



August 30, 2013

Dear Madison Parents,

It is my pleasure as principal to welcome you back to Madison Elementary. The Madison staff is looking forward to a great year and we have enjoyed seeing your children this last week!

Welcome New Families... This has been a very busy and exciting month here in the office as SO many new Mountain Lions have joined us at Madison this school year. We have the opportunity to host students from around the district into our two All-Day Kindergartens and our Instructional Kindergarten class. We also have seen a great number of new faces from near and far enter our other classes as well. Please extend a welcome and helping hand to our new families and help to show them why the Madison community is such a special place for kids.

Welcome New Staff... We also have many new professionals joining the Madison staff this year. Jessica Brown joins us in the PACE program. Coleen Stewart is teaching kindergarten. Olivia Gjeldum is teaching first grade. They all come to us with very positive, prior teaching experiences. Kelsey Bergeson joins our special education teaching staff. Jenny Boyd and Allison Burns will be assisting students in fourth and first grade, respectively. Joining the office team is Kim Bestwina. You will most likely hear her voice when you call school. And, finally, Samantha Mitchell will be with us for a period of time while she substitutes in the Instructional Kindergarten class this year.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders... Please remember the following important safety needs:

- Students must not be unattended on school grounds before 9 a.m.
- Students leaving Madison for lunch must have a written note.
- Mayo Drive is treated as a one-way street during arrival and dismissal times.
- Parents may not park or leave their cars in the loading zone during arrival or dismissal.

Curriculum Night – Sept. 4 ... Curriculum Night structure will be different this year for two reasons. Most importantly, we hope that parents with many children will be able to attend all classroom presentations. Secondly, I also have much to share with parents this year. I hope that by offering parents the opportunity to learn about Common Core, our new report cards, and standards-based grading; we can have a stronger partnership in educating your children.

Time	Classroom Presentation	Principal Presentation
6:00-6:30PM	PACE program	Mr. Callahan in MPR
6:35-7:10PM	Kindergarten and First Grade	Mr. Callahan in MPR
7:15-7:50PM	Second and Third Grade	xxx
7:55-8:30PM	Fourth and Fifth Grade	xxx

New District 200 Wellness Policy... You may be aware that District 200 adopted a new Wellness Policy this summer. Madison had already enacted many of the measures taken in this new policy, but the policy will cause some minor changes for us here.

For FAQ, go to www.cusd200.org, click “departments,” click “student services,” then click “wellness.”

I thank you for your support as we strive to provide a healthy environment for all.

I look forward to seeing everyone during these first weeks of school. As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to reach me by phone, email or in person.

Sincerely,



Tim Callahan, Principal
Madison Elementary School

Be involved in PTA, help Madison

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have already signed up to volunteer for Madison PTA. Your involvement helps to make Madison a wonderful place for your children to learn and grow. If you’re still looking to help out, there are definitely opportunities for you! Please contact someone on the Madison PTA executive committee:

- Janet Mathis, president, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com
- Sarah Johnson, v.p. of membership, skjohnson75@hotmail.com
- Robyn Beres, v.p. of ways and means, robynberes@hotmail.com
- Amy Schmidt, treasurer, schmidt.a@me.com
- Amy Fiorato, secretary, afiorato@gmail.com

Right now, we need someone to manage the Winter Carnival. Kids adore this Friday evening event, which takes place in late winter. Please contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com, if you’re interested in learning more.

Sept. 12 PTA leader kickoff meeting

Attention PTA committee chairs, party chairs and room parents: please plan to attend the Sept. 12 PTA leader kickoff meeting in the LLC at 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com.

Join Madison PTA for 2013 – 2014

The PTA is a combined group of dedicated parents, teachers and staff who work hard to enrich the academic lives of our students. Your membership helps support the numerous programs and activities throughout the school year that enrich our children's experience at Madison.

Your membership includes one copy of the school directory, along with the option to choose email delivery of the *Madison Memos* newsletter. Members also have the option to order additional copies of the school directory.

This year we will accept payment via credit card in addition to cash or check. Please help us simplify our membership process by paying electronically.

- Go to www.cusd200.org
- Select Madison School from drop down menu at top
- On left side menu, select PTA
- On left side menu, select Join Madison PTA! – Family Membership
- Click on the link to register and pay online

If you still prefer to pay by cash or check, follow the directions above and click on the second link to print and complete the forms at home. Registration forms are also available in the school office. Submit with payment in an envelope labeled "PTA Membership" to the school office. All checks should be made payable to Madison PTA.

If you have any questions regarding PTA membership, please contact Sarah Johnson at skjohnson75@hotmail.com or by phone at 630-588-8468. Thank you for joining the PTA and making Madison a great school!

Show your school spirit!

This year's spirit wear has lots of options that YOU can customize. Check out our display at Curriculum night. Sale begins Sept. 4. More info to follow!

Picture Day is next week

Mark your calendars. Picture day is Thurs., Sept. 5. Check backpacks for order forms and more information.

Thank you Meet and Treat volunteers!

Thank you to Terry Bagley, Robyn Beres, Debbie Buttell, Stacy Circelli, Kate Clarke, Moira Hinsdale, Kathy Hug, Janet Mathis, Kathryn Medanic, Dhebdy Orjuela, Andrea Quartz, Joanne Freely Smith, Margit Spires, Amy Stout and Suze Weber for making our first Madison Meet and Treat such a success. You handled the huge turnout (more than 700 spoons used) with patience and kindness!

Madison PTA business membership

The Madison Elementary PTA is offering local businesses or individuals the opportunity to advertise in our school directory.

Space can be purchased in a choice of 3 sizes:

Business Card - \$15 Quarter Page - \$25 Half Page - \$50

*Note: All ads & cards will be printed in Black & White. Color printing not available.

Your payment will help support numerous Madison PTA programs and will be great advertising for your business at the same time!

Please consider electronic payment via credit card:

- Go to www.cusd200.org
- Select Madison School from drop down menu at top
- On left side menu, select PTA
- On left side menu, select “Join Madison PTA! – Business Membership”
- Click on the link to register and pay online

If you prefer to pay by cash or check, please complete the form below and submit with payment.

If you have any questions regarding PTA business membership, please contact Sarah Johnson at skjohnson75@hotmail.com or by phone at 630-588-8468.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE SEPT. 13

Contact Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

\$15/Business Card \$25/Quarter Page \$50/Half Page

Total Enclosed: _____ Cash or Check payable to Madison PTA.
Send payment to school office: 1620 Mayo Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60189
Attn: PTA/Sarah Johnson

Submissions may be sent by e-mail to skjohnson75@hotmail.com or Hard copy may be sent to school office with payment.

All business cards, advertisements and fees must be received by Sept. 13th

Band and orchestra registration

Did you know that the District 200 instrumental music program is known throughout Illinois for its excellence? Fifth graders who do not play an instrument now have the opportunity to sign up to learn. Registration for Band and Orchestra takes place at Hubble and Monroe Middle Schools on Tues., Sept. 10, and at Edison and Franklin Middle Schools on Thurs., Sept. 12. Drop in any time between 4:00 and 7:45 p.m. to see the instruments, talk to instructors, and get information about renting instruments. Materials ordered at this time will be delivered to schools prior to the first lessons.

If parents cannot attend these sessions, please contact the band or orchestra teacher from your school. Students younger than 5th grade may also participate in large group rehearsals if they take private lessons outside of school. There is an \$80 fee for elementary band or orchestra participation; this is adjusted for students who qualify for exempt or reduced fees.

Please contact the instructor for more information. The band director at Madison is Mr. Kurt Makaryk at Kurt.Makaryk@cusd200.org; the string orchestra director is Mrs. Jeanne Johannesen at Jeanne.Johannesen@cusd200.org. We hope to see you at registration night!

Mountain Lions Fall Clean-up

Where: Madison School

When: Sat., Sept. 14
9 a.m.-noon

Please help keep our school grounds looking beautiful! We need many volunteers. Kids of all ages and parents welcome. Bring your gardening tools and gloves to help weed flower beds, rake, clean up, and spread mulch. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact John Phanthavong, jcphanth@comcast.net for more information.

Madison PTA Run-A-Thon 2013

Madison's Run-A-Thon is Sept. 18 and Sept. 19. The rain date is Sept. 20. Forms and pledge sheets are in Friday folders today. Extra forms are in the office and also located on the Madison website.

Madison PTA receives 100% of the proceeds, which supports programs such as Multicultural Day, Explore More Day, Cultural Arts, Field Day and many other wonderful programs. Each participant has a chance of winning exciting prizes, including a Kindle, Madison spirit wear, movie passes, snow cone maker, rainbow loom, games, Legos and much, much more!

Get your running shoes ready! If you'd like to volunteer for this event or have any questions, please contact Michele Triscik (mtriscik@prodigy.net) or Sybil Scaccia (sscaccia@comcast.net).

Has your child wanted to learn to play chess?

Chess has many academic benefits for your child such as:

- Focusing and Analyzing
- Visualizing
- Thinking Abstractly
- Thinking Ahead
- Planning
- Weighing Options
- Juggling Multiple Considerations Simultaneously

Chess stimulates children's minds and helps them to build these skills while enjoying themselves. Children become more critical thinkers, better problem solvers, and more independent decision makers.

Chess offers social benefits by bringing together children of different ages, genders and backgrounds to build individual friendships and also school spirit. Chess also teaches children about sportsmanship, how to win graciously and not give up when encountering defeat.

Chess provides a positive social outlet, a wholesome recreational activity that can be easily learned and enjoyed at ANY age.

ALL Madison students (K-5) are welcome!

Chess club meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Our first meeting is **Thurs., Sept. 26**.

There will be a short informational meeting for parents of Chess Club members at the first meeting.

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Phone: 630-542-5706

Samuel Hurtado hurts1@yahoo.com

Phone: 630-871-2786

Krista Caprini caprini2323@gmail.com

Phone: 608-692-2323

Madison library needs you

Volunteers are needed in the Madison library five days a week in both the AM (9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.) and PM (1 – 3 p.m.). Mrs. Graham would not have the program she has today without your help. Your time is appreciated no matter how often you can help -- be it every week, every other week, or once a month.

Volunteering in the library is a special way parents and grandparents can share in their child's school day. If you are interested in volunteering in the Madison library, please contact Kathryn Medanic at MadisonSchoolLLC@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration!

District 200 to offer parenting seminars

If you're interested in daytime or evening parenting seminars, take a look at the "Parenting seminars" flyer posted on the Madison PTA page of www.cusd200.org.

Treasures for the art room needed

Anything for the list you can donate is greatly appreciated. We are expert recyclers!

- Egg Cartons
- Yogurt and any plastic containers
- Kleenex
- Large T-shirts for smocks (please, no button down shirts)
- Paper Towels
- Wet Wipes
- Q-Tips
- Wallpaper
- Ribbon, string, buttons
- Tape
- Pencils
- Thin white wire hangers
- Magazines (appropriate)

Thank you!
Mrs. Murray

Save the date for Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day is Nov. 15. Join us as classes travel through Mexico, Asia, Europe, the Pacific Rim, Latin America and Africa, learning about other places and cultures. It takes many hands to make this day a success, and we need volunteers. You can coordinate a classroom (most materials will be provided), help decorate the evening before MCD, or help the day of the event leading games and crafts. We also have a need for prep tasks that can be done in the evenings at home. Even a few hours of your time is appreciated. Interested? Email Alis Priebe at rroarr@gmail.com or Jen Pashup-Graham at jpashup@outlook.com

Save summer clothes for Madison tag sale

As your kids outgrow their summer clothes, save them for the Madison tag sale. The sale is scheduled for the spring--the perfect time for buying and selling summer items.

Earn for Madison by spending at Target

Do you find yourself at Target once or maybe even twice a week or more? Did you know you could use that spending to earn money for Madison? By using your REDcard, Target's credit card or debit card, you can do just that. When you designate Madison as your elementary school, Target donates 1% of your total charge through their "Take Charge of Education" program. Right now we have 90 REDcard holders who have designated Madison as their school. So next time you're at the Target checkout, please consider applying for a REDcard, and start earning for Madison!

Notification of asbestos in buildings

You are hereby notified that Community Unit School District 200 has conducted the required inspections of asbestos containing building materials in District 200 schools as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Certified District 200 employees have conducted the inspections and developed the management plans.

Appropriate response plans have been developed and implemented which include semi-annual surveillance and a three year re-inspection.

The results of the inspections indicate that safe conditions exist in all buildings. The implementation of Operations and Maintenance plans will continually maintain and monitor the district to insure these safe conditions are sustained. Copies of the management plan are available in each building and in the office of the Buildings and Grounds Department in the Woodland School Facility in Warrenville.

Save the dates

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

- Sept. 2 Labor Day, no school
- Sept. 4 Curriculum night
- Sept. 5 Picture day
- Sept. 9 *Madison Memos* deadline
- Sept. 12 PTA general meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- Sept. 12 PTA leader kickoff meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Band and Orchestra Registration
- Sept. 14: Fall Clean-up, 9 a.m. - noon
- Sept. 18 Market Day
- Sept. 18-19 Run-a-thon
- Sept. 26: First Chess Club meeting
- Sept. 27 No school

Did you know?

Last year, Madison PTA purchased more than \$20,000 in items for your child's school including books, math games, SmartBoards, a sound system, rugs and more.

