

Madison Highlights and Happenings

September 10, 2016

Donuts for Dads

What fun! Everyone enjoyed a donut and conversation. Even had some good natured ribbing about one another's favorite team! Hawkeyes are the predicted by Madison Students to be the winners in the Iowa vs Iowa State game.

PTA Meeting

Madison PTA meeting was a time to set out plans for the school year. Jill Parker was elected treasurer, details for Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms were settled. Information was shared regarding available funds, the Yankee Candle Fundraiser, and plans to support activities throughout the school year.

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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>

YMCA Adventure Guides - Program Overview - Event Date: (9/9/2016 - 5/31/2017)

BOYS DANCE CREW - DanceNation - Event Date: (9/12/2016 - 5/6/2017)

Concussion 101: Student Athletes - Event Date: (9/24/2016 - 9/24/2016)

Dance Classes at DanceNation! - Event Date: (9/11/2016 - 5/6/2017)

Family Connections LIVE! - Event Date: (9/20/2016 - 9/20/2016)

U Iowa Language Treatment Study Informational Flyer - Event Date: (8/30/2016 - 12/30/2016)

Ushers Ferry Harvest Festival - Event Date: (9/18/2016 - 9/18/2016)

Daughters of American Revolution Essay Contest - Event Date: (8/31/2016 - 12/1/2016)

KCRG-TV9 A+ for Education - Event Date: (8/15/2016 - 4/17/2017)

Special Education Parent Listening Session - Event Date: (9/27/2016 - 9/27/2016)

Recreational Programs for Children and Adults with Special Needs - Event Date: (10/3/2016 - 11/23/2016)

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Sokol Gymnastics Fall Session - Event Date: (8/29/2016 - 9/23/2016)

Muffins for Moms

Friday, September 23

8:00 – 8:45 - Cafe

Counselor

Mrs. Druschel invites you to check out her webpage.

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

She has included a lot of good information for Madison families. Check it out to find out more about Community Resources, ideas and upcoming events. Examples are below.

What About Us?

Gems of Hope, a local nonprofit whose focus is to bring hope to cancer patients and their families is offering a support program for kids. What About Us? is a free, one day, cancer coping program for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Through fun activities such as art therapy and children's yoga, children are able to discuss their feelings after someone close to them is diagnosed with cancer. In addition to talking about their feelings, children learn how to cope with the stress that accompanies a cancer diagnosis. The camp is run by licensed social workers and a trained yoga coach.

This free program will be held at the Gems of Hope office in the Sister Mary Lawrence Community Center on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10:00am-2:30pm. **Lunch is provided.** This program was developed by Gems of Hope, Inc. and is partially funded by a grant from the Linn County Board of Supervisor's Witwer Trust. To learn more about Gems of Hope and what we do, visit our website gemsofhope.com.

Camp Embracing Memories

Camp Embracing Memories is a free and unique overnight camp for children who are between the ages of seven to 16 and are coping with the death of a loved one.

Saturday, September 24, 2016 10:00 a.m.-overnight

Sunday, September 25, 2016: Morning-11:00 a.m.

Location: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, Iowa (lodging and meals included)

Address: 3271 Sandy Beach Rd, Solon, IA 52333

Designed to help children effectively cope with loss in a safe, accepting environment, activities focus on the grieving process, encouraging interaction with others who have experienced similar losses. Trained Hospice staff and volunteers provide education and support to enhance coping skills and abilities, while still allowing children to feel connected to the loved one who died.

To learn more call UnityPoint Hospice at (319) 369-7744 or Mrs. Druschel has registration forms.

Attendance

Did you Know??

17 percent of students who were chronically absent (Students who are absent 18 days during the school year are considered chronically absent.) in both kindergarten and first grade were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance. To learn more about why good attendance is crucial to success in school and what you can do, visit www.attendanceworks.org

Upcoming PTA Events ~

September 23 – Muffins with Moms – 8:00 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'

September 23 – October 7 – Yankee Candle Fundraiser

The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!!! We are actively seeking board members, general members and volunteers! Call the office for more information at 558-2473 for more information.

September Calendar Reminders~

Early dismissal on Friday, **September 16th** - Students are dismissed at 2:15.

Early dismissal on Friday, **September 23rd** - Students are dismissed at 2:15.

Fall Pictures on Wednesday, **September 28!**

Early dismissal on Friday, **September 30th**- Students are dismissed at 2:15.

Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:15!