

# Backpack Mail



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

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GREETINGS MADISON COMMUNITY!

November is a wonderful month for us to adopt an attitude of gratitude. We have so many things to be thankful for and to celebrate!

We have incredible students at Madison. Seventh grade students in Mr. LaRue's room produced a Native American exhibit which was a wonderful showcase of their knowledge. Sixth grade students have produced some fascinating artifacts as they study Egypt. Eighth grade student Justice Wise will be recognized at the at the Board of Education meeting on November 17, 2010 representing Madison as an Outstanding Middle School Student. Justice was selected by the staff at Madison because she is a great student, a wonderful musician and a person of honor and respect. The Student Council is planning two big events this month. A dance will be held Friday, November 12, 2010 after school from 3:30-4:30 in the gym. Students are encouraged to bring canned food for the Roadrunner Food Bank Drive. The students are also organizing a talent show for Wednesday, November 18, 2010. Developing leadership skills with middle school students is a huge task! Ms. Piper and Mr. Kittredge are doing an incredible job sponsoring Student Council and nurturing our students as they evolve as school leaders. Basketball season has begun and our students have been graceful in both victory and defeat.

I could go on and on sharing the great things that happen at Madison. We definitely have a lot to be thankful for on a daily basis. Please celebrate with us at our Thanksgiving Dinner in the cafeteria on November 19, 2010. A Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:00 and B lunch will be served from 12:30-1:00. The cost for adults will be \$4.00 and siblings will cost \$2.25. I hope to see you at lunch with your child!

Enjoy the Magic!

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Marcie Johnson

Principal

**BACKPACK CHECK:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*THANK YOU!*



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We want to acknowledge and give a big Madison “thank you” to Mr. Amadeo Sanchez for purchasing copies of the United States Constitution to give out individually to U.S. History students in Mr. Schwartz’s social studies classes. These booklets also contain the text of the Declaration of Independence. These eighth grade students just completed the study of the Declaration and currently are studying the Constitution, so the artifacts are very timely. Thank you very much, Mr. Sanchez!

--Ron Schwartz!



## *INTERNET SAFETY CLASS/VISIT FROM US ATTORNEY GENERAL*

From **November 15<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>**, Mr. Gallegos and Mr. Kittredge will be teaching their unit on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying. Also, on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 a FBI Agent and the attorney from his office who specializes in prosecuting Internet Crimes against Children cases.

*You are invited to attend any or all of these. Please contact either Mr. Gallegos ([Gallegos\\_cla@aps.edu](mailto:Gallegos_cla@aps.edu)) or Mr. Kittredge ([Kittredge@aps.edu](mailto: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



## *PTO MEETING*

Find out what’s happening at Madison and get involved!



## *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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pizza fund raising dinner at 5:00 PM in the cafeteria.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm** - Intermediate, Beginning and Beginning Jazz Bands in the Madison gym. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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





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*FACS COFFEE SHOP – a tasty tradition!*

The FACS Foods classes will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Toners and laser cartridges are *not* included. Collection box is at the front desk.

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

–Mr. Baudino

### *ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS*

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

–Alicia 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, please see Alicia Harper for information.

As of **November 1** students are no longer allowed to check out library materials if they have overdue books and/or late fees.