



March 21, 2014

Dear Parents,

Spring Break and the third, and final, trimester are upon us! It is amazing how time flies when you're having fun. There has truly been a lot of fun at Madison lately. There was a life-size whale in our gym, crazy magnet experiments for first grade, "March Madness" at recess, the fourth and fifth graders taught the school about respect and responsibility, the climbing wall was installed, and more! Here is some information about more fun coming soon:

English/Language Arts (ELA) Standards... As you know, our students and teachers have been working very hard to implement the transition to Common Core math standards this year. For our students across all grades this has meant making some great leaps to this year's CC standards without having the benefit of mastering the prerequisite standards from the grade before. Next year, we'll continue to grow in our mastery and "catching up" to Common Core math. We're also going to begin our transition to English/Language Arts (ELA) Common Core Standards. There are three major shifts in implementing the Common Core/ELA Standards. **First, students will build knowledge through content-rich nonfiction reading.** Traditionally, elementary students spend most of their time reading fictional literature, but in Common Core at least 50% of reading will be non-fiction. Non-fiction text makes up about 80% of reading in college and the workplace, so it makes sense for elementary teachers to prepare students for that. **Secondly, students will write more to inform and argue** and write less narratively. Students will also **listen and speak factually with evidence collected from reading and listening.** Again this transition will better prepare students for the workplace and college entry exams. **Lastly, students will have regular practice with more complex text and high academic language.** An ACT study shows that the more complex text a student can read, the greater success a student will have in college. More information on the subject can be found at www.achievethecore.org or <http://commoncoreil.org/>.

St. Baldrick's Day: Today, Friday, March 21 is St. Baldrick's Day at Madison. What an amazingly successful campaign this was! Not only did we raise five times our initial fundraising goal, totaling over \$12,000 and growing, but we also learned about some amazing children and families in our school that have beaten this vicious disease. Most importantly, this campaign gave us the platform to stand beside our staff and our kindergartener, Sophie Cho, as she continues to battle cancer.

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

2014-2015 Madison PTA Officers Nominated

At the general membership meeting held on March 13, the PTA nominating committee announced its nomination slate for the executive committee to serve in the 2014-2015 school year. These individuals have accepted their nomination as follows:

PTA Co-President:	Janet Mathis, second term ending 6-2015
PTA Co-President:	Julie Ippolito, first term ending 6-2015
First Vice President of Membership:	Monica Fahey, first term ending 6-2015
Second Vice President of Ways & Means:	Robyn Beres, second term ending 6-2015
Treasurer:	Jennifer Pashup-Graham, first term ending 6-2015
Secretary:	Amy Fiorato, second term ending 6-2015

The officer election will take place at the next general membership meeting on April 10th at 12:15pm in the music room. Anyone who is interested in serving as an officer on the executive committee may also be nominated from the floor at this time. The person seeking office must have been a member of the PTA for at least the last 30 days, and the person nominating them must have their prior consent. We welcome all PTA members to participate in the election of next year's officers. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson, skjohnson75@hotmail.com or 630-588-8468.

Buy; Sell at the PTA Tag Sale

Do some spring cleaning, earn some cash, and help raise funds for the Madison PTA by being a seller at the Madison Tag Sale! Sale is Fri., Apr. 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Sat., Apr. 12 from 8:30-11 a.m.

- Sale will feature 'gently used' children's clothes, toys, books, games and small household items.
- Sellers price all items.
- For items sold, seller receives 70% of the proceeds and the Madison PTA receives 30%.
- [Access the Seller Registration Form](#) on the Madison PTA page of www.cusd200.org.

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnna Krejci at (630) 890-7727 or DKrejci@Fellowes.com and Nicole Richwine at (630) 542-0484 or NRichwine@hotmail.com.

Donate, Shop Family Tree Resale

District 200 has partnered with [Family Tree Resale Shop](#) community voucher program. With every donation you make in the name of Madison School, Family Tree donates vouchers to Madison. Madison's social worker will distribute these vouchers to families in need at *Madison*, who then go to Family Tree and shop for FREE. Please consider donating gently used clothing and household goods to Family Tree.

Health Requirements for Incoming 6th Grade Students

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Illinois State requires that:

- *Students entering school for the first time* (preschool, kindergarten, or first grades), *students entering sixth and ninth grades*, and *transfer students* must submit evidence of a physical examination done by a licensed physician, advanced practice nurse or examining physician assistant and a complete record of immunizations. The physical examination must be dated within one (1) year prior to the first day of school. The immunization records must show proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella and polio.
- Students in kindergarten, second and sixth grades must submit evidence of a dental examination by May 15th of that school year. Dental exams must be completed within eighteen (18) months prior to May 15th.
- For safety consideration, students who do not have a current physical on file by the first day of school may not be allowed to participate in physical education classes until a physical is received by the Health Office. Per District 200 policy, students who do not meet these requirements will be excluded from school attendance.

New Requirements for students entering sixth grade:

- Students who have not already received a Tdap vaccination are required to receive one (1) Tdap dose regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose.
- Students are required to show proof of having received three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
- Students are required to show proof of having received two doses of live mumps virus and two doses of live rubella vaccine.
- Students are required to show proof of having received two doses of the varicella vaccine.

Your student should receive these vaccines with their required 6th grade school physical if they do not have proof that they already received it. Please check with your health care provider to determine if they were already given and provide the school health office with documentation from that office as to the date given.

Students will be excluded from school if physicals and immunizations are not current by August 2014.

For your convenience the DuPage County Health Department offers immunizations at a reduced cost. Please call (630) 682-7400 for an appointment. The student must live in DuPage County, present a current immunization record, be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and not have insurance coverage for immunizations.

Health forms are available for download on the [district](#) and [school](#) website.

WWSHS Summer Camp Registration

The 2014 Wheaton Warrenville South Summer Recreation Camps are open for enrollment. You will find the information on the either the [WWSHS main website](#) or the [athletic website](#).

Book fair needs volunteers

Consider volunteering at Madison's Spring Book Fair. Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers, means getting involved while they're young.

Please make plans to visit our Scholastic Book Fair FIESTA! Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. The more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Book fair schedule

Apr. 14 & 16 open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apr. 15 open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Apr. 17 open 9 a.m to 12 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, please e-mail Mrs. Graham at diane.graham@cusd200.org or Stacy Circelli at circelli5@comcast.net.

You can find more information [here](#) or on the Madison web page under LLC.

Save the dates

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

Mar. 31-Apr. 4: Spring Break

Apr: 10: PTA General Membership Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Apr: 11: Tag Sale from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Apr: 12: Tag Sale from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Apr: 14-17: Book Fair

April 18: No School

Apr: 23: Market Day

May 7: Bike to School Day

Sept. 4: Picture Day

Nov. 13: Multicultural Day

Jan. 24, 2015: pancake breakfast

Did you know?

Each month, kids whose birthdays are in that month get to pick out a new book to keep. Madison PTA purchases those books.

