

BACKPACK MAIL

August 26, 2010

Greetings Madison Community!

Our school year has had a terrific start despite flooding in the main building on the first day of school, lack of air conditioning in several rooms and 100 students over our projection! The teachers and students were creative and flexible while we moved classrooms due to the flooding, opened doors and turned on fans to cool things down and changed hundreds of schedules to relieve classes with 40-50 students. Most of the class changes have occurred. We are waiting to hear from Human Resources regarding new hires we have requested for our science classes. Right now we have a substitute for these new classes.

During the first week of school, students who were in violation of school rules regarding dress code, skateboards/scooters, cell phones/electronics and gum chewing received warnings. We are now at the point of having students initial next to the rule in their AGENDA handbook if there is a violation. You may want to talk with your children about these rules and review the AGENDA together. Of particular concern is the compliance of girls wearing **CREW NECK** shirts, turtle necks or button up shirts...**NO TANK TOPS OR CAMISOLES OR V NECK** tops. All shirts must have sleeves. Boys continue to struggle with oversize t shirts and **BAGGY, SAGGING PANTS**. It is offensive to see students' underwear. I understand buying school clothes a size larger for the sake of economy but if your student cannot jump up and down or run without holding on to their pants, the pants are too big! If we work on the dress code together it will become a non-issue.

Please remember to use the parent pick up/drop off lane on Moon when picking up or dropping off your student. Having students cross Moon or Comanche to avoid using the parent lane is very dangerous for your child. There are NO CROSSING GUARDS on Moon or Comanche for middle school students. Furthermore, the parks seem to attract people trying to entice our students to do unhealthy things during the school year.

Madison will host their Open House on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 from 6:00-7:30. Students will bring home a schedule of classes with room numbers for you to use. You will report to your student's first period classroom.

School pictures will be taken on September 3rd through social studies classes.

Our volleyball team will be selected by next week and practices will begin after school in the main gym.

Students interested in trying out for our tennis team will meet Tuesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 2nd after school in the lobby of the gym at 3:15 with their tennis shoes, water and tennis racquets. Ian Supple, a player on the UNM tennis team, will be our coach with assistance from Mrs. Crespin.

Thank you for your continued support of your neighborhood school! For the most current information visit our website at www.madisonms.org. To sign up for the Madison Middle School community list serve which will automatically deliver this weekly/monthly newsletter to your e-mail, please go to http://lists.aps.edu/mailman/listinfo/madison_community.



Enjoy the Magic!

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