



**April 21, 2014**

Dear Parents,

**New Students for next year...** This last fall, more than 40 new students enrolled in grades 1-5! It was a very exciting time for us all. If you know of new or existing neighbors that plan to begin attending Madison Elementary next fall, encourage them to enroll right away. The addition of just a few students could have a great impact on staffing decisions for next year. Please direct new or potential parents to call our school office at (630) 682-2095 so that we can plan accordingly.

**Class Placement...** As spring finally arrives at Madison, many of us are beginning to plan for the 2014-15 school year! Please note that while we don't accept requests for a specific teacher, we welcome anything you believe is important to share about the learning environment that best suits your child. Please send that via hard copy to the office or to [Timothy.Callahan@cusd200.org](mailto:Timothy.Callahan@cusd200.org) by May 6.

**Why can't I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight? ...**

Let's figure it out –Mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;

Student B reads only 20 minutes, one night a week!

**Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.**

Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 minutes/week

Student B reads 20 minutes x 1 time a week = 20 minutes

**Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.**

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

**Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 12 months/year**

Student A reads 4,800 minutes in a year.

Student B reads 960 minutes in a year.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in your child's education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Callahan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tim Callahan, Principal

### **New PTA committee formed**

The PTA formed a new committee called One School One Book. Starting Mon., Apr. 28 all of Madison will celebrate reading by participating in an all school book club. A kick-off assembly explaining this new activity will be held on Mon., Apr. 28 at 2 p.m., with One School One Book running from Mon., Apr. 28 through Fri., May 16.

We are also hosting a Family Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thurs., May 8. Please be sure to check your child's backpack on Mon., Apr. 28 after school for a special packet with more information about this school-wide fun.

For more information, contact Katie McBride at bobkate88@comcast.net or 630-510-2213.

### **Character Counts to make blankets, birthday bags**

Character Counts will meet Mon., Apr 28 during lunch / recess in the Library.

This month, Character Counts will collect birthday party supplies to give to a local food pantry. We would like each birthday bag to contain the following items: Cake mix, box of candles, frosting, birthday balloons and napkins. We will also take any gently used birthday gift bags to create these kits. We will also be making fleece blankets for Project Linus. Students will have the opportunity to work in a group to make a blanket for other children.

Donations for the birthday bags are currently being collected in the office.

Questions? Contact Shannon Klopfenstein at [Shannon@klopfensteins.com](mailto:Shannon@klopfensteins.com).

### **All school photo for the Madison yearbook**

Color Portraits will be taking our outdoor, all-school, group photo for the 2013-2014 Madison Paw Prints Yearbook on Wed., Apr. 30 at 2:00 p.m. We ask the students, faculty and staff to wear a navy or dark blue shirt. We will be forming a large letter M for Madison. If your A.M. kindergarten student wishes to be included in the all-school photo, parents must return with their student (and stay with him/her) to the back area of the school by 2:00 p.m. Any questions, please contact Dawn Draus at 630-221-1514 or [dmdraus@ameritech.net](mailto:dmdraus@ameritech.net).

### **Memos available 24/7 on web**

You don't need to wait for the biweekly email to read the latest Memos. Every other Friday, by the time you wake up in the morning, you can access the [latest Memos](#) on the Madison section of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org). Submit articles to [jaimekammerzell@gmail.com](mailto:jaimekammerzell@gmail.com).

### **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at Edison**

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend the Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation event at Edison Middle School on Tues., Apr 29 at 7 p.m. in the Edison auditorium. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counselor Bobbi McFarland, Assistant Principal Megan Ptak and Principal Rachel Bednar will share important information about 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Edison Middle School as well as key dates for next year. If you have a smartphone or tablet, please consider loading a QR code reader/scanner on your device prior to your arrival. This will make accessing the presentation and materials a snap. Parking at Edison is extremely limited so please walk, bike or carpool, if possible.

## Turn Off TV Week

Can you go a whole week without TV? Of course you can! From Mon. May 5 through Sun., May 11, the Madison PTA has several activities planned to help you and your family stay away from the TV.

- **Mr. Cortesi's Dynamite Night**  
Mon., May 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Madison's multipurpose room
- **Bingo**  
Tues., May 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Madison's multipurpose room.  
Try your luck and win some prizes!
- **Dining for Dollars**  
Wed., May 7, 12:00-9:00 p.m. at [Oberweis](#) on Roosevelt Rd in Glen Ellyn.  
The school gets 30% back on anything we buy...ice cream, milk, containers to go, and don't forget the lemonade!
- **One School, One Book Family Night**  
Thurs., May 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Madison's multipurpose room.  
Join us for some fun activities related to the book.

Every student who goes without TV for the week will have a chance to win one of several Target gift cards. Just turn in the [pledge sheet](#) by Tues., May 13. Questions: Leigh Ann Gaul at [lagaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lagaul@sbcglobal.net) or 630-784-9906.

## Staff Appreciation Committee seeks help

The staff appreciation committee needs your help. The PTA is organizing a luncheon for the Madison staff during staff appreciation week. The luncheon will take place Fri., May 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are in need of help setting up for the luncheon from 11-11:45 a.m. and cleaning up after the luncheon from 1:00-1:30 p.m. We are also asking for food and drink donations. Please contact Jaime Szafranski at [jszafra1@yahoo.com](mailto:jszafra1@yahoo.com) if you are able to help with your time or a food donation.

## Madison PTA earns state award

Madison PTA was one of only two PTAs to earn the 100% membership award at the Illinois PTA convention. This award means that Madison PTA had at least the same number of members as Madison School has students. Parents, teachers, staff and businesses make up the membership of Madison PTA.

## Thank you Book Fair volunteers

It took many volunteers to make the Spring Book Fair a success. Thank you to Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. DeLeon, Mrs. Samala, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Hervey, Mrs. Buttell, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Spires, Mrs. Nordmark, Mrs. DuVall, Mrs. Fahey, Mrs. Nigrelli, Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Szafranski, Mrs. Gosain, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Haraldsen, Mrs. Pavicich, Mrs. Boedigheimer, Mrs. Circelli and Mrs. Muff.

Please forgive us if we forgot to include your name.

### **Madison Battle team wins Participation Award**

Congratulations to all Battle of the Book participants. It was another successful year for Madison Battlers. The following students worked very hard and deserve a lot of credit:

Joey Badgley, Amber Bornheimer, Kylie Caprini, Lauren Chang, Grace Cochran, Ella Colquhoun, Kaely Cooper, Grace DeMars, Miya Duebener, Carter Gaul, Tara Geraminejad, Brett Gniadek, Conor Gosain, Grace Graham, Isabel Greene, William Greene, Logan Harry, Jada Hopkins, Hawa Hussein, Caden Ippolito, Michael Johnson, Ryan Kammerzell, Mikah Kim, Caroline Kratz, Emma Kuruppacherry, Allyson Maher, Anna Mathis, Annie McBride, Ben McGady, Khadija Mohamed, Valentina Mosca, Rachel Nordmark, Rourke Robinson, Merena Rousseau, Sarah Siefert, Aydan Sipahi, Chloe Slater, Caroline Spayth, Xin Tian, Mackenzie Triscik, Lucas Turner, Annie Vail, Lukas Velazquez, Trenton Weber, Christian Young.

Thank you to the dedicated leaders this year: Evelyn Mosca, Jen Pashup-Graham, Janet Mathis, Katie McBride, Susan Nordmark and Amy Spayth.

Once again the Wheaton Public Library awarded Madison the Participation Award for having the highest number of participants of any school. We hope everyone had fun and enjoyed some good books!

### **Madison basketball needs you**

A big thank you to Mark Triscik for organizing Madison basketball this year. Madison basketball is for any Madison third through fifth grader. Mark is stepping down as organizer, so we're looking for someone to step up next year. He's happy to share his knowledge with you, [mark.triscik@ubs.com](mailto:mark.triscik@ubs.com). Also, Darrell Houston from the park district is happy to guide you too, [dhouston@wheatonparks.org](mailto:dhouston@wheatonparks.org). Please let Janet Mathis know if you'd like to help keep this Madison tradition going, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

### **Madison Tag Sale thanks you**

We'd like to thank everyone who came out to shop at the Tag Sale and help the PTA raise funds that will support programs for the students.

We'd also like to thank all sellers and everyone who volunteered to help with the sale in any way: Tim Callahan, Amy Schmidt, Barb Goldsborough, Christy Phanthavong, Dawnelle Muff, DeAnna Krejci, Mike Krejci, Debbie Allgood, Gaytana Morgan, Holly Harty, Janet Mathis, Jennifer Doty, Julie Hann, Kathy Diorio, Lisa Clark, Nicole Richwine, Brett Richwine, Sarah Johnson, Shannon Klopfenstein, Susan Nordmark, Sybil Scaccia, Kerry Romberg, Carrie Conover, Paige Mamula, Hollie Bourne, Jeannie Cho, Katie McBride, Samantha Campen, Christina Campbell, Rachael Bailey, Emilie Yonkers, Jen McDonnell, Virginia Underwood, Christina Hull, Sara Strasser, Kristi Wallrab, Javier Solano, the WWSHS Key Club, Trinity Episcopal Church for the use of their clothing racks, and Family Tree of Glen Ellyn.

### **Help beautify Madison School grounds**

On Sat., May 3 from 9 a.m. until noon, the Madison PTA will hold Beautification Day at the school. Anyone with a free hour that morning is welcome to help. If you have them, please bring gloves and garden tools. Contact John Phanthavong at [jcphanth@comcast.net](mailto:jcphanth@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **Thank you dental clinic volunteers**

Thank you to Anne Nigrelli and Louise Kirkman who volunteered their time with Smile Illinois Dental Clinic on April 11. With Gratitude, Mary McCafferty, [mary.mccafferty@cusd200.org](mailto:mary.mccafferty@cusd200.org).

## **Save the dates**

Click on the [calendar](#) on the Madison section of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org) to view upcoming dates. See below for some highlights:

Apr. 28: One School One Book begins

Apr. 30: All School Picture

May 3: Beautification Day

May 5-9: TV Turnoff week, staff appreciation week

May 7: Bike to School Day

May 7: Dining for Dollars at Oberweis (find coupon [here](#))

May 8: PTA meeting, 12:15 p.m., music room

Aug. 19: Meet and Treat

Sept. 4: Picture Day

Nov. 13: Multicultural Day

Jan. 24, 2015: Pancake breakfast

## **Did you know?**

By being a member of Madison PTA, you are part of the Illinois PTA and the National PTA. National PTA began in 1897 when mothers advocated for child labor laws to protect against unsafe working practices and conditions.

