

# Madison Highlights and Happenings\*

May 20, 2017

*Thank you for supporting the Madison PTA's Carnival! What a fun event!!*

**Walk-A-Thon Re-Scheduled – Wednesday, May 24 1:30 – 3:00**

**Western Day and Learning Celebration (This Friday!!)**

Tips for those of you selecting school lunch for your Western Day meal.

- Guest meals cost \$3.50 no matter the age of the guest
- Exact change is appreciated if you are paying in cash
- You are able to charge your guest meal to your child's lunch account as long as the account has enough money in it.

If you have not already signed up to attend Western Day and Learning Celebration but you would like to attend, we would love to have you! However, you will need to bring your own lunch, as we had to have lunch counts to the kitchen by Friday, May 19.

- 10:30 - Fourth grade families enjoy Fourth Grade State Parade
- 10:50 – Fourth graders join families for lunch and learning celebration
- 11:00 – Fifth graders will join families for lunch
- 11:30 – Kindergarten and First graders will join families for lunch
- 12:00 – Second and Third graders will join families for lunch
  - Students will bring data binders to lunch
  - Families can eat at café tables or picnic on the grounds

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, June 2. Students in third through fifth grade will also have the results of their Iowa Assessments included in their envelope.

## Upcoming PTA Events

- **Walk-A-Thon and Running Club Races – May 24 – 1:30 - 3:00**
- **PTA Meeting Board Nominations – May 25 – 6:00**

## Calendar Reminders

- **May 24 – Walk-A-Thon**
- **May 26 – Western Day and Learning Celebration**
- **May 26 – Early Dismissal**
- **May 29 – No School – Memorial Day**
- **June 1 – Mad-I-Sun Day**
- **June 2 – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 2:15**
- **Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:15!**

## Virtual Backpack

**Check out the CRCSO Virtual Backpack for information and opportunities for families. Go to the link below to access information on the events/opportunities listed below.**

[AUDITIONS: Playtime Poppy Summer Theatre Adventure - Event Date: \(6/10/2017 - 6/10/2017\) -](#)

[Foundation MODE Fundraiser - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/12/2017\) -](#)

[America Reads Summer Bookmark Contest - Event Date: \(6/1/2017 - 7/31/2017\) -](#)

[Czech School 2017 - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 7/14/2017\) -](#)

[May Green Scene Newsletter - Event Date: \(5/17/2017 - 6/17/2017\) -](#)

[Summer Day Camps - ISU Extension : Robots, Art & More! various dates June-August - Event Date: \(6/5/2017 - 8/3/2017\) -](#)

[Tanager Place Summer Fest - Event Date: \(6/3/2017 - 6/3/2017\) -](#)

[Young Women in Harmony Festival - Event Date: \(9/23/2017 - 9/23/2017\) -](#)

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

## School Start and End Times Changing for 2017-18 School Year

The Cedar Rapids Community School District will adjust start and end times by five minutes for elementary and middle schools **for the 2017-18 school year**. The revised schedule will provide bus drivers a full hour instead of 50 minutes to complete their elementary routes, ensuring that all students arrive to school in time for breakfast and start the school day with their peers.

“Under the current schedule some students are arriving late for breakfast, making for a rushed start to the day,” explained Val Dolezal, Executive Administrator of Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

“Adjusting the school times slightly is expected to resolve this. In addition, all of our schools will start at 50 minutes after the hour, which is easier for everyone to remember.”

**Starting with the 2017-18 school year:**

- Elementary schools will **begin classes at 8:50 a.m. and dismiss at 3:50 p.m.** Early dismissal time will be 2:20 p.m.
- Middle schools will **begin classes at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 2:50 p.m.** Early dismissal time will be 1:20 p.m.
- High school classes will continue to **begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.** Early dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m.

The 2017-18 calendar can be found on the District website at [www.cr.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr.k12.ia.us)