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January 7, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Happy New Year!



We have had a delightful beginning of both the New Year and the new semester! Students and teachers are buzzing with enthusiasm.

Second semester is filled with learning, testing and transitions. Classrooms are kicking into high gear and the pace of instruction and independent learning expectations will increase during second semester. It will be important that students stay on top of their assignments. Please check your child's AGENDA, visit teacher's Blackboard sites with your child and their password and check grades on i-Parent. You may also want to have your child sign up for the additional academic support that after school tutoring can provide.

Testing, testing, testing! The NAEP, a federally mandated national exam, will be administered to randomly selected 8th grade students on February 16, 2011. Math testing for student placement next year will also occur second semester. The dates will be shared once confirmed. Madison students will take the NMSBA, New Mexico Standards Based Assessment, beginning the week of March 21, 2011. To increase student performance on the NMSBA, Madison is using RACE questions for writing short response answers.

Transition from one level to another begins the week of January 24. La Cueva will be hosting their 8th grade Academic Orientation and Open House on January 24th at 6:30 pm in the gym. Sandia will have their 8th grade Parents/Sports Night on January 31 at 6:00 pm. We will continue to provide transition and testing information as soon as official dates are scheduled.

Enjoy the Magic!

Marcie Johnson

Principal

BACKPACK CHECK:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



MADISON TRACK AND FIELD 2011

Please keep in mind that you must have a **completed physical and grade sheet with a minimum 2.0 GPA to participate in track this year**. If you have two F's you will automatically be ineligible. Physical forms and grade sheets can be picked up in the front office.

B-season grade sheets and physical forms will still be valid. The starting date for track tryouts this year will be Monday, February 28. You must be suited out in a long sleeve or t-shirt, with shorts, or sweats and running shoes for tryouts and thereafter. **There will be a \$20.00 fee to help with the cost of a Madison track and field hoodie**. This fee is due no later than Friday, March 4th.

We look forward to a great season! --*Coaches Gallegos, Leger, Griffin and Rodriguez*

CHESS CLUB!

Madison's Chess Club will have its first meeting in Mrs. Porter's classroom (N3) on **Tuesday, January 11th**. --*Claire Porter*

SATURDAY SCHOOL

From the 8th grade teachers:

In an effort to prepare students for the behavioral expectations of high school, the 8th grade teachers have volunteered their time to implement Saturday School. Saturday School's mission is to reinforce the importance of appropriate behavior to a student's academic success. Please monitor your student's Agenda (see the infraction page) for possible Saturday School referrals.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Students who sign up for after school tutoring **MUST** attend! "No shows" will be removed from the program for the semester. Students are expected to follow behavior guidelines. Students must sign up for tutoring in advance in the main office.

Ms. Richardson's tutoring on Wednesdays has been cancelled for the semester.

Thank you! --*Mrs. Wharton*

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING



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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. Toners and laser cartridges are *not* included. Collection box is at the front desk.

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

–Mr. Baudino



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

SMITHS EARN AND LEARN

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

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



Also, don't forget to save Box Tops for Education! There is a collection box in the office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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

