

# MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

February 2009



### 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.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Coming up is one of the most important learning blocks for our students. Our teachers accomplish a great deal in the next few months.

The 3-5th grade children take the state test, the WASL, in April. The 2-5th graders take the district test, the MAP in the spring too. These tests let us know how well our students are progressing.

These tests measure how well your child is doing as well as how well our school is reaching state benchmarks.

If your child has been identified as "strategic" or "intensive" in reading, please find out how you can help your child at home.

#### SPRING, 2006 WASL RESULTS

% that met standard of Level 3 or higher

Grade	RDG	MATH	SCI	WR
3	67%	69%	-	-
4	85%	54%	-	39%
5	73%	58%	35%	-
	08-09 Goal: 80	08-09 Goal: 80	08-09 Goal: 65	08-09 Goal: 75

#### SPRING, 2006 MAP RESULTS

Grade	RDG	MATH
2	54% met goal of 190	69% met goal of 182
3	59% met goal of 198	56% met goal of 202
4	71% met goal of 207	79% met goal of 210
5	44% met goal of 211	50% met goal of 225

#### No School MID-WINTER BREAK February 13-16

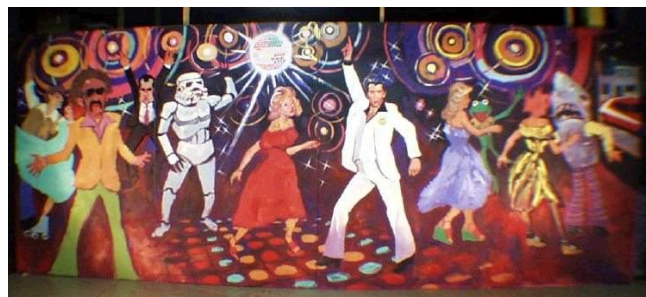
#### Jump Rope for Heart



February is Healthy Heart Month! Students will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart which develops rope-jumping skills that are fun for everyone while promoting the value of physical activity and teamwork. Students learn about the seriousness of heart disease and stroke, the lifelong benefits of physical activity and the importance of living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

#### SOCK HOP – Winter Wonder Land Thursday, February 12

Don't forget to attend the upcoming Sock Hop from 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteers needed to set up (5:30-6:30), to sell items (6:30-8), and for clean up (8-8:30). Call Michelle Giordano 360-705-1898.



## KATHY'S CORNER Reading Month



The purpose of Reading between the Lions is to increase reading at home each night.

**Home Reading Coupons should be signed by parents.** The coupons are placed in prize boxes and drawings are

made weekly during February.

Thanks to **Mrs. Moore**, our librarian, for coordinating this annual event!

## Bower's Buzz

We have just completed our second school-wide DIBELS screening. You may be asking some of the following: What is DIBELS? What does this screening say about my child's reading? What can I do at home to help my child?

DIBELS stands for Diagnostic Indicators of Beginning Early Literacy Skills. This is a screening measure developed at the University of Oregon that looks at children's oral reading fluency. Fluency is a student's ability to read at a good rate based on their grade level.

Why do we do it? DIBELS gives us one piece of data about a child's reading-- rate of words per minute on a one minute test. This is only one measure we use to evaluate our students' reading here at Madison.

Research has shown a high correlation between reading rate (fluency) and overall comprehension while reading.

Three times each school year (September, January, and May), we screen all students. We can then look for trends, growth, and areas we need to work on as a school. For students whose reading rate is not at grade level, we do Progress Monitoring checks every few weeks to see how a student is improving.

What can I do to help at home? Have your child read, read, read....aloud to you, even for older students. The extra practice helps your child gain confidence and begin to read more smoothly and fluently.

## 5th Grade Parent Meeting Cispus Outdoor School February, 18

**Cispus Dates: May 5-7**

Our 5th graders will have a chance to experience and learn in the outdoors for three days!

- Parents, find out about:
- Fundraising
- Student Expectations
- Preparation



## STOP AND THINK ROOM

During Noon Recess, we have an alternative for students who do not follow school rules. The purpose is to keep others safe on the playground from name calling, rumors, put downs, or disrespectful actions or words. It also gives students in the Stop and Think Room reflection time to think about better choices. If you have questions, please contact the principal, Gayle Mar-Chun at 596-6300.



February 26 & 27 – 7:00 p.m.

February 28 – 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

OHS Performing Arts Center

\$15 Reserved Seating & \$12 General Admission

All proceeds benefit the Olympia School District Education Foundation

Last year the event raised \$30,000 for the Education Foundation which distributed the funds for supplies and activities for students across the District.

Info: contact the ticket office at 596-7036 or send an e-mail to [ohsboxoffice@osd.wednet.edu](mailto:ohsboxoffice@osd.wednet.edu) or go to [www.osdef.org](http://www.osdef.org).



## MADISON STUDENT MUSICAL

“Whale of a Tale”

March 19

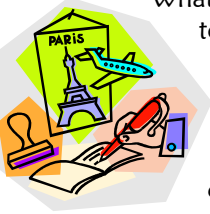
2:45pm & 6:00 pm

## BASEBALL? MOTHER’S DAY WITH THE RAINIERS



Please join us on **Saturday May 10 at 1:30pm** for a family baseball outing. There will be a ceremonial first pitch, discounted tickets for the game, and even post game activities! Thank you PTO for organizing this event!

## PASSPORTS UPDATE



What is Passports? It’s a way for students to learn the continents and countries each month through a homework program that is nationally recognized. Each month students study the monthly map and then check their knowledge of cities, countries or continents. Their

“passport” is stamped if they know them correctly.



### Don't Miss

## AD/HD Support Group

South Sound CHADD is a new support group in the Olympia area serving families affected by attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. They meet the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Group Health Cooperative in the Olympia Medical Center, 700 Lilly Road NE, Olympia. All meetings are free and open to anybody who is interested. For more information, contact Jennifer at 360-705-0315 or via e-mail at South-Sound@chadd.net. To learn more about NW CHADD, go to [www.nwchadd.org](http://www.nwchadd.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

No School- Feb. 13-16

Read nightly for Reading Coupons!

Lion’s Den/4-5th –Mon 3:30 - 4:30

Planeteers – Tues 3:30-4:30

Cub’s Club - Wed-Thurs 3:30 - 4:30

Dance Club-Wed 3:30 - 4:30

Lion’s Den/1st-2nd 3:30 - 4:30

Art Club-Thurs. 3:30 - 4:30

Play Practice – Wed & Fri 3:30 – 5:00

Reading Breakfast Winners –Tuesdays at 8:40

Likable Lions & Rdg Winners-Thursdays at 2:45

Feb. 6

Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

Feb. 6

Early Release 12:52pm

Feb. 9

2nd-3rd gr Parent Math Course

Feb. 11

Friendship Puppet Show

Feb. 12

Sock Hop 6:30-8:00pm

Feb. 13- Feb. 16 Mid-Winter Break

Feb. 17

Parent Café Night 6:30pm

Feb. 18

PTO Mtg 6:30pm

Feb. 18

Parent Cispus Mtg

Feb. 23

Dismissal at 11:40AM for Jones’ Kindergarten class

No PM Kindergarten (Osborn)

Feb. 23

2nd-3rd gr Parent Math Course

Feb. 23

Madison School Board

Presentation 6:30

Feb. 26

Grand Finale for Reading Month

Feb. 27

Jump Rope for Heart PE Finale

Feb. 27

Passports

Mar. 6

No School – Teacher Inservice

Mar. 8

Daylight Saving Time Change

Mar. 19

Madison Musical 2:45 & 6:00

May 10

PTO Family Rainer’s Game