

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

June 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.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THURSDAY, JUNE 18

12:05 Dismissal
No lunch will be served.

SNEAKER PARADE DECORATE YOUR SHOES! FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Celebrate Madison Lions Walk & Roll Program! Your feet have taken you far this year so let's show our appreciation. Decorate your shoes. Walk and Roll to school and join in on a Sneaker Parade to celebrate at the family BBQ picnic. There will be a special "shoe" prize for everyone!

MADISON FAMILY BBQ LIVE ROCK BAND & FIELD DAY FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Need 30 Field Day Volunteers for the Field Stations – 1:00-3:00

BBQ Serving Schedule:
11:40-12:05 Grades K-2
12:05-12:35 Grades 3-5

Students may use their lunch card that day. Payment can also be made at the barbecue. The price is \$3.10 for adult lunches and \$2.10 for children.



5TH GRADE MOVING UP CELEBRATION TUESDAY, JUNE 9 1:30-2:30pm

MADISON TALENT SHOW JUNE 17 1:15-2:15

LIBRARY BOOKS THAT ARE NOT AR BOOKS DUE JUNE 4

REGULAR LIBRARY BOOKS DUE JUNE 6



ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, June 3
9:00am-2:00pm

We are going to Tacoma to visit the Washington State History Museum. Bring a Sack Lunch!

STAFF FAREWELLS

Madison would like to say thank you to these people for their contributions to our students.

Scotty Jones has been at Madison one year as our half-day kindergarten teacher. Scotty has taken pride in getting his students ready for first grade. We will miss his easy-going style, warm smile, his painted Beetle, and his dedication to the students! We wish him health and happiness as he moves on to new opportunities.

John Catena, our Americorps Member, will be moving on to another year long volunteer position. He has been an asset to Madison students and families in so many ways... Walk and Roll, fun recess activities, Lunch Bunch, Lion's Den, Reading Buddy, and most recently the Family Café Nights. We wish John the very best in his ongoing commitment to make the world a better place for everyone.

Kathy Black has filled in the last few months as a half-time para-educator. We appreciate her willingness to step in, her flexibility and sound judgment, but most of all, her warmth towards the children. We hope that she can come back to Madison!

GOOD-BYE TO OUR EVERGREEN INTERNS

Madison staff and students would like to say a fond good-bye and HUGE thanks to:

- Priscilla Brenenstuhl
- Claire Raglan
- Mimi Hill

We appreciate the many ways they have contributed to the success of Madison students, and wish them well.

MADISON'S ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR Donna Lowry

Madison staff is proud to recognize Donna Lowry as Advocate of the Year. Not only has Donna been a Reading Buddy and Lunch Buddy volunteer, but she also continues to give in other ways. Her untiring commitment, goodwill, and generosity have benefited our families and our district throughout the year. For example, she personally purchased over 1000 wrapped boxes filled with games and other gifts for homeless and needy families during the winter holidays. Recently, she was able to obtain a large monetary donation from Wal-Mart for the Welcome Room. Congratulations, Donna and thanks so much!

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Madison Lost and Found area to see if anything belongs to your child. We will be donating any leftover items to the Little Red School House on June 30th.



CLASS PLACEMENT 2009-2010

Classroom assignments for the next school year will be posted on the school doors on Friday, September 4th.

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS

Be prepared! Look for summer sale items for your child's school supplies.



Grade level supply lists will be posted throughout the summer on the school doors or on the school's website at: <http://madison.osd.wednet.edu/>

SUMMER LEARNING

*Be Creative and Express Yourself
@ your library this summer*

Immerse yourself in the arts at your library this summer. Music, literature, drama and movement; writing, painting, sculpting and constructing - Young people can experience it all at the Timberland Regional Library for free. The 2009 Summer Reading Program is designed around the themes "Be Creative @ your library" for children and "Express Yourself @ your library" for teens.

Also, make sure that your child does everyday math activities...cooking, measuring, counting money, telling time, looking at schedules, or shopping with you. Summer Math Calendars will be coming home on the last day of school...you might post it on your refrigerator as a daily math reminder.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 9
8:55am - 3:22pm

Labor Day is later than usual so **the first day of school begins the second week of September!**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL "Meet the Teacher"

Tuesday, September 8
3:00-4:00



Meet your teacher, see new and old friends, and find out about the new school year! Students must be accompanied by an adult.

This is the time that you can purchase Madison school supplies.

SPRING CLOTHING

Time for spring and summer clothes! Here are some guidelines:

- Shorts are fine, but they should be mid-thigh in length for movement and when sitting cross-legged.
- All clothing should be appropriate for school and not a distraction to the learning environment or to others.
- Clothing with drug or alcohol slogans or violence-related clothing are not appropriate.
- Avoid shirts showing bare midriffs or backs.
- No open-toe shoes or sandals because of injury to the feet while on the playground. High heels are inappropriate as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3	All School Field Trip, 9:00-2:00 Tacoma History Museum
June 8	Brd Mtg – Budget 6:30pm
June 9	5th grade Moving Up Ceremony 1:30pm
June 11	Last Likable Lions and A-Team Recognition 2:45pm
June 12	Sneaker Parade Family Barbecue 11:45-12:30 Field Day 1:00-3:00
June 16	Summer Reading Puppet Show 9:10am
June 16	Hammaker/O'Donnell Lions Park Trip 9:45-11:30am
June 17	Talent Show 1:15pm
June 18	Last Day Assembly 9:10am Last Day Dismissal 12:05

July 22	Summer Reading Splash
Sept. 4	Class Placements Posted
Sept. 8	Meet the Teacher 3:00-4:00pm
Sept. 9	First Day of School 8:55-3:22



WINDING "UP" THE SCHOOL YEAR

Sometimes I hear people say that we are **winding down** to the end of the school year. It has been my experience, however, that we **wind up** to a furious pitch until we reach the very last day! For our students, this can be a time of excitement. They are looking forward to summer, no homework, and maybe a vacation or camp.

However, school provides a lot of structure and predictability, homework included. There are some students who get a bit anxious about the big change. Let's face it; change can be hard to deal with whether it is looked upon as good or bad. This may mean that your child shows a little anxiety as we get closer to the last day. Anxiety can be acted out in different ways. Your child may worry a bit more or old worries may reemerge. Your child may have more trouble concentrating. Sometimes this can make getting homework done more difficult. Some children might become more irritable and their behavior more unpredictable. Occasionally, a child may be more emotional, perhaps crying in certain conditions. You can help your child throughout summer by creating some routines and "predictable" happenings. This could include things such as the weekly trip to the library (yahoo, it's Monday...we are off to the library!), Wednesday night could be tacos night, and/or nightly reading time before bed. Providing children with routines and schedules can be helpful for them. There can be predictability about what events will happen and when they will occur....and when they are less anxious, the whole family gains!