



October 11, 2013

Run-A-Thon raises \$15,000+

Way to go Madison students, family, and staff! We raised more than \$15,000 from our Run-a-Thon, of which the [Madison PTA](#) receives 100% of the money.

The grade level winning classes include Stewart PM, Cook, Schiefen, Hernandez, Jewell, and Emma. Each winning class will play a special game with Mr. Callahan and Mr. Cortesi. Congratulations to the more than 50 raffle winners. We appreciated Mr. Callahan and Mrs. Feeley's help pulling all the lucky winners.

Thank you to the following businesses that helped support the Run-a-Thon raffle: Alfie's Restaurant, All Occasions, Fox Bowl, Heather Herr (thirty-one gifts), Learning Express, Movie Studio Grill, Noodles & Company (Wheaton), Target (Warrenville & Wheaton), and Yumz Gourmet Frozen Yogurt.

A special thank you to the following teachers who donated to the raffle: Mr. Cortesi, Miss Fograse, Mrs. Rebholz, Ms. Schiefen, and Mr. Spontak.

Thank you Katie McBride and Robyn Beres for opening pledge envelopes and counting money.

Madison PTA appreciates the support given in reaching our goal toward our biggest fundraiser this year. We can't wait to run again next year!

Make a Difference Day collection

Madison is participating in Make a Difference Day, which is a community-wide event. From Oct. 15-25, we will collect non-perishable/non-glass food and household items to donate to the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. Today, every Madison student came home with a reusable grocery bag to fill with items. Students can deliver all donations to school daily through Fri., Oct. 25 when we will "stuff-a-truck" with all of our donations. Questions? Contact Shannon Klopfenstein at (630) 653-9151 or shannon@klopfensteins.com.

Donate Halloween costumes

Can you make a difference for someone this Halloween? If you have a gently used Halloween costume you would like to donate, drop it off outside Lisa Parrilli's office by Fri., Oct. 25. Bigger sizes are especially needed (think third through fifth grade).

Join Madison PTA for 2013 – 2014

The School Directory will be available at the end of October. Act now to reserve your copy!

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.

Your membership includes one copy of the school directory. Members can order additional copies of the school directory.

This year we will accept payment via credit card in addition to cash or check. Please help us simplify our membership process by paying electronically.

- Go to www.cusd200.org
- Select Madison School from drop down menu at top
- 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 still prefer to pay by cash or check, follow the directions above and click on the second link to print and complete the forms at home. Registration forms are also available in the school office. Submit with payment in an envelope labeled "PTA Membership" to the school office. All checks should be made payable to Madison PTA.

If you have any questions regarding PTA membership, please contact Sarah Johnson at skjohnson75@hotmail.com or by phone at 630-588-8468.

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

Yearbook committee seeks more volunteers

The yearbook committee needs people to create pages. If you're a working parent, this may be for you--you can create the pages in the comfort of your own home. Volunteers submit photos to you via email or CD, and you design the yearbook page. Questions? Contact Dawn Draus at (630) 221-1514 or dmdraus@ameritech.net.

Explore More Day future co-chairs needed

We have two wonderful co-chairs of Explore More Day this year, Stephanie Powell and Dani de Leon. Their youngest children are in fifth grade, so we're looking for two people to "shadow" them this year. 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.

Enjoy Butter Braid® pastries, help Madison

Just in time for the holidays, [Madison PTA](#) will be taking orders for delicious Butter Braid® frozen pastry dough. Made with 100 percent real butter and filled with a variety of fruits and flavors, Butter Braid® pastries come frozen, allowing you the choice of when to thaw, rise, bake and eat. Easy to make, rich homemade taste, and Butter Braid® pastries contain zero grams trans fat. Great for holiday gatherings, gifts, entertaining, brunch, lunch or dinner.

Order forms will be sent home with your child on Oct. 18. All orders are due by Nov. 8. Convenient pick up will be at Madison School on Nov. 21 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Other arrangements can be made if you are unavailable to pick up at that time. Special incentive will be awarded to the class with the highest percentage of sales per student. Please contact Robyn at (630) 690-4457 or robynberes@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Eat at Noodles, support Madison

Madison's first "Dining for Dollars" event for the school year is Thurs., Oct. 24 at [Noodles & Company](#) in Danada from 5-9 p.m. For those new to Madison, "Dining for Dollars" is an opportunity for Madison families to dine in or carry out at an area restaurant on one specific night. The restaurants, in turn, donate a percentage of the night's sales back to the school. Noodles & Company will donate 25 percent of our total sales back to Madison.

Your child will be bringing home a flyer next week to remind you of the event. Please bring this flyer with you to the restaurant that night or mention that you are with Madison.

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Beres at (630) 690-4457 or robynberes@hotmail.com.

Old markers, batteries wanted for recycling

The Green committee is collecting the following:

- Old dried-up markers for Crayola's ColorCycle program. Crayola converts 308 markers into one gallon of fuel, which will fuel an SUV for 15 miles.
- Old batteries

Boxes for each collection are in the main office.

Questions? Contact Moyra Gorski at moyragorski@comcast.net.

Main Office requests donations

As the cooler weather sets in and you are perhaps cleaning out your closets, please think of Madison for the following:

- Gently used sweatpants, nylon running pants or pull on pants in size 9/10 and smaller.
- Used tennis balls. We cut them and put them on the bottom of chair and table legs to protect the floors.

Questions? Contact Kathy Diorio at (630) 682-2095 or katherine.diorio@cusd200.org

Looking to upgrade to a new iPad?

The second grade team will put your old iPad to good use. The second grade teachers have found many ways for refurbished iPads to complement the new common core curriculum. If you're willing to donate your iPad for a teaching tool, please contact Mrs. Schiefen, Miss Fograse or Mrs. Rebholz. Or contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com.

Madison PTA wants your opinion

Please take a minute or two to fill out this [eight question survey](#). It's online, it's easy, and it's a great way to have your voice heard. You can also find it on the [Madison PTA page](#) of www.cusd200.org. Questions? Contact Janet Mathis, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com.

Save the dates

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

Oct. 14: No school
Oct. 15: Book Fair begins
Oct. 16: Market Day pick up
Oct. 18: Butterbraid sales begin
Oct. 24: Dining for Dollars at Noodles & Co.
Oct. 31: Halloween parties
Nov. 1: No School
Nov. 4: Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 6: Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 7: Picture re-take day
Nov. 15: Multicultural Day
Nov. 20: Dining for Dollars at Capri
Feb. 7: Winter carnival

Did you know?

For the past three consecutive years, Madison PTA has been one of only a small number of local PTAs to achieve 100% membership. Every year, we have a goal of having one adult PTA member for each child that attends Madison school. With so many new families and children at Madison this year, this goal will be challenging. Please [register for PTA](#) and help us maintain our impressive record.

