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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Madison Community!



Before you know it November will be over. It seems hard to believe that the semester will end on December 17th. When I pause to reflect on this semester I am reminded of the wonderful opportunities our students have had to learn, develop academic confidence and use problem solving skills. I am so proud to work with teachers and staff in a professional learning environment dedicated to finding the MAGIC in every child.

As many of you know, Madison has a No Child Left Behind designation of a school in restructuring. We have a wonderful “probletnuity” (problem/opportunity) to rethink how we are delivering instruction to help all students become proficient learners. We will need a strong team of parents to help us create our Alternative Governance Plan (AGP). I hope you will consider joining us as we move forward. If you would like to be involved in developing our AGP please email me at Johnson_ml@aps.edu. Our first step of this process will be to conduct a survey to get feedback from all our stakeholders. We will open the window for the survey on November 29-December 17, 2010. These are online surveys and we will send a reminder encouraging you to give us feedback. Additionally, the Principal’s Advisory will meet on the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 2 at 7:30am in the North Commons. This is an informal conversation we host for parents to give feedback and for the school to address your concerns.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving. We will be out of school for Thanksgiving on November 24-26, 2010.

Enjoy the Magic!

Marcie Johnson

Principal

BACKPACK CHECK: Opt out form for 7th grade students who will NOT be participating in the November 22nd Internet Bullying assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Say Cheese!

Pictures for the 8th grade foldout, all clubs and sports will be taken on Monday, November 22, 2010. These are pictures for the yearbook.



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MAGIC CAN BE GREEN!

Donna Mickey's second period and sixth period student aides are in charge of the black Recycling cans around the lunch areas and in the cafeteria. Please place all plastic bottles and aluminum cans into these black cans to be recycled. Items do not have to be separated. Plastic and aluminum can go into the same Recycling can. Clean aluminum foil can also be recycled; please, no food with the foil! Please support our students in this great community service and let's keep our school clean and green!

--Mrs. Taylor



AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Students who sign up for after school tutoring **MUST** attend! "No shows" will be removed from the program for the semester. Thank you!

--Mrs. Wharton

KUDOS TO MADISON FACS STUDENTS!



My 1st and 2nd period FACS Foods students presented a successful Breast Cancer Awareness Café last Friday where they **earned \$40.15 for Breast Cancer Research!** I am very proud of them and you should be proud also! They served over 280 people and prepared and served very delicious food.

All students were required to write a personal resume to apply for their jobs. Many of them had to rewrite their resumes several times to get it right and they did!! Bravo!

--Mrs. Hansen

INTERNET SAFETY CLASS/VISIT FROM US ATTORNEY GENERAL

From **November 15th through November 19th**, Mr. Gallegos and Mr. Kittredge will be teaching their unit on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying. Also, on **November 22nd, from 1pm to 3pm**, Kenneth Gonzales, the US Attorney General for the district of New Mexico will be at Madison to give a presentation on the same. He will be accompanied by an FBI Agent and the attorney from his office who specializes in prosecuting Internet Crimes against Children cases.





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You are invited to attend any or all of these sessions. Please contact either Mr. Gallegos (Gallegos_cla@aps.edu) or Mr. Kittredge (Kittredge@aps.edu) to let them know ahead of time.

DRAMA CLUB



Attention Drama Club Members: Drama Club will meet on Tuesdays for the month of November due to the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holidays.

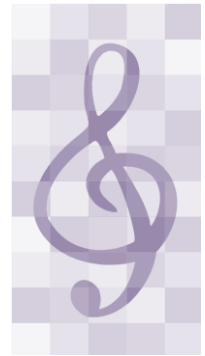
--Mrs. Camacho

COME AND ENJOY OUR MUSIC CONCERTS!

November 30th, 6:30 pm - Chorus performance at Albuquerque High School, in the Theater.

December 1st, 6:30 pm – Symphonic, Advanced and Advanced Jazz Bands in the Madison gym. 2nd Annual Pizza fund raising dinner at 5:00 PM in the cafeteria.

December 2nd, 6:30 pm - Intermediate, Beginning and Beginning Jazz Bands in the Madison gym. 2nd Annual Pizza fund raising dinner in cafeteria at 5:00, please join us!



Tickets for these events will be going on sale next week!

--Mrs. Van Dyke



FACS COFFEE SHOP – a tasty tradition!

The FACS Foods classes will be having their 2nd Coffee Shop on **December 3, 2010!** Please come early and order breakfast foods from our FACS students at Madison MS. We will open the doors for parents as early as 7:45. Thank you!

--Mrs. Hansen



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

PLANET GREEN

Madison MS is participating in an ongoing fundraiser to help keep our environment cleaner by recycling old cell phones and inkjet cartridges with Planet Green. If you have old cell phones or cartridges we would be delighted to recycle them. Toners and laser cartridges are *not* included. Collection box is at the front desk.

<http://planetgreenrecycle.com/info/index.php>.

–Mr. Baudino



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



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Madison MS is selling Entertainment books for \$35.00, available in the office until Dec 10, 2010.
Get them while they last!

–Mrs. Harper, secretary



SMITHS EARN AND LEARN

Don't forget to sign up and earn for Madison!

<http://www.madisonms.org/userfiles/Smith%27s%20Earn%20&%20Learn.pdf>



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Thanksgiving Lunch will be served Friday, November 19, Parents \$4.00, siblings \$2.25. Pre-payment is available for all.

–Mrs. Harper

As of November 1 students are no longer allowed to check out library materials if they have overdue books and/or late fees. They will have to pay their fines before they can check out a new book.

–Mr Bennett

