



**September 27, 2013**

Dear Parents,

We have more than 20 school days in the books! We are still in September and Thanksgiving is weeks away, but during these last two weeks I have been reminded why I am thankful to be the Madison principal. The students, staff and parents of our school community continue to make our school an excellent place for children to learn at high levels and reach their highest potential.

Your children's safety and security is our first priority and the Madison staff has had numerous opportunities to demonstrate their professionalism in these last few days. When a crew removed a tree at the front of the building during morning arrival, the staff quickly diverted student traffic and ensured that the children remained safe. Last week, a thunderstorm swept through the community just as the 3:30 p.m. bell rang. Teachers escorted as many children as possible back into the building. Throughout the storm, Mr. Grace and Jewell, Mrs. Tomek and Giambalvo and others escorted students to their vehicles. Thankfully, Madison parents were cooperative, patient and understanding during these times. In addition, I want to thank our parents for the patience shown this week as we implemented our new safety equipment in the main office.

Madison's Run-a-Thon was a great success thanks to a combined effort from our PTA, students and staff. Many Madison teachers ran along with our students despite the heat and humidity. In true Madison spirit, all of our participating students will receive one raffle ticket and an equal chance of winning one of the grand prizes!

I'm excited for our new and returning students and parents to experience their first Multi-Cultural Day! On Fri., Nov. 15, our school will celebrate 17 different cultures from around the world. Students will learn about and appreciate the similarities and differences between cultures. It is truly a great and unique day and I encourage parents to volunteer at the event. Multi-Cultural Day is an event that is only possible because of an enormous number of volunteers.

Thanks to all that have partnered to make these first few weeks successful and safe for all.

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

Tim Callahan  
Madison Elementary School

## **School year off to a great start**

Thank you to the many, many Madison PTA volunteers who have helped get the school year off to a great start. Some committee chairs have been working hours and hours already and deserve our thanks:

Audit: Misty Gniadek  
Battle of the Books: Susan Nordmark  
Beautification: John Phanthavong  
Chess Club: Jennifer Sutherland, Krista Caprini, Sam Hurtado  
Communications Manager: Jaime Kammerzell  
Copy team: Misty Gniadek  
Hospitality: Marianne Kratz & Susan Sanders  
LLC Coordinator: Kathryn Medanic  
Market Day: Kimberly Cooper & Michele Triscik  
Meet and Treat: Melisa Oker  
New Family Welcoming: Lori Burger & Sybil Scaccia  
Picture Day: Dawnelle Muff & Anne Nigrelli  
PTA Council Delegate: Susan Nordmark  
Room Parents: Louise Kirkman  
Run-a-thon: Sybil Scaccia & Michele Triscik  
School Supplies: Stephanie Powell & Kathryn Medanic  
Spirit Wear: Amy Fiorato

And the Madison PTA is just getting started. There's a place for everyone to volunteer on one of our more than 40 committees. Please check out [the volunteer opportunities on the Madison PTA page](#) of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org). Questions? Contact Janet Mathis, Madison PTA president, [janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto:dmdeleon@sbcglobal.net) or Stephanie at [powell06@comcast.net](mailto:powell06@comcast.net).

## **Multicultural Day**

Planning is underway for Multicultural Day. On Nov. 15 our children will learn about people, traditions and cultures from around the world. We are thankful that so many have volunteered to help so far, but we need many more volunteers on Nov. 15, so please keep it in mind as you plan your calendars and work schedules. More news to follow in the coming weeks. Questions? Email Alis Priebe at [rroarr@gmail.com](mailto:rroarr@gmail.com) or Jen Pashup-Graham at [jpashup@outlook.com](mailto:jpashup@outlook.com).

## **Art appreciation volunteers needed**

Art appreciation is a fun, creative and rewarding way to volunteer in your child's classroom. Volunteers present artwork from the [PTA](#) collections once a month to the class. Presentations start in October and end in May. The PTA supplies a schedule and reference materials. For more information, please contact Gaytana Morgan, (630) 668-0832, [gaytana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaytana@sbcglobal.net).

## **Join Madison PTA for 2013 – 2014**

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 also have the option to 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](http://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](mailto:skjohnson75@hotmail.com) or by phone at 630-588-8468.

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

## **Come to the fall book fair**

Madison's annual fall book fair is just around the corner. Please support the Library Learning Center and encourage reading in your families.

### **Book fair: Oct. 15 - 18**

Tues.: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wed.: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (donuts with Dad, 8-9 a.m.)

Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., (family night, 6-8 p.m.)

Fri.: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

If you can volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Shannon Graves, [shannonmom76@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonmom76@yahoo.com).

### **Madison basketball starts soon**

Please look for the registration flyers that came home in your 3rd, 4th and 5th graders' backpacks. We are signing up players and volunteer coaches for this fun-filled co-ed program that runs Nov. 2013 through Mar. 2014. Registration deadline is Fri., Oct. 11. Forms and payment must be dropped off at the Wheaton Park District Community Center.

Please contact Mark Triscik at (630) 373-4307 or [mark.triscik@ubs.com](mailto:mark.triscik@ubs.com) if you have any questions or are interested in coaching. For more information, look on the Madison [PTA](http://www.cusd200.org) page of [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org).

### **Support Art to Remember**

Madison is participating in an [Art to Remember](#) program. In a few weeks you will receive a custom brochure and order form to order keepsakes. Your child's artwork can be featured on more than 30 gifts and keepsakes, many less than \$15. For more information, please contact Gaytana Morgan, (630) 668-0832, [gaytana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaytana@sbcglobal.net).

### **Madison Run-A-Thon**

Great job Madison students and teachers! You ran 947 miles. That's from here to just past Dallas, TX. Way to go!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Run-A-Thon: Dana Anliker, the Doherty family, Dawn Draus, the Garnache family, Debbie Glasgow, Debbie Gonzales, Patrick Henkel, Kerry Holy, Shannon Klopfenstein, Melissa Masterson, Janet Mathis, Abby May, Katie McBride, Susan Nordmark, Kristin Olson, Amy Schmidt, and Mark Triscik.

Thank you to our parents who took pictures for the yearbook: Sue Adkins, Dawn Draus, Alis Priebe, and Randy Wenger. If we have forgotten to mention anyone, we apologize.

A special thank you to Tim Callahan and Joe Cortesi who helped plan and organize our Madison Run-A-Thon schedule. Thank you to our P.E. teachers Mr. Bacheller, Mr. Spontek, and Mrs. Shirley for extra support during this event. Also another thank you to all the teachers who helped cheer on their students, run laps with their class, help hand out sticks, and let us rearrange their schedules for the day. We appreciate your support in making this event so successful.

Now that our Run-A-Thon is complete, please collect your [pledges](#) and turn envelope into your classroom teacher by Tues., Oct. 1. Drawings for the raffle will be held on Fri., Oct. 4. All students who turn in a pledge sheet will receive a raffle ticket.

Thank you for your support!  
Sybil Scaccia and Michele Triscik

### **Thank you Mountain Lions' Fall Clean-up volunteers**

Have you noticed how nice Madison School looks? Thank you to the Gosain, Mathis, McBride, Phanthavong, Strasser, Torne, and Wenger families who came out for Fall Clean-up. If you didn't get a chance to help out this year, we hope to see you for Madison's Spring Clean-up.

### **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](mailto:janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com).

### **Notification of asbestos in buildings**

You are hereby notified that Community Unit School District 200 has conducted the required inspections of asbestos containing building materials in District 200 schools as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Certified District 200 employees have conducted the inspections and developed the management plans.

Appropriate response plans have been developed and implemented which include semi-annual surveillance and a three year re-inspection.

The results of the inspections indicate that safe conditions exist in all buildings. The implementation of Operations and Maintenance plans will continually maintain and monitor the district to insure these safe conditions are sustained.

Copies of the management plan are available in each building and in the office of the Buildings and Grounds Department in the Woodland School Facility in Warrenville.

### **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:

Sept. 27 No school

Oct: 7: Memos deadline, submit articles to [jaimekammerzell@gmail.com](mailto:jaimekammerzell@gmail.com)

Oct. 9: National Walk to School day

Oct 10: PTA general membership meeting, 12:15 p.m., music room

Oct. 14: No School

Oct. 15: Butterbraid sales begin

Oct. 16: Market Day pick up

Oct. 24: Dining for Dollars at Noodles & Co.

Oct. 31: Halloween parties

### **Did you know?**

Madison PTA purchases items for classrooms every year. This year, Madison PTA budgeted \$6000 for teacher "wish lists" like books, classroom carpets, centers for kids to listen to books, and much, much more.

