

Madison Highlights and Happenings

“Everybody learning, every day!”

October 8, 2017

Focus on Attendance!!!

Miss Wright’s First Graders have the most ‘Perfect Attendance’ awards for the week. Three days out of the week all students were present in Miss Wright’s class! Coming in a close second with two days of perfect attendance was Mrs. Everhart and Mrs. Locke’s classes! Good Job!!

Children’s Author Visit

Thanks to the generous support of the Madison PTA we enjoy a visit, instruction and fun with a published children’s author every other year. This year we will be learning from Dori Hillestad Butler.

Dori will be visiting Madison on America Reads Day, October 20th. She will present to three groups of students (K/1, 2/3 and 4/5), have lunch with some aspiring authors, and autograph books. You can learn more about Dori by visiting her website: <http://www.kidswriter.com/>

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

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

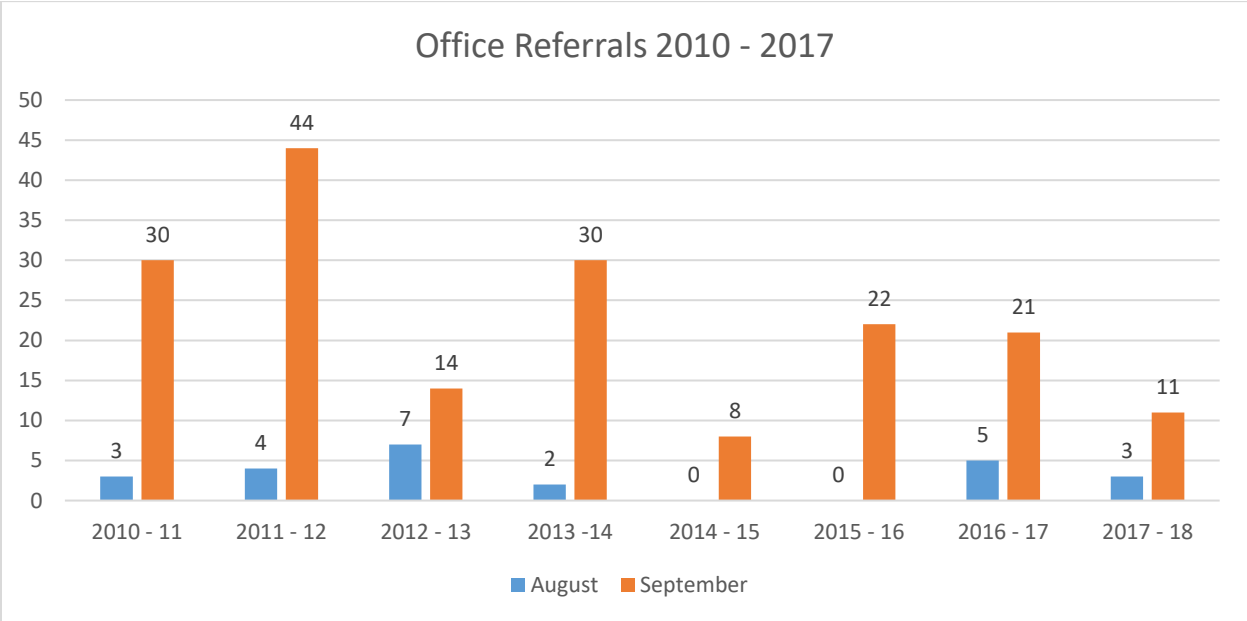
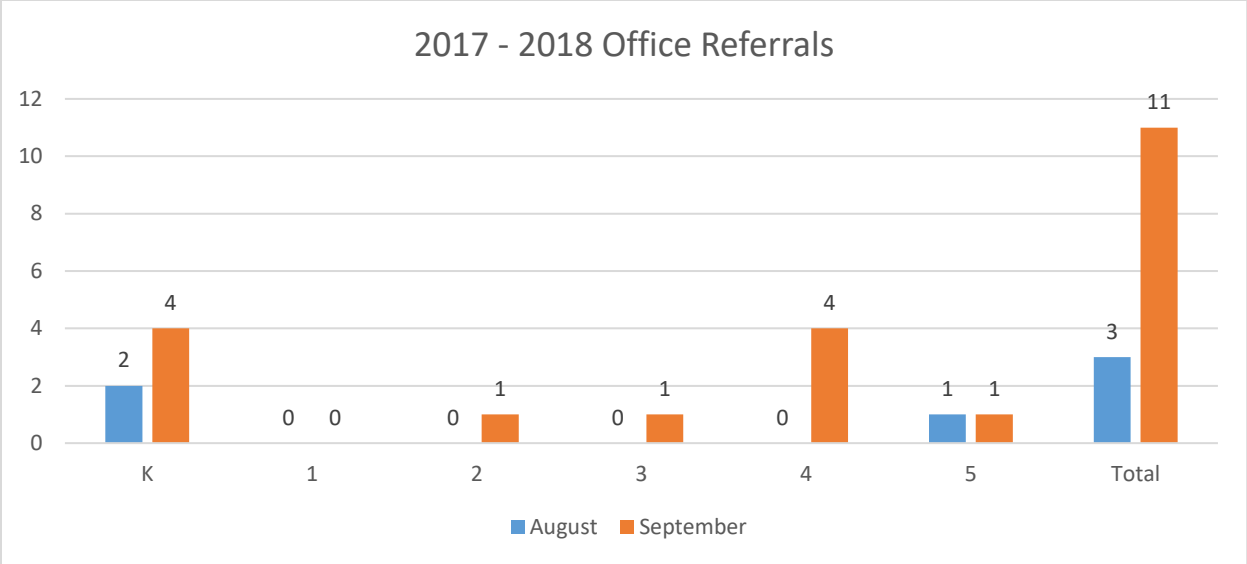
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Office Referral Data

Office referrals in the Cedar Rapids Community School District are identified as reflecting one of eleven categories common across the district. Those eleven categories were created using common behavior definitions. When a student is referred to the office, the behavior they are exhibiting is entered into one of the eleven categories.

- 1) Defiance
- 2) Elopement
- 3) Illegal substance/accessory or weapon
- 4) Forgery/plagiarism/cheating
- 5) Peer conflict
- 6) Physical aggression
- 7) Property damage
- 8) Sexual display or conduct
- 9) Theft
- 10) Technology violation
- 11) Verbal aggression

Madison has a committee called the 'Tier 1 Team'. The purpose of the committee is to regularly review both behavior and attendance patterns and trends, determine any interventions needed to curb a negative trend and find ways to encourage positive behaviors and increase attendance rates. This team has put our Perfect Attendance process in place, has planned an all-school celebration for positive behaviors and is communicating data to both staff and families. The graphs below give insight on our office referrals thus far this year as well as an historical look at office referrals during the months of August and September.



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/tjfhk-counselor-s-corner>

Included:

Coats for Kids

Toys for Tots

How to Talk to Your Students About Recent Tragedies

Zones of Regulation classroom updates

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~

- Early Dismissal, Friday, October 13th
- Community Service Activity for Meth-Wick, Friday, October 13th
- Family Conference Night – October 19th

- Early Dismissal, Friday, October 20th
- 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.

[No School Oct. 30? Check out Creepy, Crawly Creatures of the Night! - Event Date: \(10/30/2017 - 10/30/2017\) -](#)

[Cedar Rapids Ice Arena October 2017 Skating Events - Event Date: \(10/4/2017 - 10/31/2017\) -](#)

[Fall Fest at VETS! - Event Date: \(10/29/2017 - 10/29/2017\) -](#)

[Youth Wrestling \(Westside Wrestling Club\) - Event Date: \(10/4/2017 - 3/22/2018\)](#)

[FREE! KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - CARS 3 - Event Date: \(11/10/2017 - 11/10/2017\) -](#)

[Girl Scouts Information/ Registration Open House! - Event Date: \(10/16/2017 - 10/16/2017\) -](#)

[Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook - Event Date: \(11/25/2017 - 12/16/2017\) -](#)

[Save the Date Witwer Conference with Michelle Garcia Winner - Event Date: \(4/13/2018 - 4/13/2018\) -](#)

[Vide Game Creation - Event Date: \(11/11/2017 - 11/11/2017\) -](#)

[Coe College Playground of Science 2017 - Event Date: \(11/2/2017 - 11/2/2017\) -](#)