



May 23, 2014

Dear Parents,

2014-2015 Staffing Update... I would like to announce some staffing changes for 2014-2015. Mrs. Summers will be returning to a familiar role from years ago and teach kindergarten. Our PACE reading teacher, Mrs. Brown, will be teaching fifth grade at Hawthorne Elementary. Mrs. Witnik will split time teaching in the reading and ELL departments. Ms. Bergeson will teach in the special education programs at Madison and Sandburg Elementary. We also will miss the Madison teachers who retire on June 10. We wish a fond farewell and a great big "thank you" to Mrs. Voss, Mrs. LaRowe, and Mrs. Seum. These three women have combined to dedicate 64 years to Madison students! Lastly, three of our assistants (Mrs. Fountain, Ms. Ostrom, and Mrs. Burns) are also leaving District 200 at the end of the year after serving so admirably.

Celebrating Achievements... We have so many things to celebrate and be excited about as we prepare for an awesome 2014-2015 school year! Our music department was awarded an amazing grant giving our school musical instruments like xylophones and drums. Mrs. Graham won a competitively sought-after grant, thus our LLC's shelves will be stocked with the newest award winning books. In technology, Madison now has charging stations and a Macbook to manage our iPads and better utilize them in classrooms. Our Behavior Committee has fully implemented our "Guidelines for Success" so that all of our Madison students understand that "At Madison, we are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn." Our students continue to serve in many character building events like St. Baldrick's, Feed My Starving Children, making blankets and birthday kits for the needy, and much more. Academically, our students worked hard in the first year of implementing Common Core math and our staff has worked hard to prepare for the first year of Common Core English language arts.

On-line Registration... On-line registration for the 2014-2015 school year will open on May 27, 2014. After that date, you may log on ParentVue to complete your registration and pay fees for next school year. Please confirm all information is correct and enter emergency names and numbers. If phone numbers are not current, please notify the office. They will be happy to update your student's records. After July 1, 2014, a \$10.00 late registration fee will be charged. Thank you so much for partnering with us in your child's education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Callahan".

Tim Callahan, Principal

NEW200 Foundation is seeking support to expand educational opportunities:

Did you know that Illinois is 50th in the nation as far as educational funding from the state? In addition, the school district's annual revenue increase is limited by CPI. As we learned at the last community engagement session, our CUSD200 is doing its best with the limited financial resources available. School foundations are an important resource as they can help bridge the gap between district revenue limitations and the desire to expand educational opportunities for our students.

In our district, the [NEW 200 Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization, operated by parent and community volunteers, that brings innovative teaching methods and new technology to District 200 classrooms. Please click here for [flyer](#) to learn more about NEW200 and how you can help revitalize this great organization for our district! We are very excited about all the ideas we have about growing the foundation to partner with alumni, businesses, and other organizations. Please take a look and consider how you can help. Thank you!

Next year's Reflections theme announced

The theme is: "The World Would Be a Better Place If..." If you are interested in serving as Madison PTA's Reflections committee chair next year, please contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com.

General Mills Box Tops for Education

Thank you for saving the Box Tops for Education. We have earned enough money to purchase Caudill, Monarch, and Bluestem Award books. Thank you for your support and thank you to Susan Nordmark who organized the program.

Field Day help needed

Field Day is June 6 with a rain date of June 9. We are in need of parent helpers throughout the day. If you would like to help with this fun event please contact Monica Fahey (monicafahey@hotmail.com or 630 517 8187).

District 200 2014 Summer Reading Program

District 200's Summer Reading Incentive Program for grades one through five is *Reading is Out of this World!* Students will be receiving the reading forms to record their summer reading goals. For additional forms see the [Madison PTA page](#) of www.cusd200.org.

Order 2014-2015 school supply kits online

New this year, parents will have the opportunity to order 2014-2015 school supply kit online as part of the PTA registration process. Let the PTA help you relax this summer knowing that all your child's school supplies will be ready and waiting for them in their classroom in August. The only exceptions are gym shoes, ear buds, paint smocks and items to be purchased from the teacher in the fall. Just go to the PTA section of the Madison [web site](#) to complete your online order and payment by May 30. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Medanic at kmedanic@gmail.com.

Join Madison PTA for 2014 – 2015

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.

For greatest convenience, we offer online registration and credit card payments for the following:

- **PTA family membership** - Your membership includes one copy of the school directory. A portion of your dues is sent to both the State and National PTA to support ongoing communication of children's issues for education and legislation.
- **Volunteer sign up** – Volunteer your time and talents to support the programs that enrich our children's experience at Madison.
- **School supply kits** - Let the PTA do your school supply shopping for you. Each kit is complete with the items required for your child's grade level and gender. Supplies are ready and waiting for your child in their classroom when school begins in August.
- **Yearbook** – Order early and ensure that your child(ren) has a copy of this fantastic keepsake featuring friends, teachers, staff, and all the activities that create Madison memories.

Online registration and payment is easy! Just follow these steps:

- Go to <http://www.cusd200.org/Domain/1218>
- 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 prefer to pay by cash or check, please select ‘Overview’ from the left side PTA menu to find registration and order forms under the Files & Forms list. Print and complete the forms at home and submit payment(s) to the school office. Registration and order forms are also available in the school office. All checks should be made payable to Madison PTA.

If you are interested in having your business card or a business ad appear in the Madison school directory, or if you have any questions regarding PTA membership, please contact Monica Fahey at monicafahey@hotmail.com or by phone at 630-517-8187.

Thank you for joining the PTA and making Madison a great school!

Fifth grade party

The 5th grade party is scheduled for the last day of school, Tues., June 10, from 9:15 a.m.-12 p.m. with an outdoor lunch at the sledding hill from 12-1 p.m. Fifth grade parents, if you want to volunteer that day please contact Susan Nordmark at Snordmark@comcast.net or Krista Foley at Kristafoley@hotmail.com.

Sign up to volunteer next year

Madison PTA needs volunteers in every one of its 40 committees. There's something for everyone. From cleaning up Madison's grounds to fundraising, Multicultural Day to Explore More Day, Battle of the Books to math club, you can find a place for you. Simply go out to the Madison PTA overview page of www.cusd200.org, click on [Join a PTA Committee!](#) and click [Sign up Now](#). Please indicate if you're willing to chair or co-chair a committee.

“Madison Paw Prints” yearbooks to be delivered soon

Thank you very much to the wonderful 2013-14 Yearbook Committee. When the fun happens at Madison, they are there to capture it. A special thank you to those families that submitted pictures as well as the Yearbook Committee members: Krista Foley, Holly Harty, Jennifer Hasbrouck, Heather Herr, Louise Kirkman, Lisa Maher, Gaytana Morgan, Kristin Olson, Alis Priebe and Sybil Scaccia.

If you have any interest in being a part of this fun, creative committee next school year, please contact Dawn Draus at dmdraus@ameritech.net.

Classroom parties will be revamped next year

After input from parents, teachers and staff, Madison PTA classroom party activities next year will be planned by classroom, not by grade level. We hope this change will help to make planning games and crafts fun and easy for volunteers. Each class will have two room parents who will work together to help plan and implement parties, along with other classroom parents.

Madison PTA will continue to provide food at parties, following the guidelines in place this year. We will continue to work with the nursing staff to help to ensure a safe and inclusive party. Food will be coordinated across grade level as much as possible.

If you're interested in serving as a room parent next year, please go out to the Madison PTA page of www.cusd200.org, and click on "[Join a PTA Committee](#)."

Chairs and co-chairs needed for next year

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of Madison kids? Lead a PTA committee! The following committees could use your leadership for next year:

Art to Remember, Battle of the Books, Junior Battle of the Books, Beautification, Directory, Explore More Day, Field Day, Go Green, Multicultural Day, One School One Book, Pancake Breakfast, Reflections, Scholarship, Staff Appreciation, Winter Carnival, Wrapping Paper.

Questions? Contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com. For descriptions of the committees, and to sign up, simply go out to the Madison PTA overview page of www.cusd200.org, click on [Join a PTA Committee!](#) and click [Sign up Now](#).

Thank you Staff Appreciation volunteers

The Staff Appreciation Committee Chairs would like to thank the following people/families for their help with the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 9:

Mrs. Graham for use of the library; Kathy DiOrio for coordinating and scheduling and assisting with RSVPs; Sybil Scaccia, Margit Spires, Louise Kirkman, Alis Priebe, and Annie Kim for donating their time; the Scaccia family, Sara Gochee, and Rose Sims for donating food; El Zarape restaurant for subsidizing the meal for staff; and the Beautification Committee and John Phanthavong for contributing beautiful flowers for center pieces.

Math Club Ends the year with Lemonade War Games for all

Math Club served a range of 40-86 students per month this year with an average of 60 students at each regular meeting. Throughout the year, the students were lucky to have the support and guidance of our dedicated, creative faculty member Mrs. Hull. The excitement the students have about math comes from her genius way of making complex math accessible and engaging.

In May, the bonus Lemonade Wars Math Games for every grade brought skip counting style multiplication to the youngest of the Madison Mountain Lions and profit calculation relay races for the oldest. Thank you to Katie McBride for spearheading the effort.

This club would not make it through a single month without the enabling steady support of the following PTA members: Kim Cooper, Susan Nordmark, Joo Chang, Anne Nigrelli, Julie Garnache, Terry Bagley, Janet Mathis, Mr. Jewell, and Amy Schmidt. Guest helper appearances were made by Katie McBride, Dawn Draus, Misty Gniadek, Michele Trisick, Sybil Scaccia and Alis Priebe. We are also grateful that Joo Chang took on the curriculum challenge for a month this year and taught all of us the beauty of several pieces of origami.

If you have a student who will be entering third grade next year, please add Math Club volunteer to your PTA membership volunteer list. We welcome brave new adult helpers each year. The club meets monthly over lunch from November (although we have been asked to start in October) to April (or May if we are begged into one more set of games).

Questions? Contact Jody Gosain at jodygosain@gmail.com.

Thank you LLC Volunteers

Thank you to the Library Learning Center volunteers and to Kathryn Medanic, the LLC Volunteer Coordinator. The library volunteer program has always been an important aspect of Madison's LLC program. Volunteers shelve books, check books in and out, read stories, and complete the many tasks to make the library run smoothly. Volunteers also allow Mrs. Graham the opportunity to work with classes on research projects and other activities. With the reduction of library aides at the elementary level, we especially need volunteers next year to continue providing services for our students. Volunteers are needed both in the morning (9:15 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.) or the afternoon (1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.). If you are interested in volunteering next year, please contact Kathryn Medanic at madisonschoollc@gmail.com.

Thank you to this year's library volunteers:

Sue Adkins, Sheri Badgley, Laura Boynton, Debbie Buttell, Joo Chang, Kim Cooper, Linda Doherty, Jen Doty, Gail DuVall, Karen Evans, Monica Fahey, Jody Gosain, Lois Haraldsen, Holly Harty, Heather Herr, Sue Hervey, Annie Kim, Nicole Klotz, Mary Jo Krauss, Lisa Maher, Kelly Masse, Janet Mathis, Kathryn Medanic, Dawnelle Muff, Anne Nigrelli, Susan Nordmark, Jennifer Pashup-Graham, Vickie Samala, Liz Severino, Annette Shore, Amy Spayth, Margit Spires, Jaime Szafranski, Amy Tavolino, Lynne Tucker, Monica Wagner, and Carol Worobec.

Also, thank you to Chris Foy who organized the ink recycling program and Susan Nordmark who organized the General Mills Box Tops For Education program.

Thank you for donations and volunteer hours for Explore More Day

The Explore More Day Committee would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donations to our students. Without their donations and support we could not have had such an amazing day for our students.

Baker's Square Restaurant, Barone's Pizza, Bruce and Renee Lauer, Chick-Fil-A Wheaton, Chipotle Roosevelt Rd., Danada Deli, Humana, Noodles and Co., Patty Capela of Kohl's Cares, Wheaton Store, Sgt. William Murphy and Officer Joe Dimas of Wheaton Police Department, Jourdan Przybyla of Vertical Endeavors, Jerry Zimmerman aka "Mr. Freeze" of Fermilab; Sherry Halleran, Bob Stelletello, Superstar Karate, and the following WWSHS teams: Basketball, Cheerleaders, Football, Girls' Tennis, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Dance, and Robotics FIRST #7301.

Thank you to Madison families who volunteered their time and provided donations:

Sue Adkins, Evelyn Amador, Dana Anliker, Sandy Armstrong, Caston Awadzi, Diane & Aaron Augustine, Sheri Badgley, Terry Bagley, Libby Belling, Robyn Beres, Mary Boedigheimer, Lisa Bonilla, Kristen Borrink, Laura Boynton, Linda Brennan, Stephanie Brown, Lori & Paul Burger, Chris Bush, Debbie Buttell, Austin Canella, Krista Caprini, Dan Clark, Kate Clark, Tiffany Cochran, Traci Colquhoun, Kim Cooper, Kevin Cruse, Rebecca Cummings, Theresa Cutlan, Summer Czarnecki, Mikaela de Leon, Mark Doherty, Jen Doty, Dawn & Pete Draus, Paula Duebener, Stacy Durocher, David Eddington, Monica Fahey, Fatma Ahmed, Krista Foley, Chris Foy, Lindsay Franks, Julie Garnache, Alicia Garnache, Peter Garnache, Leigh Ann Gaul, Julie Georgiou, Nicky Giambalvo, Nancy Giordano, Misty Gniadek, Edith Goetz, Barb Goldsborough, Moyra, Paul & Tyler Gorski, Jen Pashup-Graham, Becky Grout, Julie Hahn, Neal Halleran, Becca Hary, Jeff Hasbrouck, Sue He, Andrea Hogle, Julie, Hailey Hollyer, Kerry Holy, Jeanett Hurtado, Kristen Hottenstein, Amy Howard, Kathy Hug, Julie Ippolito, Trina Jennings, Scott Johnson, Jaime Kammerzell, Anthony Karahalios, Nadya Khamisi, Annie Kim, Louise Kirkman, Julie Klink, Shannon Klopfenstein, Nicole Klotz, MaryJo Krauss, Christine Kroeze, Katie Lamberty, Elaine Lao, Erin Lech, Christina Locher, Carol Luetkehans, Sri Devi Mallu, Paige Mamula, Rich Masterson, Janet & Mark Mathis, Katie McBride, Becky McCarville, Terri McCue, Kathryn Medanic, Gaytana Morgan, Katie Morris, Marla Mothershed, Jack Mousseau, Dawnelle Muff, Allison Nelson, Anne Nigrelli, Melisa Oker, Kristin Olson, Tracy & Bob Osborne, Michael Pascente, Christy Phanthavong, Sara Polley, Chris, Sami, & Matt Powell, Alis Priebe, Andrea Quartz, Gina Raine, Samantha Raftery, Tykisha Riley, Donna Rosenbergh, Heidi Rousseau, Susan Sanders, Kristy Santora, Mike Savage, Megan Savitt, Sybil Scaccia, Amy Schmidt, Rachel Seifert, Liz Severino, Rose Sims, Gina Smethells, Amy & Guy Spayth, Margit Spires, Meagan St. Louis, Jaime Szafranski, Lisa Szudarski, Amy Tavolino, Mark Triscik, Kelley Vail, Anne Valente, Monica Wagner, Fiona Waller, Suzie & John Weber, Tricia Webber, Randy Wenger, Stephanie Whitehead, Solomon Wubishet, and Lisa Young.

A thank you goes out to Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Di'Orio and the entire Madison Elementary team of teachers, aides and staff. And special thanks to the outstanding committee that planned and put this day together:

Debbi Gonzalez, Jody Gosain, Heather Herr, Mary LoParco, Lisa Maher, Susan Nordmark, Jacqueline Smith, Michele Triscik, Stacy Circelli, Marianne Kratz, and Susan Sanders.

Volunteer at “Madison Meet and Treat”

On Aug. 19, all students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, put away school supplies, and yes, eat some free ice cream. Students and their families are welcome. Classrooms will be open from 3-4 p.m., and we'll serve ice cream in the gym from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. We need people to scoop ice cream. If you can help, please contact Melisa Oker at melshimer@yahoo.com.

Thank you room parents and party chairs

On behalf of the entire PTA, thank you to this year's room parents and party chairs. Your commitment and dedication lasts for the entire school year, and we are so grateful for your efforts. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness, creativity, and the joy you bring to Madison students and teachers.

Kindergarten: Samantha Campen, Hollie Bourne, Jennifer Guevara, Carrie Conover, Kim Pavicich, Julie Klink, Kate Clarke, Abby May, and Diane Augustine.

First Grade: Melisa Oker, Margit Spires, Nicole Zaccaria, Julie Ippolito, Danielle Schroeder, Evelyn Mosca, Nicole Klotz, and Monica Fahey.

Second Grade: Julie Hann, Sophie Archos, Louise Kirkman, Tricia Webber, Annie Kim, Shannon Graves, and Anne Nigrelli.

Third Grade: Chrissy Ligler, Julie Fasano, Julie Garnache, Kristin Olson, Meagen St. Louis, Krista Foley, and Lisa Clark.

Fourth Grade: Amy Schmidt, Misty Gniadek, Suzie Weber, Stacy Durocher, Rachel Seifert and Lisa Szudarski.

Fifth Grade: Michele Triscik, Katie McBride, Kim Cooper, Susan Nordmark, Julie Georgiou, and Ellen Joyce Tomes.

One School, One Book

We hope all the families enjoyed our first ever One School One Book (OSOB) book club at Madison. *The Lemonade War* was a fun book to read together and discuss topics like family dynamics, getting along with people, and math and economic concepts. As always, a great experience like this does not come together without teamwork.

Thank you to the OSOB team who put in a lot of time and energy into organizing this book club. Committee members include: Jody Gosain, Dawn Draus, Michele Triscik, Debbie Buttell, Sybil Scaccia, Kim Cooper, Susan Nordmark, Tricia Webber, Mary DeMars, Amy Schmidt, Amy Spayth, Heidi Russeau, Kelley Vail, Meg Jamen, Janet Mathis, Leigh Ann Gaul, Christina Hull, and Lisa Feeley.

If you have any comments to share or if you would like to join the OSOB committee next year, please contact Katie McBride at bobkate88@comcast.net.

New ongoing fundraiser: amazon.com

When you shop on amazon.com, please use the Madison PTA link:

<http://www.fundyourpta.org/madisonelementary.php>

Madison PTA will earn 6% on every purchase! Click [here for more information](#).

Save the dates

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

May 26: Memorial Day. No school

May 27: Online registration opens for 2014-2015 in ParentVue

June 6: Field Day (rain date June 9)

June 10: Last Day of School

June 30: Payment deadline for 2014-2015 registration fees

Aug. 5: New families, walk-in registration from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 3 – 7 p.m.

Aug. 18: Classroom teacher assignments available in ParentVue

Aug. 19: Meet and Treat

Aug. 21: First day of school

Sept. 4: Picture Day

Sept. 4: Curriculum Night

Nov. 13: Multicultural Day

Jan. 24, 2015: Pancake breakfast

Did you know?

Madison PTA's biggest annual budget expenses are teacher wish lists, field trips and Explore More Day. This year's biggest budget fundraisers were the Run-a-thon, followed by winter carnival and then Target. (Sign up your [Target](#) card to earn money for Madison PTA each time you use it!)

