

Backpack Mail



December 17, 2010



From the Principal...

Happy Holidays!

I am so pleased to announce that we will be recognizing 26 students this month as part of our Student of the Month program. We are using the pillars of Character Counts to guide our process. This month we are recognizing students who have exhibited the character trait of CARING. The pillar of CARING is defined as being concerned about people and caring about their feelings. There are more students who exhibit caring and compassion in our school than there are bullies. Unfortunately the media doesn't share too many heartwarming stories or accent the positive elements of our schools. We have an opportunity to reinforce the positive behaviors of adolescents and we are going to focus on that idea at Madison. Congratulations to the following students:

Marek Rajtar, Naomi Brandt, Gary Mclean, Danielle Duran, Justice Wise, Duy Nguyen, Taylor Garner, Zane Gonzales, Jeremiah Esquibel, Jason Farley, Jhonig Karki, Molly Spurlock, Katherine Escobar, Nathan Vadnais, Savannah Mikus, Kyle Burns, Amanda Engstrom, Farah McKee, Noah Sandles, Andy Doose, Raheem Mallard, Dillon Coffman, Matthew Sheradan, Alex Fortin, Jesse Guevara, and Jessika Moore.

Parents and Madison staff members nominated Teacher/Staff Members of the Month using the same Character Counts trait of CARING. We honored 11 staff members at a meeting on Monday, December 13, 2010. Those recognized are: Mr. Porter, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Bodman, Mr. Gallegos, Mr. Ready, Mrs. Sategna, Ms. Piper, Mrs. Crespin, Mr. LaRue, and Mrs. Nolan. Thank you for taking time to nominate a teacher or staff member.

We have had a great first semester and are looking forward to an exciting second semester! Thank you for your continued support of Madison Middle School.

Enjoy the MAGIC of the Season!

Marcie Johnson
Principal



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 2 F's you will be automatically ineligible. Physical forms and grade sheets can be picked up in the front office

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

We look forward to a great season!
Coach Gallegos, Coach Leger, Coach Griffin, and Coach Rodriguez



The Land of Enchantment



Students studying Earth Science with Mr. Porter have been developing websites that promote travel in New Mexico. They have been working to find answers to the question, "What geologic evidence of change exists in New Mexico?" Please ask your student about their work, and visit one of the following links to learn about New Mexico land features, geology, cultural resources, and recreation opportunities:

- <http://newmexicoadventures.blogspot.com>
- <http://newmexicoexplorer.blogspot.com>
- <http://newmexicogeology.blogspot.com>
- <http://newmexicohiking.blogspot.com>
- <http://newmexicorocks.blogspot.com>



