

# MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

December, 2008



### MADISON MISSION

*To create a nurturing environment for students, their families, staff, and the community which encourages caring, respect, academic excellence, life-long learning, and citizenship.*

**MADISON  
HOLIDAY  
SINGALONG  
DEC. 19  
9:10-9:45  
Join us!**



### Holiday Choir Concert

Dec. 18 - 9:10-9:45

By Reeves Middle School

### SANTA CALLS...

From Ken King's column from The Press:



I got a very interesting call last week, and now I know it is really the holiday season. The call was from Santa Claus. He was just beside himself. He wondered whether I had some advice to help out his situation this year.

He said things were tough all over the world, and he is being affected by the global economy as much as everyone else. It seems orders were slow this year, material costs were up, reindeer feed costs had gone out of sight and he had to lay off some of his elves. He is really working on a tight budget this year.

That means there are not going to be as many toys for the kids this year as in past. There will be less under the tree for Mom and Dad, and he probably won't be able to meet the expectations of everyone like he has in the past.

He said Mrs. Claus had some concerns, too. She shared that they really love entertaining, but realizes she has to cut back on holiday parties. She said that there always seems to be something, another party to go to, a secret Santa exchange her friends wanted to do, a cookie

exchange, or another person who needs a present. I told her to really work on sticking to the budget.

I told them they needed to keep talking about how they were going to stay in their budget like not running up their credit cards and just using cash this year.

He thanked me for my time and appreciated my suggestions. When I asked whether there was anything else I could do for him, he said part of the reason he had called me was to get the message out to let the moms and dads know they should tell their kids that there won't be as many presents or as expensive presents as there have been in the past. So that is the message. Let everyone know that things are tight all over and Christmas will be different this year.

Oh, and one other thing: He said not to forget the real meaning of the holidays; the magic of the season is the gift of giving.

[www.sheboyganpress.com/article/20081130/SHE07/811300364/1096/SHE03](http://www.sheboyganpress.com/article/20081130/SHE07/811300364/1096/SHE03)

**EARLY RELEASE ON FRIDAY,  
DEC. 5 AT 12:52 PM**

**DEC. 22-JAN. 2  
Winter Break  
Back to School - Jan.5**

**MADISON  
HOLIDAY STORE**

**Friday, December 12  
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Madison students can buy holiday gifts for immediate family members. All items will be on sale for 25 cents. Students may also buy one gift for themselves! Volunteers needed! Contact Rae Ann Jonson, Holiday Store Chair, at 357-1357.



## MADISON GIVES LOCALLY

### FOOD DRIVE

As of November 24th, Madison students brought in a total of **1,246** and the Knox District Office donated a total of 432! Most of the items have been delivered to the Thurston County Food Bank, and some will be saved for our district's Homeless Program. Anita Wesselman's family treated the entire student body to root beer floats last Wednesday because they met their goal of 1000 cans.

### HYGIENE DRIVE

Hygiene can be a hurdle when people are in poverty. People receiving public assistance to buy food cannot spend any of the money on personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. When cash is tight, clothes do not get washed, teeth do not get brushed. The toll on human dignity affects how children perform in school and hampers the ability of adults to get jobs or rent an apartment.

The YWCA's Other Bank needs toilet paper, soap, shampoo, feminine-hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, dish and laundry soap, deodorant and toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

**During the month of December, we are asking students to bring in rolls of toilet paper. Our goal: 800 rolls.**

Do you, or does a member of your family, travel and stay in hotels where they provide those little travel bottles of shampoo or small bars of soap? Please make an extra effort to bring these back from your trips and donate them.

### RISKY BEHAVIORS

#### "NOT MY KID"

Dec. 8 6:30-8:00

Knox Auditorium

Questions? Cindy Mitchell 596-8547

## MADISON WALK AND ROLL



During the month of November, Madison students added another 40.5 miles on Walking Wednesdays! If we add this to the 71 miles traveled in October during International Walk To School Day that's about 112 miles the students have traveled.

If the students were trekking across Washington – at 112 miles they would have made it to Seattle and then east to Stampede Pass – almost to Cle Elum on the East side of the Cascades!

## NO BULLYING



### Kim's Comments

This is a subject that is being given a lot of attention lately, and rightly so. We all know that bullying affects the victim, and surprisingly, also can be very bad for the bully! Children who bully have a much greater chance of getting into trouble when they grow up. So it is important to remember how essential it is to have a zero tolerance for bullying. Everyone in children's lives needs to participate and help bullies stop this behavior and help victims to know how to help themselves and ask for help from others.

It is important to understand what bullying is and is not. Children, especially those in elementary school, are learning social behavior just like they are learning to read, write and do math. So in a school setting, you may see a child call someone a name, or hit someone when they are angry. However, this behavior by itself is not necessarily bullying. Bullying is when a child either say hurtful things to others, physically hurts others or excludes others.....and *does so on a regular basis*. We tell our students, "everyone can make a mistake and say or do something mean to another, but it is when they repeatedly do these things over and over that we know the person is bullying.

If your child reports bullying, please let the school know so we can address the issue. We tell our students that everyone has the right to feel safe at school. Also, give your child some strategies or ways to deal with a bullying situation or anytime someone is being mean with what they say or do. If someone is being mean to them, they can **walk away** and **ignore** the person. Generally when a child is being mean, he or she does so to get a reaction

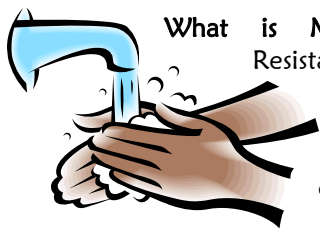
out of the other child. Ignoring can make it less fun and rewarding for the bully. Another strategy is to **use their voice and tell the person firmly to stop**. For older children, a **bit of humor and sarcasm** can sometimes work in a situation where someone is verbally being negative. For instance, a child may say to another, “your hair looks awful” and the other child responds, “well, thank you.... I worked on it all morning!” If none of this works, then go **find an adult** to get help.

The most important thing we can do for our children is **be good role models**. If they see us saying mean things to others, or threatening others, then that suggests that this behavior is okay. We want our children to make good choices. We want them to treat others as they would like to be treated. This is a good rule that can work for everyone.

### Kudos To...

- A special thanks to **Samantha Wesselman** for organizing all our donation efforts at Madison!
- **First United Methodist Church** for adopting many of our Madison Families for the holiday season
- **Capital Rotary** for sponsoring the Teddy Bear Tea Party. It will benefit Madison students.
- **Olympia Lions Club** for delivering boxes and boxes of gala apples for our daily snacks this month, and providing personal dictionaries for each third grade student at Madison.

### What is MRSA?



**What is MRSA (Mur-sa)?** Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus is a type of “staph” infection that is resistant to many antibiotics and frequently causes skin infections.

**What do MRSA infections look like?** An infection will often look like a spider or insect bite, a boil, abscess, impetigo or infected turf burn.

**How is MRSA spread?** These infections are spread by skin-to-skin contact or direct contact with the infected wound, contact with contaminated surfaces or objects like sports equipment or personal hygiene items. These infections are not spread through the air.

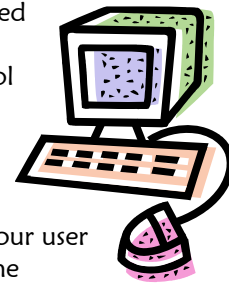
**How do you prevent MRSA?** Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid sharing soap, towels, Washcloths, or clothing or athletic equipment.

### TECH TIPS

Madison’s website is constantly updated and is very cool! Check out the Learning Links site on Madison’s school homepage at

<http://madison.osd.wednet.edu/>

There are a number of fun activities that your children can do over the holidays! Try Nettekter at home. Your user name for Nettekter is lioncubs and the password is madison.



### BOWER’S BUZZ

Greetings one and all! We are rolling along with afternoon tutoring groups and our wonderful Learning Buddy volunteers. Buddies come once a week helping an intermediate student and a primary student.



Mrs. Dee Scott, long time Madison volunteer, is assisting with the Learning Buddies. These folks are a vital part of what makes our program here at Madison to be successful. If interested in volunteering, please contact Joan Bower at 596-6300.

Just a reminder to read to or with your child for 20 minutes each day! It makes a big impact on your child’s success in school! Thanks for your efforts!

### MADISON MUSICAL AUDITIONS Dec. 10 and Dec. 17



Mrs. O’Donnell and Mrs. Flynn will be directing the play, **“Whale of a Tale” on March 19 at 6:00pm.** Cast announcements will be during the week of January 5th. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays and Fridays starting the week of January 12 from 3:30-4:30. Parent volunteers needed. Check out the flier sent home so your child can sign up!

**Play Auditions  
3:30 -4:15  
Dec. 10 Hammaker 3/4th and Stillwell 3rd  
Dec. 17 Flynn and O’Donnell’s 4-5th**

## A-TEAM SELF-MANAGERS Recognized on Dec. 18

Students on A-Team are great self-managers. Any student can be part of A-Team with continued good effort. We are not expecting perfection, but want to recognize those who are “trying hard”.

**Attendance + Attitude + Academics =  
A-Team  
To everyone...everywhere...  
all the time.**

## LIKABLE LIONS

Likable Lions are our “students of the week”. They are recognized for their unique talents, interests, and hobbies at our weekly Celebration Assemblies. Each classroom selects a student to be honored on Thursday afternoons.



### Nov. 6 Likable Lions

- K: Molli Graham
- 1st: Jaydyn Villanueva
- 2-3: Jaden Ferguson
- 2: McKenzie Meadors
- 3-4: Sinda Chann
- 4: Damien Barnwell and Antonio Rodriquez
- 5: Alysse Normoyle

### Nov. 13 Likable Lions

- K: Zachary Rosado
- K: Noa Velaquez
- 1st: Pink Moloitis
- 2-3: Casey Reischman and Trey Brown
- 2: Logan Young
- 3-4: Alijah Garvin-Williams
- 4: Corbin Lyons



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Don't Miss**

### January Clubs – 3:30-4:30

Mondays	Lion's Den
Tuesdays	Planeteers Club
Wednesdays	Play Practice
Wednesdays	Primary Art Club
Thursdays	Intermediate Art Club

Dec. 3	Title 1 Parent Advisory Mtg 5:30
Dec. 4	Likable Lions Celebration 2:45
Dec. 5	Early Release 12:52
Dec. 9	Lions Vision & Hearing Screening 1-3pm
Dec. 9	Ed Leadership Team 3:30-5:00
Dec. 10	Hammaker 3/4th and Stillwell 3rd Play Audition 3:30-4:15
Dec. 11	Likable Lions Celebration 2:45
Dec. 12	Madison Holiday Store 6:30-7:30 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 17	PTO Mtg 6:30
Dec. 17	Flynn and O'Donnell 4-5th gr Play Audition 3:30 -4:15
Dec. 18	Choir Concert 9:15-10:00
Dec. 18	Holiday Choir Concert 9:15
Dec. 18	A-Team Recognition 2:45
Dec. 19	A-Team Party 12:30-1:00 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 19	Madison Singalong 9:10-9:45
Dec. 19	Passports Check 12:30-2:00 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec.22-Jan2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Back to School
Wk of Jan 12	Wednesdays and Fridays Play Rehearsals 3:30-4:30 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
Jan 12& 26	2nd-3rd gr Parent Math Course 6:30-7:30pm
Jan 14	Parent Café Night 6:30
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 21	PTO Mtg 6:30
2/6	Early Release 12:52
2/11	Parent Café Night 6:30
2/13-2/16	Mid Winter Break
2/23	Madison School Board Presentation 6:30
March 19	Madison Musical 2:45 & 6:00

## IMPORTANT!

Limited paper copies of the school newsletters will be made for pick up at the office. You may also read it on our school website or please give us your accurate and neatly written email address so we can send it to you directly. Please return to the office as soon as possible.