



MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2010
NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 28	10:15 pm
Halloween Parade & Party	
Early Dismissal	11:50 am
October 29	No school
November 9	6:00-8:00 pm
Scotties Skate Night	
November 11	No School
November 15	6:30 pm
2nd Grade Program (PE)	
November 17	9:00 am
PTA Meeting - Computer Lab	
November 25	No School
November 26	No School
December 3	6:00 - 9:00 pm
Gem City Gymnastics Night	
December 17	9:30 am
Madison Sing-A-Long	
December 20	All Day
Santa Visits	
December 21	
Holiday Room Parties	
December 22—31	No School
Winter Break	
January 3	No School
January 17	No School
January 19	9:00 am
PTA Meeting - Computer Lab	
January 27	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bedtime Story Evening	
January 28	All Day
Madison Math & Literacy Day	
Pajamarama	
February 16	9:00 am
PTA Meeting - Computer Lab	
February 18	11:50 am
Early Dismissal	
February 21	No School
February 24	6-8:00 pm
Scottie's Skate Night	
February 28	6:30 pm
1st Grade Program - Gym	

Dear Madison families,

The weather is finally looking like Fall, and the colors are beautiful. I hope your family is getting out and enjoying the change of seasons we are blessed with in Quincy.

PTA is very blessed with fabulous volunteers! Thank you so much to Kim Kennedy, our Fall Fundraiser chairperson. She did such a great job organizing our candy sales. Thank you also to all of those parents who helped her distribute candy and collect money. It is a huge job, and truly cannot be done alone!! Thank you to Rhonda Klesner for organizing our picture day in October, pictures are available soon.

If you haven't yet joined the PTA, it is never too late. Please send in \$5 single/ \$10 family in an envelope marked for the treasurer. Currently, we have 138 members. I'd love to see us get to 200 members.

I know the teachers would like to see 100% participation in parent/teacher conferences. Please try to attend your scheduled conference, and if you can't make it, reschedule it. It is so important that we, as parents, communicate with our children's teachers.

Thank you to those who ordered t-shirts, and sweatshirts. I have enclosed another order form in this newsletter, in case you didn't order a long sleeved t-shirt or sweatshirt for the cooler weather. I will try to place one more order before Christmas, then I won't probably order any until kindergarten round-up in the Spring. In order for us to get our price, we have to order in bulk. So I apologize for those who have had to wait a little longer for their shirts. If you missed the first order, I had to wait awhile for the second.

Also, thanks to the few of you who ordered market totes. Those should arrive the first of November.

I sent home Bergner's coupons last week. If you are interested in using these coupons on Community Day, November 13th, please send \$5 back to the office marked for PTA. This is a great way for you to get a price break at Bergner's and for the PTA to earn more money for our programs. There are extra coupon books in the office, if you'd like more than one.

At our November meeting we will discuss various ways to use the money we've made through our fundraiser. Our next meeting is November 17th, 9 am in the computer lab. I look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming PTA sponsored activities are; Scottie's Skate night, Reflections, and the 2nd grade program. More info will come about these activities. Thanks to all of the PTA volunteers that make these programs happen.

I am very blessed to have such fabulous volunteers and to serve such a fantastic school and community of teachers! Thank you for all of your support.

Kathy Oakley, Madison PTA President

YEARBOOK CLASSROOM HELP NEEDED

Yearbook is still looking for a parent to be responsible for photos for each individual classroom. We DO NOT have representation from the following rooms: Blattner, Mahon, Taylor, Vollrath, Cook, Eberlin, Smith, and Genenbacher.

If you have interest in helping in this please call Amy Beck 228-7555 or email atbeck6@comcast.net Thank you!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just recently Madison School has developed our School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011. We have done extremely well on our local assessment – Stanford 10, where we have scored well above the national norms in reading, mathematics and spelling. Our recent ISAT scores were at 91.3% in reading and 95% in mathematics.

The math scores have been consistently high in the past few years, but reading has soared from 78.8% last year (12.5% increase). This is truly due to all the hard work and interventions that staff have provided to students in need under the watchful guidance of the Literacy Coach.

For this year, we would like the reading scores to increase to 93% and our math scores to reach 97%. It is hopeful that they will continue to rise by 2% in 2012. The strategies we are working on are the following:

For Reading:

Staff will meet weekly in grade levels to learn new strategies/techniques.

Grade level goals will be set

Students progress will be maintained quarterly

The Literacy Coach will work with a small group of students at each grade level.

Staff will read professional journals/literature to learn new ideas.



For Math:

The problems-solvers binder will be utilized in instruction.

Flash cards and skill/drill practice will occur at home and through volunteers.

Activities will be provided on place value, and translating into algebraic expressions.

Some centers will focus on basic math facts.

Mini-lessons will be provided on application, attention to detail and transfer of knowledge.

We are also making sure every child enjoys school and both students and families feel that Madison School is a warm, welcome, positive environment. Our school improvement plan very appropriately ties into the October habit of the month: “Begin With The End in Mind”.

Hope this is helpful information about what things we are doing to improve your child’s experience at Madison School.

Kelle Bunch, Principal

NURSEY NOTES

As the cool Fall days will soon turn into cold Winter days, please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and weather changes. A jacket should be worn **every day** as our playground is mostly shaded and cool.

Scrubby Bear will again be visiting the Kindergarten and First grade classrooms to teach the students about the importance of hand washing, the best defense against germs. You can help stop the spread of germs by encouraging your child to cover coughs and sneezes, and to keep hands away from the “T-zone” (eyes, nose, & mouth).

PLEASE remember that children must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. When calling the school to report your child’s absence due to illness, please be sure to let the secretary know what symptoms of illness your child has. This is how we monitor illnesses in our school community.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish all of you a very healthy and happy holiday!

Becky Ebbing RN, BSN, ILCSN
Madison School Nurse

THE BOOK FAIR THANKS YOU!

Thank you for making our Fall 2010 Book Fair a success!
As a result of your book fair purchases...

*Each teacher was able to choose \$78 in books for his/her classroom.

*\$830 of books were purchased for the Madison School library and the Birthday Book Club.

*74 books were donated to teachers through the Classroom Wish list program.

We collected \$270 through the 1 for the Books program which allowed us to give 40 Madison students a free book!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers that worked at the Book Fair. I could not have done it with out you.

Brooke Richardson



FUNDRAISER SUPERSTARS



**MADISON
SUPER-SELLERS!**

What an awesome fundraiser we had! There were 419 boxes sold and over \$ 9,700.00 raised for the school! Wow!! Thanks to all the kids and their parents for their great sales, to the volunteers who helped collecting money and passing out candy and to everyone who helped make this fundraiser such a great success. If you haven't turned in your money, please do, ASAP. Thank you, Kim Kennedy

Schoolwide top sellers are:

Prize	Boys	Girls
First	Benet Duesterhaus	Shelby Rose
Second	Conner Swindeler*	Madison Altgibers
Third	Jace Buckwalter*	Emily Klinner*
Fourth	Denver Echterkamp	Darianne Beath*
Fifth	Caleb Kane	Lily Duesterhaus



*tie

	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Kindergarten Classrooms top sellers are:			First Grade Classrooms top sellers are:		
Blattner:	Draten Stark	Kallie Phillips	Cook:	Jesse O'Briant	Natalie Gilbert
Mahon:	Jacob Lyon	Abigail Owsley	Hoosier:	Harry Smith	Renee Wassenberg
Taylor:	Aiden Bigley	Brooklynn Biggs	Merrill:	Joshua Kennedy	Cassidy Brown
Vollrath:	Jackson Mullet	Laney England	Westerman:	Kashay Ghanekar	Matteson Shmidt
Second Grade Classrooms top sellers are:			Third Grade Classrooms top sellers are:		
Eberlin:	Jayden Lummer	Eliana Ricucci	Aeilt:	Jaden Briscoe	Lindsey French
Smith:	Daniel Collins	Mia Sommer	Biswell:	Jordin Reece	Sophia Kreinberg
Stegeman:	Jacob Little	Faith Voorhis	Genenbacher:	Keleb Poage	Abigail Oakley
Stroot:	Clayton Hansen	Sydney Klesner	Watson:	Trevor Heiden	Bailee Kelty
ED Classroom top sellers are:					
Routh:	Matthew Crabill	Kashya Dawson			

BEST WISHES, MRS. JOHNSON, WE'LL MISS YOU!!!

Dear Madison School Families,

There is an old cliche', "Where has time gone?", that we have all heard from time to time. It is hard for me to believe that 21 years have passed so quickly. But I know that they have because my three children were all students at St. Peter's School when I began at Madison in September 1989. I was hired for the new state funded Pre-Kindergarten program, that was housed at the Madison building, as their first secretary.

I really began my career at Madison at the ripe old age of 4 1/2 when I began Kindergarten in Mrs. Jean Sorenson's class in September 1959. This made my job at Madison School seem all that more special when I returned from working as the head secretary/bookkeeper at the Early Childhood and Family Center.

When you spend the majority of your day at school, those people you work with become like family to you. They see you through life's journey of ups and downs, life's blessings and challenges. I have made many new friends, and I will cherish those special friends forever.

I feel so very fortunate that I have had the chance to meet and work with so many wonderful/supportive families at Madison School. It has been a real pleasure watching your little ones grow from new little shy kindergarten students to very outgoing and responsible third graders.

I have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive offered by the Board of Education and my last day at Madison School will be November 30, 2010. I look forward with anticipation to the future, but at the same time I hate to leave all my little ones at Madison School. Those smiling little faces really make my day, and I will miss them!

Thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness through the last 20 plus years. I wish you all the very best and hope you will welcome the new Madison School secretary and be just as supportive as you have always been to me.

Fondly,

Mrs. Jil Johnson
Madison School Secretary



NEWS FROM THE TOPS



Congratulations to all of the '500 Label Club' members! They got to eat McDonald's lunch with Mrs. Bunch at the park. Thank you so much for all of your effort and support for Madison School. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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| Karly Leenerts | Ian Richardson | Gavin Schumacher | Nick Knoverek |
| Laney England | Abigail Stegeman | Jackson Moore | Mia Sommer |
| Elizabeth Nelson | Jacob Anderson | Zane Putman | Emily Klinner |
| Jaycob Baudino | Sophia Brice | Paige Clayton | Coleman Hoener |
| Alex Wayne | Paige Schumacher | Cassidy Brown | Olivia Clayton |
| Victorya Knoverek | Greta Miller | Ethan Barnes | Zander Knoverek |



Keep saving more upcoming label events like the 'Touchdown to Labels' event! Labels, labels, labels to kick off starting Monday, October 18th. The team with the most points will win a super bowl party in January.



Thanks again to all! Teresa Barnes (barnoles@gmail.com 217-223-8339)

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

"Together We Can" is the theme for this year's Reflections Program. I am so excited to see what all our children come up with this year. Be looking for an information packet to be coming home with the kids in the next few weeks. The deadline for the entries will be November 15th, 2010. Please encourage your children to express themselves in either visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition, film production or dance choreography. I would love to see every child at Madison take part in this great program.
Robin Taylor 217-222-2611

SCHOOL PICTURES

Thank you to Jamie Hull and Jackie Folkenroth for helping with school pictures. Also, a big thank you to the teachers for bringing their classes to the gym on time. It helps tremendously to keep on schedule. We will let parents know when the pictures are in so you have a chance to personally pick them up before they are sent home.
Rhonda Klesner

MADISON SCHOOL PATRIOTS SHIRTS FOR SALE

It has been brought to my attention that many students do not have our Madison School t-shirts!! Now is your time to order!! T-shirts say "Madison School Patriots" with our motto and flag on them. Examples can be found on the PTA bulletin board, just outside the office.

T-shirt Order Form



Student Name _____ Teacher _____
Parent Name _____ Phone no. _____

Please circle desired color and size.

- Child T-shirt \$10.00 6-8 10-12 14-16 Red or Navy
- Child long sleeved t-shirt \$13.00 6-8 10-12 14-16 Red or Navy
- Child Sweatshirt \$15.00 6-8 10-12 14-16 Red or Navy

Make checks payable to: **Madison Elementary PTA.**
Put order form and check in an envelope for Kathy Oakley and return to the office.

BLUE DEVILS SHIRTS FOR SALE

If anyone would like to order the new Blue Devil shirts that QHS PTA is selling, we will have the order forms in the office. The next order will be placed the first week of December and they will be in before Christmas. Thanks, Rhonda Klesner

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