



November 8, 2013

Congratulations to Reflections program participants

Madison is proud of all the students who participated in our 2013-2014 Reflections program. Please check out the artwork next week, as it will be hung in the hall by the office.

The following is a list of all the students who submitted projects. All students advanced to the District 200 level.

Intermediate Photography (grades 3-5)

Kylie Caprini, Samuel Miller, Ellen Worobec

Intermediate Music Composition (grades 3-5)

Conor Gosain

Intermediate Literature (grades 3-5)

Irie Gedritis, Emma Kuruppacherry

Intermediate Visual Arts (grades 3-5)

Anna Buttell, Rebecca Buttell, Eden Gedritis

Primary Photography (grades K-2)

Xavier Foltyniewicz

Primary Literature (grades K-2)

Emma Hann, Samantha Valente

Primary Visual Arts (grades K-2)

Benjamin Anliker, Ashley Caprini, Greta Gedritis

Make a Difference Day Committee thanks you

Our tables were overflowing in a sea of blue bags! Thank you to all the families that helped Madison “stuff a truck” on Fri., Oct. 25. Many thanks to the entire 5th grade class who joyfully and eagerly carried the bags to the truck. People’s Resource Center benefitted through your generous donations.

Volunteers planning “trips” for Multicultural Day

Get ready to do some traveling! Many volunteers are busy preparing to celebrate diversity on Nov. 15. Families and businesses are donating time and resources to support this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow.

The morning will be busy with a “tour” around different regions of the world:

Kindergarten- Mexico

1st grade-Asia: China, South Korea, Japan, and India

2nd grade- Europe: Sweden, Italy and Ireland

3rd grade- Pacific Rim: Australia/Great Barrier Reef, Kamchatka Peninsula, and Indonesia

4th grade-Latin America: Venezuela, Argentina, and the Rainforest

5th grade- Africa: An African Experience

All volunteers for this event are invited to attend a luncheon from 12-1 p.m. Regretfully, children/siblings should not attend.

Madison students will participate in an afternoon assembly entitled Music and Marimbas from Around the World by David Hall. Morning kindergarteners are invited to attend while accompanied by an adult. The first assembly for grades 3-5 will be from 1:30-2:15 p.m. with another following at 2:30-3:15 p.m. for grades K-2

Give to those in need this holiday season

If you would like to help spread holiday cheer to families in need, please consider giving to Christmas Sharing and the Madison mitten tree:

Christmas Sharing

Christmas Sharing started more than 25 years ago as a joint effort between churches and schools in the Wheaton area to provide for needy families during the holiday season. Needed items include clothing (gently used is okay), new underwear and socks, blankets, winter coats, mittens, boots, paper products, baby wipes, diapers, baby food, baby clothes, toys, food, face/body soap, cleaning supplies, and other nonperishable goods. The program also needs cash donations. Christmas Sharing tables will be set up near the main doors, and we will be collecting donations through Dec. 6.

Madison mitten tree

Take a mitten off the mitten tree and buy a gift for a Madison student in need. Each mitten will have a specific gift request with size and gender. The mitten tree will be in the front hallway outside the office. Please wrap the new item and attach the mitten to the outside of the gift. Return the present to Lisa Parrilli, Madison social worker, no later than Dec. 13.

Thank you so much for your support. Questions? Contact Lisa Parrilli, Madison social worker, lisa.parrilli@cusd200.org.

Thank you PTA committee chairs and volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who help to make Madison great. In September, we listed 17 of our more than 40 committees that were already hard at work. Here are some more committee chairs who have been very busy lately. Please be sure to thank them for all that they do:

Art Appreciation: Gaytana Morgan
Book Fair: Shannon Graves
Make a Difference Day: Shannon Klopfenstein
Dining for Dollars: Robyn Beres
Directory: Dawn Draus
Go Green: Moyra Gorski
Reflections: Edvyna Gedritis
Staff Appreciation: Julie Hann & Jaime Szafranski
WDSRA: Dani de Leon

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](http://www.cusd200.org) of www.cusd200.org. Questions? Contact Janet Mathis, Madison PTA president, janetmarkmathis@yahoo.com.

School Directories are now available

Madison School directories are now available with PTA membership for just \$10. The directory includes contact information of teachers, staff, and each family at Madison, along with class lists, and special offers from local businesses. To get your directory, just submit the [membership form](#) with payment to the school office. You can also register and pay online at <http://www.cusd200.org/madison/site/default.asp> under the PTA shortcut.

Please return Welcome signs

The PTA has gathered most Welcome to Madison signs. If you still have your sign, please drop it off in the school office. We reuse these signs year-to-year to save on costs. We hope the signs helped make you feel welcome to Madison this year. If you have further questions, please contact Lori Burger (laura_burger@hotmail.com) or Sybil Scaccia (sscaccia@comcast.net).

Explore More Day committee members needed

Want to help organize what could be considered the most exciting day of the school year? Explore More Day co-chairs are especially looking for committee members who have younger children who could help continue this event in the coming years.

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.

Thank you vision and hearing volunteers

Thank you to the vision and hearing screening volunteers. The program ran efficiently due to the help of Anne Nigrelli, Katie McBride, Kathryn Medanic, Jody Gosain, Misty Gniadek, Amy Schmidt and Moyra Gorski.

Upgrading to a new iPad? Donate your old one to Madison

Madison teachers have found many ways for refurbished iPads to complement the new common core curriculum. Simply take your old iPad into Madison's office during school hours of 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the staff will make sure it's put to good use in the classroom. iPad donations are tax-deductible. Please cut and paste this article and send it to friends and relatives. Questions? Contact the school office at [\(630\) 682-2095](tel:6306822095).

Here's a link to show you how to transfer information from an old iPad to a new one:
<http://osxdaily.com/2012/03/16/transfer-old-ipad-to-new-ipad/>

Here's a link to show you how to restore your old iPad to its original factory settings:
<http://osxdaily.com/2012/02/09/restore-iphone-or-ipad-with-itunes/>

Last call for Butter Braid

If you still have outstanding orders for Butter Braids, it's not too late. Please turn them in to the office as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out on this!

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.

Save the dates

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

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

Did you know?

Every year, Madison PTA plans and pays for third graders to go through a half-day awareness lesson with the WDSRA (Western DuPage Special Recreation Association). The kids learn about vision and hearing impairment and physical and developmental disabilities through real-life simulations.

