

# Madison Highlights and Happenings\*

May 6, 2017

## Dr. Buck Visits Madison

Dr. Buck, Superintendent of CRCSD, visited Madison on Thursday, May 4 for a couple of hours. Dr. Buck observed in several classrooms. Several Madison fourth and fifth graders took on the role of host/hostess guiding Dr. Buck from room to room and providing him with insights about Madison. Dr. Buck sent us a thank you message after his visit.

“Thank you to you, your staff members, and students for a wonderful start to the day today! The Ambassadors were well-prepared and so proud of their school! The instruction I saw was definitely thoughtful and designed to meet the varied needs of the kids. I can’t wait to come back and visit again!”

## Kennedy Seniors Visit Madison

Several Kennedy seniors visited Madison on Friday, May 5. The seniors were dressed in caps and gowns and wearing their honor cords and medals. Madison students lined the hallway while the seniors paraded by giving high-fives. After the parade, one or two seniors visited each classroom and answered student questions about high school, college, hard work, their elementary experiences, etc. Several of the KHS seniors were former Madison students. It was great to see them again!

## Counselor’s Corner

Newsletter link from Mrs. Druschel:

<https://www.smores.com/be4wu-counselor-s-corner>

Included:

Unitypoint Hospice-Love Lanterns

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab collection contest update

Metro Care Connection-Connection Based Parenting class

Classroom guidance information

## Western Day and Learning Celebration

Each May Madison School enjoys ‘Western Day’. On Western Day (May 26) staff and students dress up in their western gear and enjoy a grilled hot dog lunch outdoors. We always greet and eat with many parents on this fun day. This year we are adding another layer to the day: Learning Celebration!

The idea behind a ‘Learning Celebration’ is to continue to great conversations students have with their families at the October and February Parent/Teacher Conferences. At both the conferences, students show and share their learning using their Data Binder/Folder. Madison staff continue to assist students

to add to their Data Binder/Folder after the February conferences but felt little emphasis placed on the students' hard work and parents did not get to enjoy seeing the growth of their child from August to the end of the school year in May.

Please make plans to join us on Friday, May 26 during your child's lunch hour for a time to eat together, and be dazzled by your child's learning and enjoy one another's company. More details to follow.

## 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)

## Upcoming PTA Events

**Walk-A-Thon and Running Club Races – May 19 – 12:30 - 2:00**

**Spring-A-Thon Carnival – May 19 – 6:00 – 8:00**

**PTA Meeting Board Nominations – May 25 – 6:00**

## Calendar Reminders

**May 12 – Kindergarten Author's Luncheon**

**May 12 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**May 19 – Walk-A-Thon and Running Club Races– 12:30 – 2:00**

**May 19 – Spring-A-Thon Carnival – 6:00 – 8:00**

**May 19 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**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 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>

[Mount Mercy University Girl's Basketball Summer Camp - Event Date: \(6/5/2017 - 6/15/2017\)](#)

[Camp Invention at All Saints Catholic School - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/23/2017\) -](#)

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Summer Camps and Clinics - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 8/14/2017\) -](#)

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Summer Programs - Event Date: \(6/1/2017 - 8/30/2017\)](#)

[Kirkwood Boys Basketball School - Event Date: \(6/7/2017 - 6/9/2017\) -](#)

[University of Iowa Language Learning Study - Event Date: \(5/8/2017 - 6/30/2017\) -](#)

[Coe College Women's Basketball Summer Camps 2017 - Event Date: \(6/19/2017 - 7/7/2017\)](#)

[Mount Mercy University Volleyball Summer Camps - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/23/2017\)](#)

[MYFA Tackle Registration and New Modified 3rd Grade League - Event Date: \(5/4/2017 - 8/20/2017\) -](#)

[Book Launch Party - Event Date: \(5/13/2017 - 5/13/2017\) -](#)

[Updates to Summit's Summer Camps! - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 8/4/2017\) -](#)

[Coe College Men's Basketball Summer Camps 2017 - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 7/13/2017\)](#)

[Combat Camp for Kids - Event Date: \(6/26/2017 - 6/30/2017\) -](#)

[Kennedy Men's Track Elementary/Middle School Camp - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 6/29/2017\) -](#)

[Free Bike Helmets! - Event Date: \(5/26/2017 - 5/26/2017\)](#)

[MOvMNT Dance Collective Summer Classes - Event Date: \(5/21/2017 - 8/20/2017\)](#)

[Cedar Rapids BMX - 2017 Race Season - Try Out the Family Sport of BMX - Event Date: \(5/7/2017 - 4/27/2018\)](#)

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