



Work hard, be kind, inspire, learn

October 7, 2014

Calendar of Events:

October 10

No school for students-teacher work day

October 17

75 minute early dismissal- students out at 1:30 pm

October 22

Vision Screening
ECEAP Family Night 4:30-8:00 pm
Literacy Night 5:30-7:30 pm

October 24

Readathon

October 24-31

2 ½ early release for parent/teacher conferences- students out at 12:15 pm

November 5

Veterans Day Assembly
9:15-10:00 am

November 11

No School-Veterans Day

November 7, 14 & 21

75 minute early dismissal- students out at 1:30 pm

November 26

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

November 27-28

No School-Thanksgiving Break

Reminder: All visitors must check in at the office and get a visitor's pass. Thank you!

Husky Highlights

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Principal's Corner:

The month of October is shaping up as another busy month. Our MLT (Madison Leadership Team) will be working on modifying our 2013-14 SIP (School Improvement Plan) to reflect the areas of focus as indicated by Madison's test results. The goal is to have a working draft by October 15th. Parents will be able to view this document on our campus website or request a copy from the office.

On Wednesday, October 8th, Officer Tim Reeves will discuss campus safety from 3-3:30 in the library. The details of the presentation were already outlined in a previous *Husky Highlights*. Additionally, we will have our crossing guards back in place this week. Again, we are trying to be proactive in addressing student safety concerns.

(For Kindergarten only)

For parents that walk to pick up their students, this will take place outside the kindergarten exit doors. An adult inside will notify students as parents come by. These students will no longer be part of the car pick-up that takes place from the cafeteria. The effective date for this is Wednesday, October 8th.

As you know, October 10th is a student holiday and Learning Improvement Day (LID). Christy Clausen (Lit. Curr. Specialist) will be on campus (1:00-2:00) to highlight district resources available to teachers. This will be a workshop setting with time for teacher interaction addressing designing lessons for furthering writing skills.

Extended Day-

Extended Day for both reading and math began this week for third through fifth grade. It is provided so that students who need extra support in reading and math can get that support before school, rather than being pulled out from class during the day. Reading students will be working in Leveled Literacy Intervention to help them to reach grade level in reading. They will also work on building reading fluency through our Read Naturally program. Our ELL students who come to Extended Day will be working in our Imagine Learning English computer program. This program teaches children English and develops their literacy skills faster and better than any other method. Math support will be working with the classroom teachers to help students with the Envision curriculum that is used in the classroom. A variety of math materials will be used to engage students in math practice. Extended Day is Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 to 8:10. There is no extended day on Fridays.

Success Time-

Our Success Time will begin on October 13th. We began this program last school year, to provide extra support for all students, whether for enrichment, maintenance, or remediation. Our focus this year will be in writing, and will provide school wide support, as we work together to build student skills in writing. Student data will be used to form groups depending on their needs in writing, and all staff will work with a group for a half-hour each day in the students area of need.

ELL-

Madison's English Language Learner program has a total of 154 English Language Learners this year. Students in this program receive daily language support though meeting daily with our ELL support teachers, and using our Imagine Learning English computer program.

Looking ahead, the week of October 27th-31st is Parent-Teacher Conferences. Specifics/logistics of these conferences will be available shortly. A parent letter outlining the process for signing up to meet with your child's teacher will be sent.

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



A Great Book Fair Can Never Have Too Many Volunteers!

Dates: October 27- 31 (Parent-Teacher Conference Week)



Volunteer at our Fall Book Fair – an exciting celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for kids to discover. Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Organize and put things in place
- Offer a helping hand, set up (set up day will be the week before= date still TBA), or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book
- Help run the cashier station

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

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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.



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