



November 4, 2014

Calendar of Events:

November 3rd-21st
Madison Food Drive

November 4
Election Day/Remember to vote

November 5
Veterans Day Assembly
9:15-10:00 am

November 7
PTA Carnival 6:00-7:30 pm

November 7, 14 & 21
75 minute early dismissal-
students out at 1:30 pm

November 11
No School-Veterans Day

November 13
Picture Re-take Day

November 13
PTA Meeting 6:00 pm in
library

November 26
2 ½ hour early dismissal-
students out at 12:15 pm

November 27-28
No School-Thanksgiving
Break

Husky Highlights

Madison Elementary
616 Pecks Drive
Everett, WA 98203
425-385-5900

“Work hard, be kind, inspire, learn.”

Principal's Corner:

Madison Parent-Teacher Conference Follow Up

I want to thank all the parents that attended our conferencing week from October 27th-31st. We had a wonderful participation rate with our parents. The strong partnership between the parents and teachers is an essential function of a high performing school. Now the question is where do we go from here?

Research has shown that parental involvement is the most important factor in a student's success in school. Involvement needs to extend beyond the initial attendance of a parent-teacher conference.

STEPS TO FOLLOW UP

Reflect on the conference as soon as possible, ideally immediately following. Make notes regarding follow-up responsibilities. Write down any recommendations and set goals with specific dates, such as memorizing multiplication tables through 5's by the end of the second quarter.

Make sure you keep checking in with your child's educator throughout the school year, not just at the parent teacher conference. And make sure your child is involved with the conversation. Fill them in on the goals from the parent teacher conference, and hold them accountable accordingly. Review teacher suggestions for activities and strategies families can use at home to help their child learn and grow. Emphasize lines of communication between home and school. Describe how communication will take place (notes home, phone calls, email, etc). If necessary, schedule a follow up on the conference.

As highlighted consistently in research, when parents are involved with their child's education throughout the school year, students have:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates.
- Better school attendance.
- Increased motivation.
- Lower rates of suspension.
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol.
- Fewer instances of violent behavior

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about your student's performance at Madison or suggestions for making the schooling process even more successful. Your involvement is very much appreciated and as mentioned throughout educational research-THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR!

David O'Neill, Ph.D.
Interim Principal for Madison Elementary

Counselor Corner: Mrs. Smothers

Madison Food Drive

Madison's Thanksgiving Food Drive starts November 3rd-November 21st. Help make a difference for over 200 families from our community this Thanksgiving. The class that collects the most non-perishable items will receive a cupcake party from the Everett High School Leadership students! Please contact the office if you have additional questions.



Veterans Day Assembly

Save the date! On **Wednesday, November 5th**, Madison is honoring veterans with a Veterans Day Assembly. It will be held from 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. This year will be a little different than years past. The Navy Band's woodwind quintet will be performing for us! The *Madison Sound Movers Chorus* and *Music Makers* will also be performing. Students will be looking for veterans and active duty military to invite to our assembly. If you know any veterans or active duty military who might attend our assembly, please pick up an invitation in the office or ask your child about getting an invitation from Miss Lysen, the music teacher.

We are honoring veterans or active duty military, especially if they can't attend the assembly, by writing their name on a star and then carefully coloring the star. Then it will be placed on the "Veterans Wall of Honor." The stars can be picked up in the office or from Miss Lysen.

Lastly, we are asking all students to wear a red, white, or blue shirt on the day of our assembly as a way to express patriotism.

Accepting Highly Capable nominations from Oct. 27 until Dec. 1, 2014.

Find forms and more information on the [Highly Capable website](#). Nominations are for winter testing, which will take place in January 2015.

Help people file their taxes for free – **Deadline Dec. 30**

[United Way is looking for volunteers](#) for the 2015 Tax Season. You even get free training – a lifetime skill in preparing taxes. Last year, volunteers donated nearly 4,000 hours as part of the free tax preparation program and helped Snohomish County residents get back \$5.8 million in refunds.

Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

The National Association of School Psychologists has a concise, well-documented resource, *A Framework for School-Wide Bullying Prevention and Safety*: www.nasponline.org/resources/bullying/Bullying_Brief_12.pdf

Stopbullying.gov has lots of bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and more.

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