

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

November, 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.



Happy Thanksgiving!

**VOTE ON
ELECTION DAY
NOV. 4**



BUILDING STAMINA & READING TO SELF

Ask your child how many minutes her/his class has achieved in building reading "stamina"!

We know from experience that making a goal visible helps us stay motivated to achieve it.



Our kids are not any different, so we use a classroom graph to help inspire the growth of "stamina" in our rooms.

We introduce it and update it daily so students can see how long they were successful at Reading to Self, Working on Writing, etc. We have found that our students are able to push themselves a bit farther when we record their progress and make it visible. In doing so, the students are building their "stamina" as independent learners.

Try "Stamina Reading" graphs at home too!

**PARENTS NEEDED
NOV 4 WALKING TOUR
TO FIRE STATION**

Mrs. Hammaker will be walking to the ballot drop box at the fire station on Nov. 4th to drop off her voter's ballot. Any parent of the class who wishes to "walk and vote" that day is welcomed to join her class as a parent chaperone.

**EARLY RELEASE ON
FRIDAY,
NOV 7 - 12:52 PM
TEACHER PREP
FOR REPORT CARDS**



**STUDENT PICTURE
RETAKES
NOV. 14th
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.**

**Report Cards Go Home
Friday Nov. 14**

**VETERANS
DAY
NO SCHOOL
Tuesday,
Nov. 11**



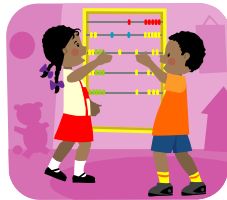
**VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY, NOV. 6
9:15-10:00**

We would like to honor all who have served in the armed services. If you or your extended family is or has been a part of the armed services, please join us. Washington Middle School band students will be performing patriotic songs.

FREE PARENT MATH CLASSES

4-5th grade Parent Math Classes:
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

2nd-3rd grade Parent Math Class:
Jan. 12, 27, Feb. 2, 9



6:30-7:30 pm
Free child care at Madison Gym
Yvonne Fish, Madison parent will be teaching the classes.

PARENT CAFÉ NIGHT NOV. 12 - 6:00-8:00pm

Michelle Giordano, our Title 1 Parent Liaison will be coordinating our first Parent Café Night. We can only accommodate 20 adults, so please RSVP to Michele at #360-705-1898.

WE-CARE SPORTS FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOV. 20 - 6:30-8:00pm

Madison students, families and staff will be sure to have a blast when Dan Fogle of WE-CARE Sports comes to present a full day of fun and learning. He will start with a whole school assembly, then each class will get their own individual presentation. Last but not least will be a **Family Night of Fun and Games**. We hope you can come to learn and play!

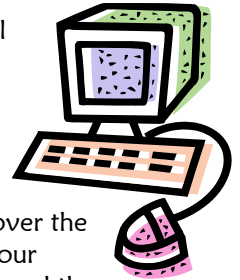
Community Kudos To...

- **First United Methodist Church** for adopting many of our Madison Families for the holiday season
- **Capital Rotary** for sponsoring the Teddy Bear Tea Party
- **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
- **McKinney Elementary School** for donating their reader board to Madison. We need some dads, moms, uncles, big brothers, or volunteers to help refurbish the sign for our school. *Contact us if you would like to be part of the Reader Board Project.*
- **Ed and Shirley Swan** and **Leslie Hammaker** by providing violins to some of our orchestra students.
- **Rachelle Underwood, Dave Eilers, and Madison parent, Katya Miltimore** for updating our school website with news and photos. Check it out at <http://madison.osd.wednet.edu/>

TECH TIPS

Robert O'Donnell, OSD Instructional Technology Specialist, has created a 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! Check out Nettekter : Your user name for Nettekter is lioncubs and the password is madison.



MADISON HAS A COW!

In case your child has been telling you that the school now has a cow, you are probably wondering...farm animals at Madison? No live animals at school, but we do have a C.O.W. It stands for **C**omputers **O**n **W**heels....imagine a large storage container on wheels in which 30 wireless Mac laptops are housed. This mobile computer lab enables all the students in a class to be working on the computer at once! Come by and see it in action!

TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY
Nov. 28 – Panorama City
2:30-4:00

3-7 year olds will love the Teddy Bear Tea Party sponsored by the Capital Rotary. Proceeds benefit the Olympia School District's Homeless Program. Parent/Guardian must accompany their child. Tickets on sale at Madison.

MADISON HOLIDAY STORE
Friday, December 12

The Holiday Store is a much loved annual tradition at Madison. Students go shopping for small toys, stuff animals, jewelry, books, knick knacks, kitchenware, perfume, lotions, hand tools, sports items, holiday decorations, candles, crafts, and much more! Madison students can buy holiday gifts for immediate family only. All items will be on sale for 25 cents. Students may also buy one gift for themselves!



We are currently collecting small, new or gently used gift items, wrapping paper, ribbons, 800 bows, and 800 tags as well as men's gift items. Please deliver to the Madison Office by December 5.

- Volunteers needed! Contact Rae Ann Jonson, Holiday Store Chair, at 357-1357.
- Santa Elves (Middle or High school students)
 - Holiday carolers
 - Holiday card set up
 - Community volunteers for gift wrapping

STUDENT CELL PHONES

We do not encourage students to have cell phones at school. They tend to get lost or stolen. **However, if your child must have a cell phone, then remind him or her to drop it off at the office in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon.**



THE BECCA BILL



Washington state law says that school attendance is required for all children ages 6 through 17. As parents, there exists no greater challenge than addressing the many difficulties that will confront your children as they

grow. However, one issue has the potential to affect them for the rest of their lives —their education. Let's work together to keep them in school. Washington's truancy law, often termed "the Becca Bill," is intended to stop truancy before it becomes a problem. The law requires only one thing of students: attend school. **If a student does not attend school, the law requires the school to take action against the student and/or parents through the judicial court system.**

OUTDOOR SCHOOL
5TH GRADERS

Over the summer, the Olympia School Board voted to keep the Outdoor School Education Program at Cispus for the 2008-2009 school year. However, they also approved an **increase in the fee to \$150/child**. We understand that for many families, this amount is quite a bit of money. We wanted to notify you early so you can make financial plans for this activity. Further notice will be coming in a letter from Mrs. Flynn. **Madison students will attend Outdoor School on May 6, 7, and 8.**

AFTER SCHOOL
ARRANGEMENTS

For your child's protection, please notify the office by phone, or send a signed and dated note if there is any change in your child's after-school routine. Without proper notification, the Olympia School District requires Madison staff to maintain the child's original schedule.

BUS BEHAVIOR

- A number of rules have been established for bus safety.
- Passengers must obey the driver's request promptly and willingly at all times.
 - Students will use appropriate language and noise level at all times.
 - Students shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
 - Students will use appropriate behavior at the bus stop and on the bus
- If a student disobeys the bus rules, the bus driver will: Give a warning, have a private talk, reassign seats, notify parent, give a written violation, and/or suspend student from riding the bus.

K-3 NUTRITION CLASS

Nutrition Matters

WSU Food Sense Program has been teaching nutrition classes each Wednesday. Ask your child for tips of healthy eating!



4-5th JR CHEF AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

WSU Food Sense is offering afterschool cooking classes for 4-5th grade students from 3:30-4:30 each Wednesday beginning **Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, and 10.** Open to selected students. Their final project will be to invite their families for a Family Cooking Night!



HEALTH ROOM NEEDS

Our Health Room is in need of sweat pants, boys and girls, any size, any color. Also, if your child comes home in borrowed school clothing, please return the item to us in the office as soon as possible. We would appreciate it if you could wash the item.

Box Tops

It is time to start sending in Box Tops that you've been collecting. This is a great way for the PTO to raise extra money for the school. Please be sure to cut out the entire Box Top including the expiration date.

Eco-Cell

Drop off your old or broken cell phones, chargers, batteries, and all other small electronic devices for our year long PTO fundraiser. What a great way to help keep our planet more green by recycling. If you have any questions, contact PTO Fundraiser Chairperson, Lena Glenn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Dates

11/3 Parent Math Class, 6:30-8:00 Free Childcare
11/4 Election Day
11/4 Hammaker- Walking Tour to Vote at Fire Stn
11/5 Nutrition Classes for 2/3 and 3/4
11/6 Veterans Day Assembly 9:15-9:45
11/7 Early Release for Report Cards
11/10 Parent Math Class 6:30-8:00 Free Childcare
11/11 Veterans Day – No School
11/12 Parent Café Night 6:00-7:30
11/12 Nutrition Classes for 2/3 and 3/4
11/14 Picture Retakes 9-9:30
11/14 Report Cards Home
11/17 Parent Math Class 6:30-8:00 Free Childcare
11/19 Flynn/OD Kennedy Creek
11/19 PTO 6:30
11/20 WE-CARE Sports Assembly & Family Fun Night 6:30-8:00
11/21 Passports
11/24 Parent Math Class 6:30-8:00 Free Childcare
11/26 Nutrition classes for 2/3 and 3/4
11/27-28 Thanksgiving
11/28 Teddy Bear Tea Party at Panorama City 2:30-4:00pm
12/12 Madison Holiday Store 6:30-7:30pm
12/17 PTO 6:30
12/19 Passports Check

IMPORTANT!

No paper copies of the school newsletters will be made in the future. You may read it on our school website or you may 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.

Your Name:

Your email address:

Child's Name:

A-TEAM - OCTOBER 9

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 + **A**ttitude + **A**cademics = **A**-Team



45 A-Team Students!

- **1st:** Lena Miltimore, Eden Comstock, Randy Thach, Cole Webster
- **2nd:** Logan Young, Analiese Nanamkin, Tayvian Horlick, Anna Larson, Blue Tate
- **2/3rd:** Tessa Webster, Katie Fish, Jasmin Blackwell, Haley Berger, Anna Lies, Liliana Forsberg, Leone Healey, Nation Essen, Fernando Garcia, Jaden Ferguson
- **3/4th:** Aaron Tu, Aden Smith, Andrea Carcamo-Sanchez, Athena Williamson, Maitlynn Reed, Janeah Owens, Karla Rodriguez, Ocean Morgan, Tatum Hafford, Natalia Newton
- **4th:** April Pigue, Drake Alberich, Rabresha Thompson, Jaycee Farstad, Esperanza Rosiles, Alice Ryan, Marshall Graham, Sierra Forbord, Andre Tu
- **5th:** Sarathraj Rajendran, Daire Byrne, Aly Roha, Gianna Giordano, Haylee Furth, Joey Watts, Chloe Sagara, Makenzie Ritzman

LIKABLE LIONS – OCTOBER 23

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.



Likable Lions Recognition

- K:** Orion Williams
- K:** Jayeden Blackwell
- 1st:** Nicki Giordano
- 2-3:** Kate Morfitt
- 2:** Catherine Glenn
- 3-4:** Athena Williamson
- 4:** Angel Juarez
- 5:** Jonta'h Wesley