

Madison Highlights and Happenings

October 20, 2018

Fall Conferences

Tuesday, October 23

If you have not yet signed up for a conference time, call Kim in the office at 558-2473 and she can assist you in finding a time.

Madison Strives for 100% family participation in Student-Led Conferences! Our students are preparing to share their learning and set learning goals with their families! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Safety Drills at Madison

You may have received the following message from the Cedar Rapids Community School District earlier this week.

“CRCSD Families,

We have had opportunity to review our 2017-18 Fire Drill Summary Report. We want you to be aware that Iowa Code 100.31 requires that each school conduct four fire drills per year. We did not experience one hundred percent compliance last year.

We also want you to be aware that we are already taking steps to improve our efforts.

As always, the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We see the hiring of School Security and Crisis Response Supervisor Eric Werling as an opportunity to strengthen our commitment in this area.

Of our 31 schools, 21 schools were in compliance. Of the 10 schools that were not in compliance, five of them conducted three of the four required drills. **One hundred percent compliance is our goal.** We look forward to implementing a new process and procedures, informed by Mr. Werling's expertise and in tandem with other initiatives underway, to improve the safety and security of our schools.”

I wanted to take time to let Madison families know Madison School is in compliance with Iowa Code 100.31. We conduct four fire drills each school year: two in the fall and two in the spring. We also conduct four tornado drills each school along with two lockdown drills each school year. Madison School is in compliance for all safety drills.

Boo! Hall-O-Ween is coming!!!

Friday, October 26

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wear your costume!

Trick-or-Treat Madison Halls!

Play games!

Enjoy a snack!!

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

This year 'Hall-O-Ween' is on Friday, October 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EA8A72DA13-halloween1>

Halloween

Reminder: Madison School does not allow students to wear costumes to school on either 'Hall-O-Ween' (October 26) or Halloween (October 31). Madison's PTA sponsors a wonderful event called 'Hall-O-Ween' from 6:30 – 8:00 on Friday October 26th when students may wear costumes, trick-or-treat the Madison hallways, enjoy games in the gym and snacks in the café.

2/3 Musical Coming Soon!

**Second and third graders are practicing for their upcoming musical.
Second and third grade families ---- save the date!**

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Second graders begin at 6:00 PM.

Third graders begin at 6:45 PM.

Cold Weather is Coming!

Madison office staff determine if recess will be indoors or outdoors a few minutes prior to the actual recess. Students should be prepared to go outdoors for recess every day as Iowa weather is ever changing! We take into consideration the actual temperature, wind chill, amount of moisture in the air and the condition of the playground.

- If temperature is below 10 degrees, recess will be inside (temperature is taken a few minutes prior to recess. We use the same website for temperature each time for consistency)
- Temperature at or above 10 degrees with wind chill of less than 10 degrees could result in indoor recess.
- Icy conditions or any unsafe playground conditions could result in indoor recess.
- Extremely wet playground conditions or humidity could result in indoor recess.

We know outdoor recess is important to children's development and they need large motor movement to be their best at learning. Be sure to send your students to school prepared for outdoor recess even if the weather is less than desirable when they head off to school.

Information About Head Lice

Each year head lice are a concern for a few families at Madison. Our nurse and health secretary work hard to inform families of the concern and offer information on how to treat the condition. We follow the CRCSD's guidelines for this concern. We understand having head lice is time consuming, frustrating and costly. Our school nurse, Mrs. Schloss, is a great resource as well as our health secretary, Mrs. Gifford. They can be reached by calling the main office number (558-2473),

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! Lots of good information is included!

<https://www.smores.com/eu7xb-counselor-s-corner>

Included:

Coats for Kids distribution sites

October Friendship Groups

"Be Kind"

Upcoming PTA Events ~

- October 26 – Hall-O-Ween – 6:30 – 8:00
- The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!! Email the Madison PTA at 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
- Membership to Madison’s PTA is \$7.00. Forms are available in the office and by sending an email to pta_madison@yahoo.com



Madison PTA
Membership form.doc

October Calendar Reminders~

- Family Conference Night, **October 23rd – 4:00 – 7:00**
- October Birthday Celebration, **October 25th**
- Early Dismissal, **October 26th**
- America Reads Day, **October 26th**
- Hall-O-Ween, **October 26th – 6:30 – 8:00**
- **Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:20!**

Supporting Madison ~

Fundraiser	Description	Where the Funds Go
Hy-Vee Receipts	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. (Last year we received about \$800 from the receipts! Thank you!)
Box Tops	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.
Pop Tabs	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.

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.

[Crossover Basketball Boys Skills Clinic - Event Date: \(10/27/2018 - 10/27/2018\) –](#)

[Cedar Rapids Ice Arena Spooky Skate - Event Date: \(10/20/2018 - 10/20/2018\) –](#)

[Mount Mercy Softball, Hitting and Pitching clinics - Event Date: \(11/11/2018 - 1/13/2019\) -](#)

[Parenting Young Children - Event Date: \(10/30/2018 - 12/11/2018\) -](#)