bottom of the pages. Free Rice has fed millions of people since its 2007 launch.

(I tried this and you just have to answer questions-if you get them right they donate rice to hungry people through the World Food Program!)

2. Through [Give Back Box](#) you can pack up clothes, household items, games or other items you no longer need, and Give Back Box provides a prepaid shipping label so you can ship the items to Goodwill at no charge. This can be done from any state in the US. (Goodwill is a nonprofit that provides job training and jobs.)
3. Do you know someone who could use a lift? Add them to the [More Love Letters](#) list, so they can get letters of encouragement.
4. Send cards to lonely seniors. 13-year-old Jacob Cramer started [Love for the Elderly](#), which distributes letters to American seniors via senior centers and nonprofit organizations. [This page](#) explains how you can send a postal letter. Letters have come in from all over including Cleveland, Asia and Scotland.

Love for the Elderly also has a [Senior Buddy program](#) that connects seniors, who often experience loneliness and isolation, with young students. They become pen pals and develop a relationship through letter writing. Please note that only classrooms and senior facilities can sign up for the program at this time.

5. If you're an Amazon.com customer you can donate Amazon.com's money to your favorite U.S. nonprofit through [Amazon Smile](#). It takes a total of 20 seconds to read how to do this and set it up. Then Amazon will donate to your favorite nonprofit each time you make a purchase.

When you buy goods from over 1,700 other online retailers you can use [iGive](#) to have that retailer donate money to your favorite charity. This includes major retailers like Best Buy, Expedia, Bed Bath and Beyond, and others.

6. It's never too late to say "thanks." I sent a note 7 years after someone had helped me, and she told me it made her feel terrific. I'm glad I got over my embarrassment at how much time had passed and finally sent it.

On the topic of "thank you", [TD Bank's Thank you video](#) shows them turning ATMs into Automatic Thanking Machines for some personal and special moments for customers. If you decide to watch this random acts of kindness video, have your tissues ready.

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

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

February Calendar Reminders~

- **February 7 – Online Conference Sign-up goes live at 4:00**
- February 9 – Early Dismissal at 2:20
- February 13 – 20 – Book Fair
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 15 – Student-Led Conferences 4:00 – 7:00
- February 16 – Early Dismissal at 2:20
- 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.

[Iowa Women's Gymnastics - Event Date: \(2/10/2018 - 2/10/2018\) -](#)

[Youth Empowerment Conference 2018 - Event Date: \(2/17/2018 - 2/17/2018\) -](#)

[Camp Tanager Day Camp - Event Date: \(6/11/2018 - 8/10/2018\) -](#)

[Weekly Acting Classes for Grades 2 to 5 at Kirkwood Community College - Event Date: \(2/20/2018 - 4/3/2018\) -](#)