



**March 7, 2014**

**Madison PTA donates climbing wall and other gifts to school**

Madison's new climbing wall may be the most visual gift from the PTA this school year, but we wanted to share some of the other gifts Madison PTA has given to the school—thanks to your generosity.

This school year alone, Madison PTA has purchased sunshine books, reading/writing carts, books on CD and five CD players, scholastic books, poetry books, playaways for the Library Learning Center, chairs for reading center, math domes, three classroom carpets, a play rug, mailboxes, four drums for music, garden supplies, hand-held radios for safety, frames for the art gallery in the school entrance, safety patrol belts, and an additional jack for the sound system.

This list doesn't include all the purchases for events like Multicultural Day, assemblies, clubs and more. Thank you for your continued support for Madison PTA fundraisers. If you have questions, please contact Janet Mathis, Madison PTA president, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

**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](http://www.cusd200.org).

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

**Kindergarten Roundup coming soon**

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014, we will be hosting a Parent Meeting on Mar. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration begins at 6:30 p.m. This "parent only" event is a great way to become acquainted with kindergarten at Madison Elementary, meet the staff members, and ask your questions. Please pass this information to any friends or neighbors with a potential kindergartener. Please call the school office at (630) 682-2095 to add your child's name to our kindergarten list.

### **Book fair to help buy books for LLC and more**

The spring book fair raises funds to buy Monarch, Bluestem and Caudill books for the Library Learning Center. It also helps supply books for classroom libraries. We need volunteers for set-up on Apr. 11 at 1 p.m. We also need volunteers the week of Apr. 14-17. If you can help, please contact Janet Mathis, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

### **Attend March and April PTA meetings**

The nominating committee will report its executive committee nominees at the Mar. 13 general PTA meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the music room. The election will take place at the general PTA membership meeting on Apr. 10 at 12:15 p.m. in the music room.

### **St. Baldrick's donations streaming in**

Wow... the Madison community has already raised more than \$5,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a non-profit that helps to fund childhood cancer research. If you are collecting money, the best and quickest way to get it in the hands of the people who need it is to submit it online. If you're collecting cash, keep it, and submit the full amount online with a credit card. We will count money after the event on Mar. 21, but the most efficient way is through the website, [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org). If you have questions, please contact Janet Mathis at [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

### **Thank you, Character Counts!**

We had so much fun creating St. Baldrick's Day posters and banners at our February Character Counts! Many thanks to our adult volunteers who made this event run smoothly: Shannon Klopfenstein, Terry Bagley, Jody Gosain, Katie McBride, Amy Schmidt and Anne Valente. Special thanks go to Jeannie Cho who educated all of us on her personal cancer journey with her daughter Sophie. Finally, a BIG thanks to all the students who attended. Have fun looking for your poster or banner around the halls!

### **Staff Appreciation Luncheon Thank You**

The Staff Appreciation Committee would like to thank Jaime Szafranski, Julie Hann, Megan Day, Jeannie Cho, Kerry Holy, Louise Kirkman, Sarah Gochee, Rose Iacobellis, Trisha McGady and Gina Smethells for their help and food donations to our Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon, which took place on Feb. 20. It was a great success and could not have been achieved without their help. We would also like to thank Mrs. Graham for allowing us to use the LLC for the luncheon and Kathy DiOrio for her assistance with the invitations. Lastly, we are grateful to Shane's Deli for contributing to the luncheon.

### **Box Tops Update**

Thank you to everyone who submitted Box Tops for Education this year. Madison collected nearly \$370 in box tops over the last 4 months. This money will go to purchase new books for the LLC. Please continue to cut them out and send them in.

### **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:

Mar. 10: Kindergarten Roundup

Mar. 13: PTA general membership meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mar. 21: St. Baldrick's event at 2 p.m.

Mar. 31-Apr. 4: Spring Break

Thurs. 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.

