

# Madison Highlights and Happenings\*

**January 8, 2017**

## Madison Blues

The Madison Blues, Madison's Fourth and Fifth Grade Choir, provided entertainment for staff at the Education Learning and Support Center on December 19<sup>th</sup> and for many of the residence at Methwick on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students performed very well at both venues and were able to meet a former music teacher at Methwick who has provided our music program with grant money to purchase additional musical equipment. Dr. Todd Schendel directs the Madison Blues.

## Kindergarten and First Grade Musicals

Tuesday, January 24

Kindergarten – 6:00 – 6:30

First Grade – 6:45 – 7:15

## First Semester Report Cards

The first semester ends on January 13, 2017. Teachers are currently wrapping up end-of-semester assessments and will begin work on first semester report cards on Monday, January 16. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 27, 2017. Conferences will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Counselor Corner

Check out Mrs. Druschel's online newsletter!

<https://www.smore.com/va6uf-counselor-s-corner>

Included are:

New Year's "resolutions" for kids  
Classroom guidance lesson topics  
Community resource links  
Family Connections LIVE!

## Upcoming PTA Events

Open Gym and Game Night – **January 20 – 6:00 – 8:00**

## Calendar Reminders

**January 13 – Early Dismissal**

**No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 16**

**No School – January 17**

**Second Semester Begins – January 18**

**Early Dismissal – January 20**

**Kindergarten (6:00) and First Grade (6:45) Musicals – January 24**

**Early Dismissal – January 27**

**First Semester Report Cards Sent Home – January 27**

**Madison Gets New Computers – January 30 and 31**

**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/>

[Iowa Children's Museum's Play2BFit Event - Event Date: \(1/21/2017 - 1/21/2017\)](#)

[Mid-Winter Renaissance Faire - Event Date: \(1/21/2017 - 1/21/2017\)](#)

[AYSO Soccer registration for Spring 2017 - Event Date: \(3/18/2017 - 6/4/2017\)](#)

[REGISTER FOR WINTER CLASSES @ The Music and Arts Studios! - Event Date: \(1/23/2017 - 3/3/2017\) -](#)

[Fire & Ice: Summit Schools Learning Extensions Camp - Event Date: \(1/16/2017 - 1/16/2017\)](#)

[Little Cougars Dance Clinic - Event Date: \(1/22/2017 - 1/22/2017\)](#)

[College Sitter Contact - Event Date: \(1/3/2017 - 5/1/2017\)](#)

[Jefferson High School Mini Dance Marathon! - Event Date: \(2/4/2017 - 2/4/2017\)](#)

[One-Day Dance Camp! Frozen Friends Adventure for 3-6 year olds! - Event Date: \(1/21/2017 - 1/21/2017\)](#)

[24/7 Dad Program - Event Date: \(1/5/2017 - 3/9/2017\)](#)

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

## *Madison Families,*

We all know a child who dearly loves his or her blanket and carries it everywhere. It might be tattered and torn, a bit frayed around the edges, but to that child, it feels like love. One mother made a blanket for children in a Denver hospital, and Project Linus was born.

You are invited to participate in a Project Linus Community Service event at Madison Elementary School on

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 8:45 AM - 3:30 PM. We will be a building of "blanketeers", making colorful and soft fleece blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of a blanket they can feel secure with. We will be working in grade level groups, tying layers of fleece together. Later that week, the tied blankets will be taken to a group that inspects and adds labels to each and every blanket, making them official Project Linus blankets!

We have the fleece; we need your help! Please consider coming to spend time with your favorite student, or class, as we work together to help children feel safe and warm. You may sign up for a particular time slot or several time slots! We will need a lot of help!! Our goal is to make at least 22 blankets on February 8<sup>th</sup>! We are encouraging families to invite extended family members (grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings) to join us for this project. Please share this invitation with interested family members. If you have a work or church group who might be interested in assisting, have them contact us as well!

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return by January 25, 2017. We look forward to completing the Linus Project Community Service Event with your help on February 8th.

For more information about Project Linus, visit their website at [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org)

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I will volunteer for Madison Community Service Project Linus on February 8, 2017! I am available at the following time(s):

8:45 – 10:00 \_\_\_\_ (Mr. Casey's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)      12:00 – 1:00 \_\_\_\_ (Fourth Grade)      2:30 – 3:30 \_\_\_\_ (Mrs. Mueller's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

9:45 – 10:45 \_\_\_\_ (Second Grade)      12:45 – 2:00 \_\_\_\_ (Fifth Grade)      Other time-frame \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 – 11:30 \_\_\_\_ (Kindergarten)      1:45 – 2:40 \_\_\_\_ (First Grade)

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a special student(s) at Madison you want to work with? Their name(s):

Contact info: Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Madison School Office by January 25 or email Mrs. Suzanne Duthler, Coordinator, at [SKlaasDuthler@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:SKlaasDuthler@cr.k12.ia.us) or Mr. James Girdner, Principal, at [JGirdner@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:JGirdner@cr.k12.ia.us) with your available time(s).