

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LION NEWS AND VIEWS

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"We Succeed with Pride"

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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.



**CONFERENCE
WEEK
OCTOBER 13-17
12:52 PM Dismissal**

CONFERENCE TIPS

R-e-s-p-e-c-t is the key for both parents and teachers during conference time and throughout the year. You both come to the table with your own unique expertise. You are the surefire experts on your own children. You understand what drives your children; their strengths, weaknesses, dreams, and worries. Teachers come to the table with vital knowledge about learning styles, age-appropriate skills, developmental milestones, and an understanding of where each child is on his/her educational journey.

It takes both parent and teacher to further the child along in the journey. Conferences will be successful when attitudes of respect and gratitude are communicated in both directions.

Madison parents have told us that they like our teachers to recognize that the parents are vital as partners, that the teacher really tries to "know" their child, that the teacher listens to the parent and takes actions. The parents also have asked that the teachers provide a daily/weekly schedule so they can follow up with some of the activities that happen at school.

Madison teachers also would like to provide this advice to parents:

- Bring your child to the conference so your child can be part of the conversation and help with setting his/her goals with you.
- Be on time.
- Goal setting is really a positive opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful things that your child can do.

- **R**elay positive comments about your child's experiences at school and about your child.
- **E**xpect to hear something your child will be challenged to improve.
- **S**hare any relevant information that may point to a solution.
- **P**artner with the teacher in creating an action plan to benefit your child.
- **E**xpress any questions or other concerns you have.
- **C**lose the conference with a review of the plan and the agreed upon timeline.
- **T**hank the teacher for their suggestions and their concern for your child.

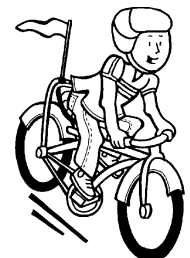
**INDIVIDUAL
PICTURE DAY
October 10**

**International
Walk to School Day Oct. 8
"WALK AND ROLL"**



Madison students will be joining others from around the world to walk, bicycle, or ride the bus to school on October 8th. This event launches a year-long project whose goal is to build a generation of safe and healthy kids.

Thanks to the City of Olympia, Intercity Transit, Thurston Regional Planning Commission, and Safe Kids Worldwide



COAT SWAP



During conference week, October 13-17, a table will be set out to trade in your child's outgrown jacket or coat with another one. The Coat Swap is a great way to recycle!

Please drop by any winter clothes (jacket, coats, hats, scarves, mittens, or gloves) for the Coat Swap next week.

KUDOS TO...



- **PIONEER PTO**for their \$3000 donation to the school as a "gift" from neighbors to neighbors.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**....for their

continuous support in so many ways: reading buddies, donation to our library, school supplies and back packs, and dedicated assistance to the Welcome Room.

- **ANONYMOUS DONATION**...one of our Madison families has made a significant donation to our school library. This gift will help buy new and exciting books for all our children.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

For your child's personal safety, please be sure he/she:

- Knows his/her name, address and phone number.
- Knows the rules of the road when walking from home to school or to the bus stop.
- Brings a note to school if going to a destination other than home.
- Knows when you are not going to be home and where to reach you.
- Knows where to go if school closes early due to storm, power failure, or other emergencies.
- Knows how to deal with strangers.

For your information, our school is reviewing all our emergency planning procedures. We are coordinating our efforts with the city police and fire department. We will keep you updated.

PTO FALL FUNDRAISER



Thank you all! Oct. 30th is the Magic Show for the whole school! PTO will be notifying families how the funds will be used for the coming year. Next PTO meeting on November 19 at 6:30.

2007-2008 School Year How Has PTO Helped Madison?



\$1100 Helped teachers buy supplies for their classrooms

\$1000 Scholarship for a Madison Alumni to attend college

\$850 Buses to take students on field trips

\$300 Sock Hop entertainment

\$1250 Interactive technology responders with TurningPoint Software

\$1450 Clean and repaint playground equipment, map, and murals

\$500 Field Day Snacks and Participation Awards

\$100 5th Grade Recognition Awards

\$450 Staff Appreciation Gifts

\$675 Pacific Science Center Day



PTO, with the help of many wonderful volunteers, has also given their time and hard work to make Madison a happier, healthier, and more fun place for our children to learn. Let's make the 2008-2009 school year even brighter!

HOLIDAY SHOP December 12

Madison is filled with traditions, and the Holiday Shop is a favorite. Students can shop for close family members for only a QUARTER! Mark your calendar for **December 12th**. We are accepting small, new, and inexpensive items (\$5 or under). Contact Rae Ann Jonson at 357-1357.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline (new or change of registration) is October 4. Mail applications must be postmarked by October 4.

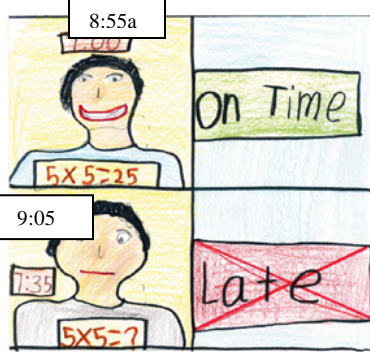
If you miss the mail-in deadline, you have until October 20 to register in person at the Thurston County Auditor's office, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. www.co.thurston.wa.us/auditor/Elections/electns.htm



ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Students should be at school every day that they can. **Please do not send students to school when they are sick, have a cold with an extreme cough, have had a fever or have vomited within 24 ours.**

If you want to be a smarty, don't be tardy.



**NO Excuses
Go to School**

The first bell rings at **8:55 am** and students should be in their seats by **9:00 am**.

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call our office to notify the school. Any absences without a phone call within 3 days will be considered unexcused and will be reflected on the child's permanent record.

We prefer that you do not take your child out of school early (between 2:45-3:20) because there is valuable learning going on until the end of the day.

Please schedule doctor or dentist appointments after school or on non-student school days.

**WELCOME MR. SCOTTY JONES —
OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN
TEACHER!**

BOWER'S BUZZ

From our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Bower

On Monday, October 20th, we will be having a very special author visiting Madison.

Dr. Steven Layne is an award winning author and educator. He will be with us for an all-school assembly at 2:00.

Steve's nickname is "Dr. Read". He has a passion for encouraging children and adults to love reading. He will be sharing about some of his books as well as his life.



To learn more about Steve and check out some of his book titles, please visit his website: www.stevelayne.com

KATHY'S CORNER

From Mrs. Moore, our librarian

Don't forget: Book Faire during conference week is a great and inexpensive way to purchase books as gifts for the holidays or birthdays. The school receives a percentage of sales from the faire.

KIM'S KOMMENTS

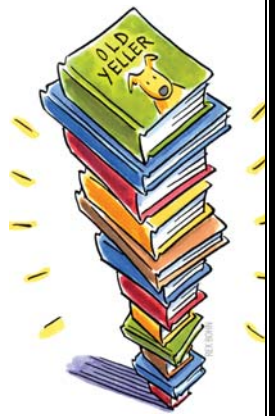
From our SSC, Mrs. Swanson

Another year has begun and we are already into October! It seems that our lives go along at such a hectic pace. That is why it is so important to take just 15-20 minutes a day to slow down and read *to* your child, *listen to* your child read, or *read side by side* with your child.

One thing we know from reading studies is that the more we read, the better we get at reading. Read recipes, read the work that comes home in the back pack, or read the funnies in the newspaper.

I am new as the social services coordinator at Madison this year. I hope to meet and get to know all of you. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give me a call or email me at

kimswanson@osd.wednet.edu.



MORE FREE LUNCHES

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On October 1, more students will qualify for free school lunches when new state guidelines expand the Basic Food program.

DSHS will open the program to families of four that make \$42,408 a year or less — which is twice the federal poverty level. Under current guidelines, the threshold was \$27,560 a year for a family of four, or 30 percent more than the poverty level.

Children in families that qualify for the program automatically qualify for free lunches at schools.

TECH TIPS

**The computer is a door to the world,
but also a door to your home.**

Are you helping your child use the internet appropriately and safely? Parents play an important role in helping their children use the internet safely. Children will find ways to access the internet... the library, from a friend's house... so it is important they learn early how to be safe online. It is never too soon to talk about online safety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

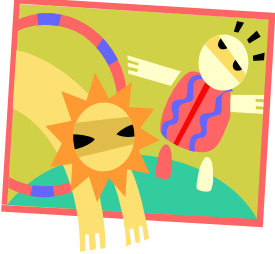
October

- 1- Weekly 1st-4th grade Nutrition Classes begin. Parent permission needed
- 1- Wa Center Symphony Trip 4-5th
- 2- Walk n' Roll Skit and Anti-Bullying Assembly 2:15-3:15
- 3- 4-5th Field Trip
- 3- Passports Check
- 6- Veggie and Fruit Free Snack Program begins
- 7- New Kindergarten Class begins

- 8- Madison Walk or Bike to School Day
- 9- A-Team Recognition Assembly
- 10- Individual Picture Day
- 13-17 Fall Conference Week 12:52 Dismissal
- 13-17 Scholastic Book Faire 1:00-4:30
- 15- PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30
- 20- Steve Layne Author Talk
- 22- Moms and Muffins-7:30am
- 23- Dads and Donuts -7:30am
- 24-Teacher Inservice Day – No School
- 30-NW Fundraiser Magic Assembly 2:35-3:15
- 31- Passports Check

LIKABLE LIONS

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.

<p>Likable Lions 9/11/08 K: None this week 1st: Bradley 2-3: None this week 2: Hayden 3-4: None this week 4: Noah 5: Indy</p>	<p>Likable Lions 9/25/08 K: Otto K: Alejandra 1st: Terry 2-3: Liliana 2: Tayvian 3-4: Jake 4: None this week 5: None this week</p>
<p>Likable Lions 9/18/08 K: Ginny K: Austin 1st: Kelly 2-3: None this week 2: Anna 3-4: None this week 4: Machia 5: None this week</p>	

A-TEAM – Coming 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!

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: