

Madison Highlights and Happenings

“Everybody learning, every day!”

October 21, 2017

Student-Led Conferences: October 24!

Students took home instructions for signing up for conferences on-line on October 11. If you did not receive the information needed please contact your child’s teacher to set up a conference time. You may also call Kim in the main office to set up a conference time for Tuesday.

Children’s Author Visit

Thank you Madison PTA for assisting in bringing us a wonderful experience with a children’s book author! All Madison students heard about the writing process and Dori Hillestad Butler’s experience as an author in three different presentations. A select group of 2 – 5th graders were asked to be on a Student Focus Team to meet with Dori and give her feedback on her current book process. We know Dori has inspired many of our students to expand their writing and given several ideas about a career as a writer.

Sign-Up to Assist with Hall-O-Ween!!

We need many more people to decorate doorways!

PTA needs your help to make Hall-O-Ween a great success! Each year PTA sponsors an indoor Trick-or-Treat event where students come to school in the evening in costume, Trick-or-Treat the hallways decorated by volunteers, enjoy games in the gym and snacks in the café. We need your help to make it a success! Visit the Sign-Up Genius site below to sign up to:

- 1) Decorate a doorway
- 2) Bring candy
- 3) Serve snacks
- 4) Assist with games

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0b4ea8a72da13-halloween>

Snow Pants and Snow Gear Exchange

PTA is once again coordinating a Snow Pants (snow gear) swap for Madison families. Families are encouraged to check the snow gear for items their children have outgrown. They can bring it to school, drop it off in a box in the foyer. The items can be dropped off starting Monday, October 23. The collection will end on November 6.

Once the items are collected, they will be sized, cleaned, and listed on a Sign-Up Genius page for families to access. The goal is to have the items distributed prior to Thanksgiving break.

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

Mrs. Druschel's Newsletter can be found at:

<https://www.smores.com/ye4zm-counselor-s-corner>

Included:

211 United Way

Holiday Assistance

Madison Pop-Tab Contest update

Zones of Regulation lesson update

Stranger Danger

Students Walking to School and Stranger Danger Tips

Many elementary school students walk without an adult to and from school. Having your child walk to school and back is a wonderful way for them to get exercise. For older kids, it's a great way to teach independence and responsibility.

Any child who walks to school without an adult needs to be educated on the important safety rules. If your child is a walker, please read the tips below from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. You should begin reinforcing these safety tips as soon as your child is old enough to understand. Please make it a priority to talk with your child. Awareness of these safety tips can help children be less susceptible to stranger dangers.

- Travel with a friend, or better yet, a group of friends when riding your bike or walking to or from school or other destinations.
- NEVER approach a stranger's vehicle.
- If a stranger offers you a ride somewhere, say no, and run away. Define "stranger" to a young child as anyone they don't know.
- If someone follows you on foot, get away as quickly as you can. Go to someone's house you know, or run to other people, or just run away.
- If someone is following you in a car, turn around and go in the opposite direction or take a path where a car would not go.
- Never leave school or any other extracurricular activity or event with someone who you don't know or with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable.
- If a stranger tells you there is an emergency or that a family member is hurt or that a pet has been in an accident, always check with your mom or dad or other trusted adults. This is a common trick used by many molesters or kidnappers.
- Help your child identify "safe houses" where they feel comfortable in knocking on their door at any time a situation warrants it. Examples would be homes of trusted neighbors or friends.
- Parents should not become lax about kids going to a friend's home in a neighborhood, even if it is only a few doors away. Snatchings can happen in an instant; even under a parent's watchful eye. Older youth should be instructed to call when they arrive at a friend's home for peace of mind and as a good safety tip practice.
- Parents should be cautious about blatant use of a child's name on a back pack or jacket. Children sometimes believe that a person can't be a stranger if they know them by name, when the reality is that their name was easily readable on their attire.

Madison PTA Scrip Program

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop. These gift cards all have a rebate percentage on them, normally between 2% and 16%, which is the amount that will go directly to Madison Elementary PTA when the card is purchased at face value.

Rather than paying for your gas, groceries, dining or gift giving with cash or credit at the store..... Shopping cards are purchased through Madison SCRIP for businesses you frequent and are used for payment while you shop.

The gift cards we offer are the same ones you can purchase while you're at the store. With so many retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and travel, and even home improvement, you can use scrip on basically all of your purchases.

How Does SCRIP Work?

You pay and receive the face value of the card.

The businesses you purchase cards from have agreed to sell Madison the cards at a reduced rate.

Let's take Kwik Star for example: 4% rebate

You purchase a \$25 gift card to use for gas.

Madison SCRIP only pays \$24 for the card.

So Madison SCRIP makes a fundraising profit of \$1.

SCRIP questions?

If you have a question regarding Madison SCRIP

please contact Stacey Straub at Salderson111@hotmail.com or 319-721-9417

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 ~

- October 26 – PTA meeting – 6:00 pm – Library
- October 27 – Hall-O-Ween – 6:30 – 8:00 – Halls and cafe

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

October Calendar Reminders~

- America Reads Day, Friday, October 20th
- Author Visit, Friday, October 20th
- Family Conference Night – October 24th
- Early Dismissal, Friday, October 27th
- No School, Monday, October 30th
- **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.

[Enroll in PDO today! St. Paul's Parents Day Out Preschool - Event Date: \(10/20/2017 - 5/10/2018\) -](#)

[Holiday Assistance Information 2017 - Event Date: \(10/30/2017 - 11/23/2017\) -](#)

[Perfect Game: Trunk or Treat - Event Date: \(10/30/2017 - 10/30/2017\) -](#)

[Sylvan Tutoring Resources - Event Date: \(10/20/2017 - 12/31/2017\) -](#)

[Big & Little: Paint Your PET! - Event Date: \(11/2/2017 - 11/2/2017\) -](#)

[Parenting - Event Date: \(10/17/2017 - 5/30/2019\) -](#)

[Skate For Your School at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena - Event Date: \(10/1/2017 - 4/30/2018\) -](#)