

# Madison Highlights and Happenings

September 8, 2018

## Chalkboard Challenge!

Throughout the school year there will be 'Chalkboard Challenges' put on the chalkboard in the foyer of the school. Short sayings with the purpose of causing students and staff to think, reflect and challenge themselves. These will also be posted on Madison's Twitter page.

## Perfect Attendance

Students are encouraged to be a school on time every day at Madison. Classrooms with perfect attendance each day complete a small certificate which is announced the next day and displayed in the café. Classrooms with the greatest number of perfect attendance each month receive a trophy to display in their classroom for the month. August Perfect Attendance winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place with 6 days of perfect attendance – Mrs. Engelbrecht's Kindergarten class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 5 days of perfect attendance – Mrs. McCusker's First Grade class.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 4 days of perfect attendance – Mrs. Duthler's Fifth Grade class.

Federal and State Guidelines require schools to maintain a 95% attendance rate throughout the school year. Thank you for assisting us in maintaining high attendance rates at Madison School! Last year we ended the year with a little of 95% attendance rate. Our goal is to be at no less than a 96% attendance rate this school year. The first three weeks of school we have a 97% attendance rate!

## Safety Drills

Each year Madison School practices three types of safety drills: Fire, Tornado and Lockdown. So far, we have practiced tornado drill procedures twice. Students were able to get into their safe place and position within one minute. We will be practicing both fire and lockdown drill procedures in the next three weeks.

## Office Referrals

Madison School strives to maintain low numbers of office referrals each day, week, month and year. We have put many classroom management techniques into place the past four years which have proven to engage students at a greater level and decrease the number of times students are referred to the office for inappropriate behaviors. At Madison, students have many opportunities to learn and practice appropriate and acceptable behaviors at school. Teachers directly instruct students in procedures, routines and expectations from the beginning of the year to the end. We have daily Social Skills instruction (PARRT) in every classroom. Building and classroom procedures are taught and practiced intentionally and re-taught as needed. Students have opportunities in the classroom to correct behaviors and if they are unsuccessful they are able to have time in another classroom to 'think about a better way'.

Sometimes students are sent to the office area for a break when the teacher notices they are needing time away to get refocused on learning. These breaks are not considered office referrals. An office referral is when a student has a major behavior infraction such as hurting others, continual classroom disruption after time outs, re-teaching and breaks, and leaving assigned area without permission are some examples of a major behavior which would result in an office referral. Once in the office the student has an opportunity to share their side of the story prior to visiting with office personnel. Office personnel will re-teach expected behaviors, contact parents, and enforce any consequences deemed necessary.

Last year Madison School had the lowest number of office referrals in the CRCSD at 138. Our goal is keep our office referral numbers low as we intentionally and proactively teach students appropriate and expected behaviors. Thus far, we have had two office referrals this school year.

## America Reads Bookmark Contest Winner

Halle, a fourth grader at Madison, is a winner in the America Reads bookmark contest! Her original bookmark based on the book Charlotte's Web was declared a finalist winner! Congratulations, Halle!

## Join the Madison See-Saw Community

Madison classroom teachers are all on See-Saw this school year. This app lets teachers send videos, newsletters, pictures, etc. to individual student families as well as group messages. Madison teachers will be using the See-Saw app this year to enhance our communication. At Open House you were given information on how to sign up on the app. You can use the QR code supplied or sign up via your computer or smart phone. We encourage everyone to join!

From your Smart phone:

- 1) Download the free Seesaw Family app for iOS or Android
- 2) Choose 'Create Family Account'
- 3) Scan the QR code provided by the classroom teacher using Seesaw's built-in QR code scanner
- 4) Create your account

From your computer:

- 1) In a web browser, go to the web address provided by the classroom teacher (it is slightly different for each classroom)
- 2) Choose your child from the list
- 3) Create your account
- 4) Once you're approved by the classroom teacher, you'll get access to Seesaw

**If you have misplaced the QR code supplied by the teacher, email the teacher for another.**

## PTA Yearly Fundraiser

PTA's Fundraiser information will be going home with students on Friday, September 7. The Fundraiser window is from September 7 to September 21. Funds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide many free opportunities for students throughout the school, enhance classroom activities,

provide field trip resources and add to programming such as art, music, gym and library. Your support is greatly appreciated! Payment should be collected at the time of the sale.

## Stay Connected with Madison

Madison's Website: <http://madison.cr.k12.ia.us/>

Follow us on Twitter: Madison Mustangs @MadiMustangs

## Counselor's Corner

Check out Mrs. Druschel's web page! Lot's of good information is included!

<https://www.smore.com/huy35/edit>

## Upcoming PTA Events ~

- September 21 – Muffins with Moms – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'

The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!! Email the Madison PTA at [pta\\_madison@yahoo.com](mailto:pta_madison@yahoo.com)

The PTA Board is seeking someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Contact Janelle Solberg for more information! [janelle.solberg@yahoo.com](mailto:janelle.solberg@yahoo.com)

Membership to Madison's PTA is \$7.00. Forms are available in the office and by sending an email to [pta\\_madison@yahoo.com](mailto:pta_madison@yahoo.com)



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## September Calendar Reminders~

- Muffins for Moms, Friday, **September 21<sup>nd</sup>** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Fundraiser ends, Friday, **September 21st**
- **Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:20!**

## Supporting Madison ~

Fundraiser	Description	Where the Funds Go
<b>Hy-Vee Receipts</b>	Collect Hy-Vee receipts and turn them in to the classroom teacher, office or container in the foyer. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Madison for every \$200 collected in receipts.	Money used to purchase school supplies not listed on the supply list sent to parents. Every student at Madison benefits. <b>(Last year we received about \$800 from the receipts! Thank you!)</b>
<b>Box Tops</b>	Clip Box Tops from packages and turn them in to the classroom teacher.	Teachers earn 10 cents for each box top to use in purchasing classroom supplies.

<b>Pop Tabs</b>	Pop off those tabs and send them to the classroom teacher. The Student Ambassadors collect them.	Ronald McDonald House helps families of seriously ill children.
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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.**

[Scholarship for 1 Year of Music Lessons - Event Date: \(9/6/2018 - 9/28/2018\) -](#)

[Renewable Energy & Climate Action at Greene Square Park September 15 - Event Date: \(9/15/2018 - 9/15/2018\) -](#)

[1-2-3 Magic: Positive Discipline, Marion Public Library - Event Date: \(10/8/2018 - 11/12/2018\) -](#)

[Free Music Days! Come Try Out a Music Lesson Today! - Event Date: \(9/4/2018 - 9/14/2018\)](#)

[Girl Scouts Back to School Bowling - Event Date: \(9/30/2018 - 9/30/2018\) -](#)

[Journey To Freedom, African American Museum of Iowa - Event Date: \(9/22/2018 - 9/22/2018\)](#)

[Parenting in the First Year - Event Date: \(10/4/2018 - 11/8/2018\) -](#)

[Parenting Young Children, Prairie Crest - Event Date: \(10/4/2018 - 11/8/2018\) -](#)

[Piano/Voice Lessons - Event Date: \(9/3/2018 - 5/31/2019\) -](#)