



January 24, 2014

Plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast Tomorrow

Madison's Annual Pancake Breakfast is Sat., Jan. 25. Come eat breakfast with your Madison family from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Cost at the door is \$5 per person, \$20 family max. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and milk served by some special servers (Madison staff)!

We'll also have a BOOK DROP. Bring your gently used books and we will donate them to a local organization that provides books to less privileged families and kids.

Questions? Please contact Shannon Graves shannonmom76@yahoo.com or Monica Fahey monicafahey@hotmail.com.

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.

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

Help with the Character Counts Service Project

Don't forget to encourage your student to attend this month's Character Counts. We will meet Mon., Jan. 27 from 12-1 p.m. in the library. Our service project involves 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.

Starting Wed., Jan. 22 through Wed., Jan. 29 we will accept donations for the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. The most needed items are baby food, baby formula, diapers and wipes. Please place your donations on the table outside the office.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, 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. If you are able to donate the fleece, we would appreciate it! We are looking for sizes 36x36 inch or 40x60 inch (crib size). Please drop fleece in the office.

Get ready for the Winter Carnival

Madison's annual Winter Carnival is scheduled for Fri., Feb. 7 from 5-8:30 p.m. This popular family event has it all: food, games, face painting, music and a raffle! It's a great way to spend time with our Madison community.

This fun evening would not be possible without the help of parent volunteers. Please consider donating your time on the day of the event. Take a look at the Winter Carnival packet that came home this week to find a volunteer opportunity to fit your talents. Copies of all the forms are also available on the Madison [website](#).

Contact Robyn Beres at 630-690-4457 or Robynberes@hotmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Eat at the Golden Arches

February's Dining for Dollars is at McDonald's on the corner of Roosevelt and County Farm Rd. Mark your calendars to drive thru or dine in on Wed., Feb. 12 from 4-7 p.m. Take advantage of the play place and a menu filled with both guilty pleasures and healthy choices.

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.

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.

Climbing wall donations still being collected

Contribution checks toward the climbing wall should be payable to Madison PTA with "climbing wall" in the Memo line. Your January donation is tax-deductible for 2014.

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 today, 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. 25: Pancake Breakfast
- Feb. 7: Winter Carnival
- Feb. 12: Dining for Dollars at McDonalds
- Feb. 13: PTA General Membership Meeting @ 12:15
- Feb. 14: Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb. 17: No School
- Feb. 28: No School

Did you know?

The Madison PTA is a completely volunteer non-profit organization. Thank you to our volunteers who spend countless hours helping to make Madison great.

