

Backpack Mail

February 25, 2010



From the Principal...

Madison has had a couple of terrific weeks filled with inspiration, kindness and wonderful demonstrations of learning!

Last week we hosted Rachel's challenge and I think we all walked away feeling we could do more to create a kinder environment at Madison. We have begun the Friends of Rachel clubs to start a positive chain reaction. 60 students were given 90 minute training with 6 staff members. The staff members met this week to organize and we are hopeful that we will be able to have lunch meetings with students to decide on the projects we want to do at Madison and begin implementation in March. I received many emails from parents thanking me for hosting this powerful program and sharing the responses from their children. For more information on Rachel's Challenge visit the website at <http://www.rachelschallenge.com>

This week we are hosting the Walk Through History project at Madison. The social studies department has worked hard to organize this project based learning opportunity for all students. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm and creativity of students as they made their project come to life! The visualization of the development of civilization and the role culture has played throughout the ages is something students will remember for years to come. Kudos to the magnificent social studies at Madison! Thank you Mrs. Porter, Ms. Schell, Mr. Larue, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Schwartz for providing such a MAGICAL learning experience for our students.

March is going to be filled with big events like Student Led Conferences, registration for next year, Standards Based Assessments (SBA), budget development and Spring Break. During Student Led Conferences we are hoping to register our current sixth and seventh grade students and complete the Next Steps plan with you and your eighth grade child. Conferences are scheduled for March 3-4, 2011. We will be hosting a registration meeting for incoming sixth grade parents on March 8. We will have two times to choose from: 5:30-6:00 or 6:10-6:40. These meetings will take place in the cafeteria. Spring Break is March 14-18. The SBA will begin the week we return from Spring Break on March 24 and will be completed on April 5th.

Madison will recognize our Honor Roll students on Wednesday, March 2nd with an assembly and Just Desserts provided by the Madison PTO. This day will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the academic achievements of students!

Thank you for your continued support of Madison Middle School.

Enjoy the MAGIC!

Marcie Johnson



LA CUEVA GIRLS BASKETBALL "CINCO DE MAYO" YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 6th - MAY 8th

LOCATION: La Cueva High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Other locations TBA

WHEN: May 6 – May 8, 2011

AGE GROUPS: *Girls:* 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u & High School (JV & V)

Boys: 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u & High School (JV & V)

(Age-determining date: Jan 1, 2011)

Limited number of teams!

FORMAT: Pool play with single elimination

Championship round

Each team guaranteed 3 games

ENTRY FEE: \$230.00 per team; **Early Bird Special:** \$210.00 by **April 6st**

Multi-Team Discount: \$210.00 (each) for 2 or more teams;

Multi-Team Early Bird Special: \$200 by **April 6th**

Check, cash or money order only

AWARDS: 1st & 2nd in all divisions and t-shirts for championship teams

CONTACT: Coach Abbie Carlson

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All Entries Due: APRIL 29, 2011 Early Bird Deadline: APRIL 6, 2011

Register and pay online: <http://www.cincodemayotourney.com/>

After School Tutoring

After school tutoring in any subject area is available every day of the week at Madison! Sign up in the office on Mondays and Fridays.

Parents Let Your Voice Be Heard!

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Stay informed with pending legislature by going to Bill Finder. Search by keywords or bill number.

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