

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

March 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

Madison School – Continuous Improvement



On February 23, the Madison staff provided an overview of the School Improvement Plan to the Olympia School Board of Directors through student photos and student stories to the school board. Enjoy viewing the slideshow of our students' photos on the school website under the heading, "About Our School".

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MADISON STUDENT MUSICAL

A Whale of a Tale

March 19

2:45pm and 6:30pm

Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 19th at 2:30. Evening performance at 6:30. Third, fourth and fifth graders are involved. It is directed

by Mrs. O'Donnell, choreographed by Mrs. Flynn. Come for an evening of entertainment!

Friday, March 6

No school!

NON-STUDENT DAY

KEEP TRADING CARDS AT HOME!

We believe that toys, trading cards, sports equipment, cell phones, digital cameras, personal items of value, and other hand held devices can be a distraction to others at school. Please have your child leave these items at home. If you allow your child to have a cell phone or roller blades/heellies, They must be checked in to the office for safe keeping. We do not want expensive items from home to be lost or stolen.

March 13

Early Dismissal 12:52pm

No kindergarten for Jones and Osborn

NO PM preschool for Neely

AM Preschool will be on regular schedule

CONFERENCE NOTICES COME HOME THE WEEK OF MARCH 9-13

MARCH 23-27

CONFERENCE WEEK

EARLY DISMISSAL 12:52PM

No AM Kindergarten in

Jones/Osborn class

No PM Kindergarten for Osborn

Early Dismissal for Rosenkrantz at 12:52

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Come by and visit the book fair in room 7 during Conference Week. There will be some great books available this year! Proceeds from the sale help our library and PTO! Volunteers needed each afternoon

MARCH 23-27 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE

Please encourage family and neighborhood friends to pick up their kindergarten registration packets. Parents may begin to turn in completed packets on March 30. Registration is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Placement Considerations for Next Year

This is the time we look at next year's enrollment projections. It is important to let us know if your child will not be attending Madison next year.

Out-of-district and out-of-area students are allowed to attend Olympia Schools on a space-available basis as per the OSD transfer request agreement.

Unfortunately, we cannot consider out-of-district or out-of-area families for placement until the start of school in September. **If you are currently a Madison family, your child will not be guaranteed a place at Madison in the 2009-10 year. It is recommended that you investigate your home school for placement next year, and arrange for childcare accordingly.**

OLYMPIA JR. PROGRAMS Live Children's Theatre

March 17th - Ideker, Holmeide, Stillwell

Parent chaperones must turn in a Madison Parent Volunteer Form.



PTO BINGO NIGHT APRIL 3 6:30-8:00 pm



Come for fun and prizes on Bingo Night. Families welcome! Everyone can play...\$1/card!

Please help donate new or gently used items for prizes. Volunteers needed. Contact: MICHELLE GIORDANO AT 705-1898.

5TH GRADE CISPUS OUTDOOR SCHOOL MAY 5-7



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

increased this year to \$150 per child. Begin your payment plan early!

Please allow at least **TWO** weeks prior to Cispus to make sure that your child's medication plan has been taken care of by our nurse. Mrs. James, our nurse, works on **Thursdays only**.

KATHY'S CORNER Reading Month A Success!



Madison students were very busy reading at home during February!

Boys and girls returned slips from home signed by parents, turned in reading coupons to the library, and some students had their names drawn for prizes at the weekly February reading assemblies.

Students also participated in weekly Reading Breakfast Club gatherings.

The grand finale was held on Thursday February 26th. Along with weekly prizes, two giant stuffed lions were given away, compliments of Mrs. Moore. Everyone had a great time during Reading Month! Remember to keep reading at home even though reading month is over.

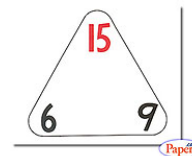
MADISON WISH LIST

We could use:

- Case or Reams of white copy paper 20# weight
- Reams of color copy paper 20# weight
- Post-its, any size
- Glue sticks
- First aid supplies including bandages, wipes, and anti-bacterial soaps
- Digital photo paper 4"x6" or color cartridges

MATH MINDS

Triangle flashcards are high-interest alternatives to traditional flash cards. Each card contains a different fact family and helps a child learn the relationships between them. To use the cards, hide one of the corner numbers with your thumb or finger and let the child tell you what the hidden number is. In this example, cover 15 and ask: What is 6 plus 9? Or, cover 9 and ask: What is 15 minus 6? You can make two different sets for addition-subtraction facts or for multiplication-division facts.



TECH TALK

We are learning to post class happenings to our teacher web pages. Check to see if your child's teacher has added information to the teacher's web page.

PARENT REMINDERS

- Label all coats, sweatshirts, hats, and clothing
- Please call in attendance to report an absence or tardy.
- Bring in a doctor's authorization for any medications to be taken at school...including over-the-counter medications like cough drops, Benadryl, Tylenol, etc.
- Always check the district website for changes in school or district schedule

LUNCH CARD SYSTEM

School lunches are paid through a **debit card** system. If you want your child to eat a hot lunch at school, he/she **must** have money in the account. Money should be sent to school in an envelope with your child's name and account number on the front. Please keep track of what you send so you will have an idea when the note will be coming. If a student has no money in the account, he or she will be given a cheese sandwich for lunch and the account charged \$.50. **Applications are available in the office for free/reduced lunch applications.**

Free or Reduced Meal Eligibility Helps Students and Brings \$\$\$ to Madison

You may be eligible for free or reduced price meals at school and for free health insurance. Qualification is based on household size and income. Also, for every student who qualifies for free or reduced meals, Madison receives about \$1000 per student from the federal government. This funding allows us to have a reading specialist, paraeducators, and Parent Café Nights to name a few.

The chart below shows eligibility for the program. Applications are available in the Madison office.

Household size (# of adults and children living in one household)	Paid Monthly	Paid twice a month	Paid every other week	Paid weekly
1	\$1734	\$867	\$800	\$400
2	2334	1167	1077	538
3	2934	1467	1354	677
4	3534	1767	1631	815
5	4134	2067	1908	954
6	4734	2367	2184	1092
7	5334	2667	2461	1230
8	5934	2967	2738	1369
9	6534	3267	3015	1507
10	7134	3567	3292	1646
Add for each person over 10	600	300	276	138

IMPORTANT!

Limited paper copies of the school newsletters will be made available in the office. You may read it on our school website at <http://madison@osd.wednet.edu> or you may give us your email address.

Your Name:

Child's Name:

Your email address:

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 No School -Teacher Inservice Day

March 8 Daylight Savings- Time Change

March 10 Pedal Power Club 3:30 to 4:30

March 12 Pedal Power Club 3:30 to 4:30

March 13 Early Release for Report Card Prep

- No kindergarten for Jones and Osborn
- NO PM preschool
- AM Preschool will be on regular schedule
- 12:52 Dismissal for Rosenkrantz
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March 16 Ft. Blakely Field Trip - O'Donnell & Flynn

March 17 Olympia Jr. Program, 9:15 to 11:30, Ideker, Holmeide, & Stillwell

March 17 Pedal Power Club 3:30 to 4:30

March 19 Pedal Power Club 3:30 to 4:30

March 19 Whale of a Tale School Musical

- 2:30-3:15 pm for dress rehearsal

March 19 Whale of a Tale -School Musical

- 6:30 for Family Performance

March 20 Passport Check

March 23 – 27 Spring Conference Week 12:52pm

- Regular Pre-School schedules for Neely and Osborn classrooms
- No Kindergarten for Jones and Osborn
- 12:52 Dismissal for Rosenkrantz

March 23-27 Kindergarten registration packets available

March 30 Registration for Kindergarten district wide

March 31 Smokey the Bear visits Mrs. Holmeide's classroom

April 1 Family Reading Night at Madison 7:00 -8:15

April 1 Reeves Middle School counselor to visit 5th grade students

April 3 PTO Bingo Night

May 5-7 Cispus Outdoor School for 5th graders

May 10 PTO Family Rainer's Game

Americorps Positions Available

Are you interested in working at Madison as an Americorps paid volunteer...to help students with reading, or playground games, or afterschool clubs? Do you know anyone who might be interested? It's a 40 hour per week volunteer job that pays \$1037 monthly and includes basic health, child care assistance, and student loan forbearance and deferment benefits. At the end of the service year, you receive a \$4725 education or tuition award. Contact Gayle Mar-Chun, Madison principal, if interested.