



March 25, 2011

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

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I hope you all enjoyed Spring Break! We are experiencing our first day of testing and I am happy to say that all students needed to be where they were assigned for the testing. We are encouraging students to take their time and answer all questions. Please talk with your child about their testing experience, make sure they get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast and arrive at Madison on time. Your support will help our students do their best on the test! Day 1 attendance showed only 20 students absent for the test. So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has the best attendance, only 2 students were absent.

Next week we will register our current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for the following school year. Students will bring home registration materials next Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and will need to be returned to your child's advisory teacher by Wednesday, March 30, 2011. We will be adding a couple of classes to our 2011-12 schedule that we are very excited about! Next year we will offer pre AP science in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and pre AP language arts and science in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We believe these classes will help our students be more academically prepared for high school. The pre AP courses will give motivated students the opportunity to go deeper into the grade level curriculum and learn to use critical thinking skills to problem solve. These classes are rigorous and will require more homework than our general grade level classes.

Students who will be joining us as 6<sup>th</sup> graders next year and are interested in enriched mathematics will be able to take a math placement test on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 in the Madison cafeteria. Students will need to bring pencils.

Community Night will take place on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you posted on all the events that are scheduled. Community Night is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, participate in fun activities and eat yummy food. The Madison PTO will be selling tickets and your tickets will be used to purchase food and entrance into some of the events.

Thanks to your support in our cookie dough fundraiser the PTO was able to partner with the school to purchase 10 new outside benches for student use during lunch. The benches were installed during Spring Break.

We are saying goodbye to our counseling clerk, Donna Mickey, who will be leaving Madison to take the position of the principal's secretary at Hubert Humphrey. We wish Mrs. Mickey well and appreciate her dedicated service at Madison. Additionally, we are saying hello to our new



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7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher, Ms. Lebiowitz. Ms. Lebiowitz will begin working with students when we return from Spring Break

Enjoy the Magic!

Marcie Johnson

Principal

## BACKPACK CHECK:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week House Joint Memorial 10 passed in the legislature. The bill was written by members of Wild Friends, which Mr. LaRue's Social Studies classes are part of. This bill attempts to create a traffic safety zone to reduce collisions between large animals and vehicles. Nice job Madison students!

### *MADISON PTO*

We are looking for people that are willing to be part of the Madison PTO board next year. Being part of the board is a wonderful way to be part of your child's school, meet new people, and make new friends.

### *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

### *COMMUNITY NIGHT!*

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00 -8:00 pm

We will be serving pizza, soda, root beer floats and nachos!

Enjoy games, activities, performances and much more!

Fun for the whole family!



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*MADISON TRACK AND FIELD*



Spring Break March 14-18	No Practice
Monday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Track Meet @ Wilson Stadium
Wednesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3:15-4:30
Thursday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Monday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Track Meet @ Wilson Stadium
Wednesday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Thursday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:15-4:30

Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Track Meet @ Milne Stadium
Wednesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Track Meet @ Wilson Stadium
Wednesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Thursday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30
Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Track Meet @ Milne Stadium
Wednesday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30 (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
Thursday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:15-4:30 (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
Monday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	APS East Meet @ Wilson Stadium



## *FACS COFFEE SHOP – a tasty tradition!*

Our wonderful Madison Coffee Shop will be April 20th from 8:00 until 10:26 am. We will be closing early for cleanup due to my small class size and will not be able to offer the Take/Out foods. The rest of the Coffee Shop will be the same. We are very excited so please come and join us early or for 1<sup>st</sup> Period! *Mrs. Hansen and 1<sup>st</sup> period Foods class*

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

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

–Mr. Baudino



### *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>





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## *IMPORTANT REMINDERS:*

Students are not 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



## Madison Middle School Star Party

Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 pm

The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) will be holding a Star Party at Madison Middle School on March 29<sup>th</sup>! A Star Party includes a cluster of telescopes that will be set up on the South end of the school near the basketball courts, a real planetarium that will be located in the mini-gym and three classrooms of hands on activities geared for middle school aged and younger students.

Bring the family and celebrate the night sky with an experience guaranteed to increase your appreciation and awareness of the starry vault we live under. Hands on activities include "Making a Comet", using household items kids will find out what comets are made of and actually make their own comet! "Measure the Rainbow" demonstrates how astronomers can tell the temperatures and distances of stars using lights and diffraction glasses. The planetarium holds 25 people at a time and offers a 20-25 minute show on stars and



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constellations. Learn the mythology and stories of the ancients while taking a tour of the night sky. The equipment set up outside will inspire amazement as nebula, stars and galaxies are brought into sharp focus. There will be a guided outdoor tour of the sky, showing major stars and relationships of the constellations.

Pizza and drinks served in the cafeteria as a fund raiser to support the science department. Bring the family, have dinner and enjoy the evening!

Madison is fortunate to be hosting this event as only 4 of these star parties are held throughout the Albuquerque area a year. Check out the TAAS website, <http://taas.org/taas/index.php> and you will see why Albuquerque's society is one of the premier astronomy groups in the US!

