

Madison Highlights and Happenings

“Everybody learning, every day!”

September 2, 2017

Donuts for Dads

Friday, September 8

7:45 – 8:45 in café






Wear your favorite team gear (Hawkeyes, Cyclones, Panthers, Ducks, etc.)





Please remain with your child until we have on-site supervision at 8:30.



Teaching Kindness, Charity, and Giving through a focus on Community Service for Community Servants

This school year, Madison staff and students are continuing the journey of good citizenship through a focus on giving back to our community through Community Service projects. As a staff we reflected on how important it is to be a productive member of society. Teachers and staff are purposeful in teaching these concepts and ideals to our students in an ongoing manner. In our reflections we noted we lacked a ‘hands-on’ aspect to our instruction. As a result, we have determined the old adage, ‘It is better to give than receive’ is best taught using actual projects that have a positive impact on our community.

Community Service for Community Servants		
September	VFW 	We will be learning flag etiquette from the VFW and learning how Vets have given back to their country. This sets the stage for our focus on Community Service for Community Servants. First grade is organizing this event.
September	Hurricane Harvey 	Being organized by two fourth grade girls with the assistance of a committee of teachers
October	Firefighters 	Honoring firefighters. Third graders are leading our school-wide effort to honor our CRFD.

October	MethWick 	Friendship groups with decorate pumpkins and make Halloween cards for the residents.
November	Linn Community Food Bank 	Second grade is organizing our annual food drive.
January/February	Stead Children's Hospital 	Kindergarteners are leading our efforts to show our appreciation to those who provide medical care to children.
March/April	Honor Flight/Vets 	Fifth graders will organize a fundraiser so we can assist in sending Vets on a May honor flight.
May	Madison Support Staff	Fourth graders will teach us how to show we care to those we depend on daily.

Madison Morning Announcements

Madison's morning announcements are adding an additional twist to the daily routine of the pledge, vision and announcements this school year. Last year we added singing the National Anthem each Friday morning. This year we will be making Mondays 'Madison Monday'. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Madison gear on Mondays (PTA will be selling a new style in October). Music teachers are teaching everyone our school song, and soon we will all be singing our school song every Madison Monday! Go Mustangs!!

Birthday Celebrations

Madison School applies the CRCSD's Wellness Policy in the way we celebrate student birthdays. Each month we set aside a few minutes to celebrate students who have birthdays that particular month (We celebrate June and July birthdays in December and January). Students come to the café for a mouth-watering snack, enjoy the Birthday Song being sung to them by the Student Ambassadors and get a pencil from Mr. Girdner. We celebrated August birthdays last week!

In accordance with the CRCSD's Wellness Policy, birthday treats brought from home are graciously turned down and returned home uneaten. Thank you for your support of the healthy choices we are making for our students.

CRCSD Technology Planning Committee

The Cedar Rapids Community School District is now looking for **names of parents** interested in serving on the Technology Planning Committee. This committee will develop the new tech plan to support our every student future ready work. **Madison can send up to 2 representative to the committee. If you are interested, contact Jim Girdner at jgirdner@cr.k12.ia.us or 319-558-3898.**

Note- this committee will meet approximately 4-6 times between September and January.

The tentative meeting dates are **9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 12/13, 1/10/18** (we may not need all dates). The meeting time frame is not yet finalized but will likely be 5-9pm window.

Counselor's Corner

Here is the link to my first newsletter.

<https://www.smore.com/dsmgy>

Mrs. Druschel



Stay Connected with Madison

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

Follow us on Twitter: Madison Mustangs @MadiMustangs

Upcoming PTA Events ~

- September 8 – Donuts with Dads – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Café (This is also Team Spirit Day – Wear your favorite team's gear!)
- September 8 – PTA Cherrydale Fundraiser begins and runs through September 22.
- September 22 – Muffins with Moms – 7:45 – 8:45 am – Madison Cafe'
- September 28 – PTA meeting – 6:00 pm - Library

The Madison PTA needs you!!! Join the PTA and support the work at Madison School!!! Email the Madison PTA at pta_madison@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

September Calendar Reminders~

- No school on Monday, **September 4th** - Labor Day!
- Donuts for Dads, Friday, **September 8th** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Team Spirit Day, Friday, **September 8th** – wear gear from your favorite team – UI/ISU/UNI
- Fundraiser begins, Friday, **September 8th**
- Muffins for Moms, Friday, **September 22nd** – 7:45 – 8:45
- Fundraiser ends, Friday, **September 22nd**
- Fall Pictures on Thursday, **September 28!**
- **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.

[Toys for Tots Registration - Event Date: \(10/16/2017 - 11/17/2017\) -](#)

[Upward Cheer Clinic - Event Date: \(9/30/2017 - 9/30/2017\) -](#)

[Cedar Rapids Ice Arena September Event Newsletter - Event Date: \(9/1/2017 - 9/30/2017\)](#)

[Baseball players needed - Jr JHawk Baseball - Event Date: \(8/25/2017 - 12/1/2017\)](#)