



**October 25, 2013**

Dear Madison Students and Parents,

Each year, the citizens of the United States of America set Nov. 11 as a special day to honor and thank the men and women who have defended our country as members of the armed forces. A few years ago, District 200 decided to remain in school on Nov. 11 and use this special day as a chance to teach students about the important meaning of Veteran's Day.

Here at Madison Elementary, we will be honoring our U.S. veterans with an early morning flag ceremony. We would also like to have veterans speak in classrooms about the meaning of this special day.

Do you have a family member that was in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard or Marines? This person may be a student's uncle, aunt, grandparent, or close family friend. We would like to honor that person at our flag ceremony at 9:30 a.m. If you know someone that served in our military, ask them to be our honored guest on Nov. 11.

We would like all of our honored guests to RSVP by Oct. 30 so we can honor them appropriately. RSVP by email to [Katherine.Diorio@cusd200.org](mailto:Katherine.Diorio@cusd200.org) or call (630) 682-2095. We are also assembling teams of veterans and civilians to speak in classrooms about military life and the value of freedom. Please let our office know if you or an honored veteran is interested in this opportunity. There will be a small planning meeting for all of our presenters. Presenters must attend one of the following planning meetings:

- Mon., Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

Thank you for helping us utilize this day as an important learning experience for our students and a chance to honor those who have served our country as military personnel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Callahan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tim Callahan, Principal  
Madison Elementary School

## **This is your PTA: survey results announced**

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out the online survey--we had 140 responses! Here are the results:

1. 100% of 140 respondents said they were PTA members.
2. How would you like to receive PTA news? (you could choose more than one answer)
  - a. 125 E-mailed Madison Memos
  - b. 31 [Madison PTA page](#) of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org)
  - c. 29 Backpack mail
  - d. 21 Facebook
  - e. 11 Printed Madison Memos
  - f. 1 Twitter
3. What did you think of this year's Meet and Treat?
  - a. 72.14% Liked it
  - b. 25.00% Would like it as a social event in the evening
  - c. 2.86% Other (people wrote-in answers)
4. What would make you more likely to chair winter carnival?
  - a. 89.29% No change would make me more likely to chair it.
  - b. 10.71% Change this (people wrote-in answers)
5. Would you like a printed or online directory?
  - a. 50% printed
  - b. 47.86% online
  - c. 2.14% other (people wrote-in answers)
6. Where else should the PTA spend its money? (you could choose more than one answer)
  - a. 90 fund all teacher wish lists for individual classrooms
  - b. 36 fund an author to come
  - c. 33 put money towards a climbing wall for gym.
  - d. 29 fund additional security intercom
  - e. 18 other (people wrote-in answers)
7. If the PTA needs additional fundraising, what would you like to see?
  - a. 60% write a check
  - b. 32.14% purchase a product
  - c. 7.86% here's an idea (people wrote-in answers)

For question 8, 25 people wrote suggestions or comments. The PTA executive committee will look through all the comments to help guide decisions. Any PTA member is welcome at any PTA meeting throughout the year. The PTA has posted all meeting dates on the calendar of the [Madison section](#) of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org). If you have a topic you'd like to discuss at a meeting, please contact Janet Mathis, Madison PTA president, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com), (630) 480-0885.

## **Multicultural Day help needed**

If you haven't already, please consider volunteering for Multicultural Day. We need help for the luncheon, plus volunteers in second and third grade in the morning of Nov. 15. We could also use more volunteers to help setting up the day before on Nov. 14, 3:30-6 p.m. If you can help, please contact Alis Priebe at [rroarr@gmail.com](mailto:rroarr@gmail.com) or Jen Pashup-Graham at [jpashup@outlook.com](mailto:jpashup@outlook.com).

### **Halloween Parties on October 31st!**

The PTA Party Chairs have put together some great Halloween celebrations for each grade! Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to help in each classroom. To minimize crowding and distractions, we ask that all parents who plan to attend the parties sign up with the Party Chair. Wishing all Madison families a safe and Happy Halloween! Questions? Please contact Sarah Johnson at [skjohnson75@hotmail.com](mailto:skjohnson75@hotmail.com).

### **Explore More Day future co-chairs needed**

We have two 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](mailto:dmdeleon@sbcglobal.net) or Stephanie at [powell06@comcast.net](mailto:powell06@comcast.net).

### **Staff Appreciation donations needed**

The [PTA](#) treats 45 teachers and staff to dinner during the Nov. 4 and Nov. 6 Parent Teacher Conferences. Jason's Deli and Addante's are providing meals each night, but we are in need of beverages and desserts. If you would like to donate, please contact the Staff Appreciation chairs, Jaime Szafranski ([jszafra1@yahoo.com](mailto:jszafra1@yahoo.com)) and Julie Hann ([jlhann@me.com](mailto:jlhann@me.com)). Thank you for your support.

### **Picture Retake Day**

If you are unhappy with your child's school picture, picture retakes are scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. You MUST send in your original pictures, which will be destroyed.

If you are a new student or were absent on picture day, fill out an order form and send cash or checks payable to Color Portraits. Order forms are available in the office.

Questions, please contact Anne Nigrelli, [anigrelli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anigrelli@sbcglobal.net), or Dawnelle Muff, [dawnelle3@gmail.com](mailto:dawnelle3@gmail.com).

### **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 Ms. Schiefen, Miss Fograse or Mrs. Rebholz. Or contact Janet Mathis, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

### **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 Fri., Jan. 24, 2014. For more information, view the Madison [PTA](#) page.

### **Too much Halloween candy? Donate it to the troops**

Drop off your unwanted Halloween candy in the Madison School office by Nov. 7. The [PTA](#)'s Go Green committee will deliver the unopened candy to a local dentist office, which will then send it to U.S. troops through Operation Gratitude. Questions? Contact Moyra Gorski, 630-653-4975.

### **Butter Braid Sale Continues**

Don't forget to [order](#) your delicious Butter Braid! It makes the perfect holiday morning treat. Kids love to watch it rise the night before and then pop it in the oven for a fresh, hot and flaky treat the next morning. With several flavors to choose from, there is one for every family! Orders are due Nov. 8 and the Butter Braids will be delivered Nov. 21. Questions? Contact Robyn Beres at [robynberes@hotmail.com](mailto:robynberes@hotmail.com).

### **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:

Oct. 31: Halloween parties  
Nov. 1: No School  
Nov. 4: Parent Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 4 Madison Memos article deadline  
Nov. 6: Parent Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 7: Picture re-take day  
Nov. 8 Butterbraid order deadline  
Nov. 13: Market Day pick up  
Nov. 14 PTA general membership meeting, 12:15 p.m., music room  
Nov. 15: Multicultural Day  
Nov. 20: Dining for Dollars at Capri  
Nov. 21 Butterbraid delivery  
Nov. 25-29: Thanksgiving recess  
Feb. 7: Winter carnival

### **Did you know?**

Madison's PTA executive committee takes continuing education courses to learn best practices for PTAs.

