



January 10, 2014

Help choose PTA leaders for next school year

The Madison PTA will be electing the 2014 Nominating Committee members during the general PTA meeting held on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the music room. The nominating committee will consist of five members and two alternates. The primary duty of the nominating committee is to provide a candidate for each vacant PTA office.

Members of the committee should be familiar with the mission and purposes of the PTA and the association's membership. Per the By-laws, all members of the nominating committee must have been a member of the Madison PTA or that of a feeder school for at least 30 days at the time of the election. Individuals who are willing to serve on the committee need to be present at the Feb. 13 meeting.

We welcome all members to come to this meeting and be part of this election process. If you are interested in being elected to the nominating committee or have questions, please contact Sarah Johnson, VP of Membership, at 630-588-8468; skjohnson75@hotmail.com.

Character Counts

Character Counts will meet Mon., Jan. 27 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the LLC. Our service project will involve making encouraging note cards and tray liners for a local nursing home. It will be an opportunity for students to brighten the day of an older person through a positive note or fun picture. Additionally, we will be accepting food donations to benefit the Peoples Resource Center in Wheaton. More details to follow.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please email Shannon Klopfenstein at Shannon@klopfensteins.com to sign up.

Coming up in February, the students will help make fleece blankets for Project Linus. We need several yards of fleece. Please let us know if you are able to donate fleece. We are looking for sizes 36x36 or 40x60 (crib size). Please drop it in the office.

Did you receive a new iPad for Christmas?

Please consider donating your old one to Madison. It would be a tax-deductible donation for 2014.

Attend Engage 200

Community Engagement Session #1 is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 15 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Monroe Middle School. Voice your thoughts regarding issues and opportunities for the future of District 200 or listen in on the discussion. Childcare is provided, but requires advance notice. Contact engage200@cusd200.org or phone 630-682-2000 for questions or childcare reservations.

Climbing wall donations still being collected

If you'd like to contribute toward the climbing wall, please send in your check payable to Madison PTA with "climbing wall" in the Memo line. Your January donation would be tax-deductible for 2014.

Reflections advancements announced

Three Madison students have advanced to the district level for their Reflections submissions. The ceremony will be held Mon., Jan. 27 at Hubble Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

- Primary Photography (Grade 1), “Dream of the Sky” by Xavier Foltyniewicz
- Intermediate Photography (Grade 5), “Peace” by Samuel Miller
- Intermediate Music Composition (Grade 5), “Palace #642” by Conor Gosain

Dine Out, Help Madison

Take the night off from cooking and raise money for Madison Elementary School. Dine in or carry out at Panda Express near Naperville and Butterfield Rds in the Danada shopping center on Wed., Jan. 15 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Panda Express will donate a portion of the sales to Madison PTA. Don't forget your flyer!

Questions? Please contact Robyn Beres at robynberes@hotmail.com.

Plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast

Madison's Annual Pancake Breakfast is Sat., Jan. 25. Come eat breakfast with your Madison family from 8:30-10:00 a.m. More information and a copy of the flyer sent out can be found on the Madison website under PTA. Questions? Please contact Shannon Graves shannonmom76@yahoo.com or Monica Fahey monicafahey@hotmail.com.

Recycle holiday lights

Madison is collecting working and non-working strands of incandescent or LED holiday lights and extension cords Nov. 25-Feb. 10. A collection box is in the school office. Madison will then pass them on to the Wheaton Public Works Department who will strip and recycle the copper and plastic parts. No materials will be shipped overseas.

Questions? Please contact Moyra Gorski at moyragorski@comcast.net.

PACE testing to begin in Spring 2014

In March/April 2014, the Program of Accelerated Curriculum and Enrichment (PACE) will host testing for currently enrolled second through fifth grade students.

Students currently in PACE classes do not need to re-test for 2014-2015. Students may be recommended for testing by their teacher and/or parent. The deadline for a parent to request PACE testing is Fri., Jan. 24, 2014.

Explore More Day committee members needed

Want to help organize what could be considered the most exciting day of the school year? Explore More Day co-chairs are especially looking for committee members who have younger children who could help continue this event in the coming years.

Explore More Day is always the Friday before Memorial Day. It's a day when kids "explore" new things—from a new sport to a new food to a science experiment or craft—kids learn something different. Kindergartners and first graders have their classes planned for them; second through fifth graders choose from about 40 classes. If you'd be interested in being on the committee, contact Dani at dmdeleon@sbcglobal.net or Stephanie at powell06@comcast.net.

Save the dates

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

Jan. 10: Group Yearbook photos
Jan. 15: Dining for Dollars at Panda Express
Jan. 16: Memos Deadline
Jan. 17: No School
Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 22: Market Day Pick up
Jan. 25: Pancake Breakfast

Did you know?

Madison PTA changes the outdoor sign in front of the school. In the winter, sometimes the sign freezes shut!

