

Madison Highlights and Happenings

“Everybody learning, every day!”

November 11, 2017

Second and Third Grade Musicals

Second and Third graders have been practicing for a wonderful musical concert for their families on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. They are looking forward to their performance!

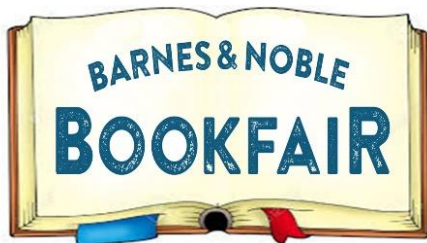
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Second Grade Musical – 6:00 pm – café

Third Grade Musical – 6:45 pm – café



Barnes and Noble Night – December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm



Each December Madison has a Barnes and Noble 'Reading Night'. This is our 'Parent Involvement' project as required as a Title I School. Each student who comes to the event will be given a coupon/gift card for \$15.00 to be used that night only toward the purchase of books.

Madison Days at Starbucks

Johnson Avenue Hy Vee Starbucks is teaming up with the Madison PTA for 'Madison Days at Starbucks' **November 17 – 19**. Visit the Johnson Avenue Starbucks, when you order your drink mention Madison School. Madison School will get a portion of the profits for each drink!



Goodbye and Hello

Mrs. Ramirez is soon moving to Texas where her husband, Danny, has his new job and where her extended family live. Mrs. Ramirez's last day teaching at Madison was Friday, November 10, 2017. While we are saddened to have our teacher, friend and colleague leave us, we know she is making the right move for her family and we wish her well.

This past week, Mrs. Natalie Hand has been job shadowing Mrs. Ramirez, getting to know the students, learning about Madison's procedures and culture and finding out what it is to be a Madison Mustang! We are happy to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Hand as she finds her niche in our community. Mrs. Hand will officially start as the fourth grade teacher on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Mrs. Hand grew up in Mt Vernon, Iowa. She earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees: one in Family Services and the other in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa. Since graduation, Mrs. Hand has taught fifth grade in Micronesia, fourth grade in Texas, and second, fourth and fifth grades in Indiana. She recently had an opportunity to move back home to Iowa. We are happy to welcome her to Madison.

PTA Holiday Wreath Sales



It's already that time of year again! Prochaska Greenhouse and Nursery will make evergreen wreaths for the Madison family, as they have for the past several years. The wreaths are priced at \$12.50 each and profits will go to Madison Elementary PTA. They measure about 24 inches and are decorated with a red bow. Orders are due by November 17th, 2017.

Please complete the form below and return it with cash or check made out to Madison PTA in an envelope marked "WREATHS". Envelopes should be taken to the PTA Box *or* to your child's homeroom. At such a great price, check with your friends and relatives to see if they would be interested in buying a wreath! **Please contact (Vicki Brendes 396-7396 vabbubba@imonmail.com)** if you have any questions.

THANK YOU for supporting MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER FORM

(Return no later than Friday, November 17, 2017)

Your Name _____

Child's Name _____ Number of Wreaths _____

Telephone # _____ Teacher _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Who will be picking up the wreath(s)? _____

PLACE CHECK OR CASH (\$12.50 EACH) IN ENVELOPE MARKED "WREATHS". THANKS!*



Madison Community Service Project: Holiday Food Drive

Our Madison Holiday Community Service Project is to conduct a food drive for the Linn Community Food Bank. The food drive will be from November 6 – November 17. Each grade will be assigned a type of food to focus on bringing (we will not turn away any food item they bring). Each class and grade will count the number of items brought on Friday, November 17th and the winning grade will receive a popcorn party!

Grade level focus foods are listed below with sample items

- Kindergarten = Desserts (cake mix, pie filling, Jell-O, instant pudding, cookie mix)
- First Grade = Canned Vegetables (peas, corn, carrots, tomatoes, beans, spinach)
- Second Grade = Pasta and Grains (Hamburger Helper, Mac and Cheese, pasta, rice, oatmeal)
- Third Grade = Soups (chicken noodle, beef stew, chili, tomato, broth)
- Fourth Grade = Canned Fruits (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, oranges)
- Fifth Grade = Condiments (ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, mayo, salad dressing)

Added Bonus...

We have set a goal of 900 food items for the school. If we reach the goal several teachers and staff have volunteered to have randomly drawn students throw a pie in their face at an all-school assembly on November 21!

Winter Recess

Students should dress appropriately for changing weather conditions. In winter, students will go outside unless the actual temperature or wind chill is at or below 10 degrees F. When the temperature is at or below 10 degrees F, the outdoor recess will be adjusted. Conditions such as wind chill, moisture, etc., will be considered when determining if children will go outdoors.



Student-Led Conference Attendance

Thank you Madison families for support your child's education! Every Madison student had a family member participate in a conference! 100% Conference attendance!!! Thank you!



PTA's Snow Gear Swap

Check out the free items on Madison PTA's first Snow Gear Swap! Items may be claimed through the Sign-Up Genius site for free. First come, first serve! Thanks to all who donated!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baba829abf85-snow1>



Dr. Buck Plans Visit to Madison PTA



Dr. Brad Buck, Cedar Rapids Community School District Superintendent, will be the featured speaker at Madison's PTA meeting on November 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the library. Dr. Buck's main topic will be around the district's facilities plan, which includes closure of several schools across the district including Madison. Plan on attending this meeting!

Counselor's Corner

Here is Mrs. Druschel's current newsletter link.

<https://www.smore.com/8y7rt-counselor-s-corner>

Holiday Assistance

Food Drive

Salvation Army Red Kettle ringing by the student ambassadors

Support Madison While You Grill Hamburgers!

Madison PTA receives a donation from AmeriGas when you buy their propane products at any local Fareway! When you need to refill your propane tank, think of the Madison PTA and consider purchasing at Fareway.

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 ~

- November 6 – 17 – Holiday Wreath Sales

- November 16 – PTA Meeting – Library
- November 17 – 19 – Madison Days at Johnson Ave Hy Vee Starbucks

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

November Calendar Reminders~

- November 6 – 17 – PTA Holiday Wreath Sales
- November 6 – 17 – Holiday Food Drive
- November 19 – Early Dismissal – 2:20
- November 14 – 2nd Grade Musical – café -6:00
- November 14 – 3rd Grade Musical – café – 6:45
- November 16 – PTA Meeting – Dr. Buck Speaking – 6:00
- November 17 – Early Dismissal – 2:20
- November 22 – 24 – Thanksgiving Break
- **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.

[Playtime Poppy presents Disney's The Lion King JR. at Kennedy High School - Event Date: \(11/30/2017 - 12/2/2017\) -](#)

[Att: Kindergarten & 1st Graders! Interested in Girl Scouts? Join us at our Dive Into Daisies event! - Event Date: \(11/15/2017 - 11/15/2017\) -](#)

[J-Hawk Winter Volleyball - Event Date: \(12/3/2017 - 3/4/2018\) -](#)

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Winter Programs - Event Date: \(11/28/2017 - 2/25/2018\) -](#)