



Backpack Mail

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From the Principal...

Greetings Madison Community!

OCTOBER is a big month at Madison! The first nine weeks ends on October 14, 2009. Report cards and Standards Based Assessments will be distributed during our Student Led Conferences on October 28 and 29. We are very excited to work with students and parents to create a better understanding of individual academic performance. Our goal is to offer every parent a student led conference. Conferences will be scheduled through advisory classes. Ask your child for your scheduled time. 6th grade conferences will be held in the North Commons Area, 7th grade conferences will take place in the media center and 8th grade conferences will be in the Family and Consumer Sciences rooms. Please remind your student that it is important they stay away from the elementary schools during the conference days. Our elementary feeder schools are deeply involved in instruction and having uninvited visitors is very distracting.

Now that the first nine weeks is winding down we want to encourage you to use i-Parent, Blackboard and the student AGENDA to get information on your child's progress and grades. Teachers update their grade books on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and that is when you can get the most up to date grades on i-Parent. Your child has their daily assignments in their AGENDA. Please help your child become a responsible student by reviewing their AGENDA and checking their grades on i-Parent together. If you do not have access to a computer we have two in the office for parent use. Students who are absent will be given the same number of days to make up work as they were absent. Students will write assignments in their AGENDA when they return to school. Please do not ask teachers for assignments. It is important that students know they are responsible for their missed work.

Student Council will sponsor TWIN day on Friday, October 15th. Students need to follow the dress code. No pajamas.

Kudos to the incredible musical talent of the Madison band, chorus and orchestra! If you have not heard our students perform you are missing out on a great experience. Special thanks to our talented teachers Mrs. Van Dyke and Ms. Awes!

Congratulations to the Madison Volleyball Team on a successful season. Our girls went undefeated in season play and lost in the finals of the APS tournament. They were a terrific team! Coach Gallegos and Coach Leger did an outstanding job coaching the girls.

The Madison Tennis Teams will be playing in the New Mexico Governor's Cup tournament this weekend at the Albuquerque Academy. Go MAGIC!

Basketball tryouts for the A season have begun and season play is just around the corner.

The Madison PTO cookie dough fundraiser ends on Friday, October 15. If you want to order cookie dough and don't have the forms please call the front office. Cookie dough will be delivered on November 16th. The PTO meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 in the teacher's lounge.

Happy FALL!

Marcie Johnson
Principal



Congratulations to both the A and B volleyball teams for going undefeated for the regular season at 8-0. Another congrats to the A-team for placing second place in the East division tournament this past weekend. Thank you,
Coach Gallegos

Our Madison Middle school FACS classes will once again be presenting a "Coffee Shop" in which people may purchase food which the students have made in a restaurant simulation format. The "Coffee Shops" this year will be Friday, Nov 12 and Friday, Dec 3. We serve from 8:00am to 11:00 am. We always invite our students parents and classes at Madison make a reservation. We hope you will join us for this special event. You may always come for "Take Out" foods first thing in the morning. Mrs. Hansen, FACS