

# MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

May 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.



**May 25 - Memorial Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**



**Mother's Day**  
**May 10**



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

### BIKE-TO-SCHOOL DAY

Pump up your bicycle tires and lube your chain....it's time for Madison's third annual **Bike-to-School Day on May 15**. Don't forget to ride to school with a bike helmet, and if possible, bring your bike lock. Students, encourage your parents to ride to school as well! Parents and volunteers welcome.



It's all part of the 21st National Bicycle Commuter Contest. The contest, organized by Intercity Transit encourages people of all ages to participate...in fact kids register for FREE! For May Bicycle Contest information, to register your family or find event listings, updates and riding tips: go to the Bicycle Commuter Contest page at [intercitytransit.com](http://intercitytransit.com).

### RETURNING NEXT YEAR?

We want to find out if your child/ren will be returning next year. Notices were included in your child's backpack in late April. **Please return the forms by May 6**. We will use that information for class placements.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION - NOW

For K-5 students: Priority given to students who live in the attendance area with proof of local residence. Current immunizations and a birth certificate are required.

### ALL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 11-15

Take time during Staff Appreciation Week to recognize these outstanding individuals.

Thank you, PTO for providing little thank you's this week!



*"At Madison, We Succeed with Pride."*

### CHANGES TO NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR

If you have reviewed the 2009-2010 school calendar for our District (or if you have not yet seen it, go to <http://osd.wednet.edu>), you'll notice that from October through June, there will be a monthly one-hour late start for teacher collaboration. This schedule replaces the two early release days that we had in 2008-2009 for this purpose. Teacher collaboration time offers our instructors a chance to work with each other to design lesson plans, discuss successful curriculum and develop interventions to help struggling students. Research indicates that regular, consistent teacher collaboration is a critical element to promote student learning. We also understand that late starts and early releases, regardless of the importance of the purpose, can be a hardship for our families and look forward to working with you to minimize any inconvenience it may cause.

### SAFETY WITHOUT FEAR WORKSHOP

Join Community Educator and Child Development Specialist Candyce Bollinger at the Safety Without Fear Workshop.

**Date: Tuesday, May 19th**

**Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Lincoln Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**213 21st Ave. SE**

For additional information or to register, call Kerry Tarullo at 753-8575 or email [ktarullo@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:ktarullo@ci.olympia.wa.us)

## OPEN REFERRALS - PROGRAM FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

April 20-May 15

Referrals for students to be identified for the Program for Academically Talented Students (P.A.T.S.) are currently open. The P.A.T.S. program serves 2nd-5th grade children who have advanced skills in reading, mathematics, and language arts. Parents who are interested in referring their child for the program are encouraged to return a "Program for Academically Talented Students (P.A.T.S.) Referral Form and Information" **DUE May 15.** – These were sent home to 1st-4th grade students last month. Parents are invited to attend the Parent Information Meeting on **May 7th at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Elementary School library.** Please contact Madison office for more info.

## SWINE FLU UPDATE

The best information we have at this time is that there is no immediate risk to our community.

Our District staff and school nurses are monitoring the local situation and remain in contact with the Thuston County Public Health Department. In addition, we are reviewing our emergency preparedness guidelines and planning for issues should this outbreak become a full scale pandemic.

### Here are some symptoms of Swine Flu:

Swine Flu is characterized by fever (100 degrees or more), sore throat, cough, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue. The illness may last up to seven days, with people considered to be contagious as long as symptoms persist.

### What Can Be Done To Prevent the Spread of Swine Flu:

- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, elbow or sleeve. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based sanitizer are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth...germs can spread this way.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

For more information about the Swine Flu advisory, please consult the Center for Disease Control (CDC) web

site at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/> Near the bottom of the page, on the left, are several useful links including a Swine Flu update and "Key Facts" document.

We will continue to monitor the situation, work closely with the local health department and communicate with you as we learn more.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Likable Lions -Thursdays at 2:45  
Dance Club begins Thursdays - noon hour  
Tech Club Dates: Wed. & Thurs. 3:30  
Lions Den Intermediate: Mon. 3:30-4:00  
Lions Den Primary: Wednesdays 3:30-4:00

May 1	A-Team Bingo Party – 12:15-1:15
May 2	PTO Rummage Sale - Cancelled
May 6	Intent to Return to Madison for 09-10 - Form due
May 6	5th Gr Parent Night @ Reeves, 7-8pm
May 6-8	Cispus Outdoor School -5th Gr
<del>May 10</del>	<del>PTO Family Rainer's Game 1:30</del>
<del>May 14</del>	<del>Family Math Event</del>
May 11	Board Mtg- Budget Reductions 6:30pm
May 11-15	All-Staff Appreciation Week
May 13	5th gr students to visit Reeves
May 14	Safety w/o Fear Workshop for Parents by Candyce Bollinger Lincoln Elem Sch 6:30-8:30pm
May 15	Ride Your Bike to School Day
May 15	Passports Check
May 20	PTO Mtg 6:30
May 22	"Mercer Girls" Live Performance -5th Ave Theatre – 1:30- 2:30pm Parents invited. Thanks, PTO!
May 27	Parent Café Night – Prizes! Free Dinner, Childcare and Fun!
June 3	All School Field Trip- Tacoma History Museum
June 8	Brd Mtg – Budget 6:30pm
June 9	5th grade Moving Up Ceremony
June 12	Field Day
June 12	Family Barbecue
June 18	Last Day Assembly 9:10

# ALL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 11-15

Pre-Sch	Ms. Neely Mrs. Osborn		Secretary	Mrs. Wesselman
Int. Kdgn	Mr. Jones Mrs. Osborn		Homeless Liaison	Sarah Greenwell
Kdgn	Mrs. Rosenkranz		K-5 Paraeducators	Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. Lantz, Mrs. Kolowinski, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Maycumber, Mrs. Black
1st	Mrs. Holmeide Mr. Nugent (Long-Term Sub)		Pre-School Para- Educators	Mary, Pam, Sopheap, & Denise
2nd	Mrs. Ideker		Nurse	Mrs. James
			Custodian	Karl and Mickey
2-3rd	Ms. Stillwell		Cook	Bernie
3-4th	Mrs. Hammaker		Bus Driver	Jim
4th	Mrs. O'Donnell		Americorps	John
5th	Mrs. Flynn		TESC Interns	Priscilla, Mimi, Claire
Reading Spec.	Mrs. Bower		Speech/Lang	Mrs. Grimstad
Special Ed	Mrs. Long		PE	Mrs. Spencer
Librarian	Mrs. Moore		Music	Mrs. Grimm Mr. Schwartz
Social Services Coord.	Mrs. Swanson		Band/Strings	Mr. Holder Mrs. Joyner
Principal	Mrs. Mar-Chun			