

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Dear Madison School Community,

As we close out our second quarter, we realize we have reached the mid-point of the school year. *Be on the lookout for report cards next Monday, Feb. 2.* This is a time to reflect on what has been accomplished and adjust our goals for the second half. So much has been happening throughout our building and the greater school campus that we are all thankful for.

As a school community we introduced our new goal in conjunction with our Positive Behavior Instruction and Supports (PBIS) system, to decrease the number of distractions. Some brave staff members presented skits at last week's school meeting to teach them about our traffic light system and encourage them to: Stop, Think, and Ask "What should I do?" We are working to fill our corrals with mustangs as we anticipate our next Mustang Day!

There is a lot happening here at our mid-point in the school year and we are not slowing down!

- This Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 the 6th grade classes are presenting their Ancient Civilization projects in the gym.
- Thursday, our 4th grade class will participate in the nationwide NAEP testing.
- Art classes are learning weaving skills and others about value.
- Our chorus and band students are preparing for the Louis Fuch's concert.

And so much more! We hope that all of you are staying current with our events through our newsletter and online calendar, and invite you to join us.

Sincerely,

Heather Woodward, MES Principal

Up Coming Events/Meeting

- *Grades Close 1/23*
- *Report Cards 2/2*
- *School Deliberative Session 2/2 @7:00*
- *Town Budget Hearing 2/3 @7:00*
- *PTO Mtg. 2/2 @3:45*
- *School Board Mtg. 2/2 @5:30*



LOST & FOUND

There are MANY items in the lost and found. Please stop by or ask your child to check to see if anything is theirs. Items will be donated to the Gibson Center at the end of the month.

DVD's of the *Nutcracker* are available for \$5/ea with all proceeds going to the drama club. Contact Mrs. Hawkins if you would like one.



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SWIFT Minute Update:

Domain 1: Administrative Leadership Feature 2: Strong Educator Support System

A *Strong Educator Support System* provides structures that enable educators to constantly improve their practices. For example, school coaches and mentors work side-by-side with teachers as they learn to use new instructional methods and evaluate their own effectiveness. The principal uses data and input from the whole school community to make available professional learning opportunities to enhance student outcomes and promote positive school culture. For example, instructional coaching fosters improved teaching and learning through regular demonstration, support, and feedback of effective teaching techniques and strategies. New teachers are mentored, and all educators are given meaningful and regular feedback. A *Strong Educator Support System* cultivates professional growth that results in effective instruction for all students.

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FROM THE TOWN LIBRARY *

Junior Makerspace: Legos!

Kids age 6 and up are invited to come to Madison Library's first Junior Makerspace event on Friday, January 30 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Lego recently donated 10,000 Legos to Carroll County libraries to use for programs at our libraries. At this event, we'll have a Build It challenge (replicate a building in Madison), plus free time to build your own thing. We'll take photos to document and share your creations. Call the Madison Library at 367-8545 for more information.

Pen & Paper Journaling Workshop at the Madison Library

Are you planning to start a journal in 2015? Or do you need inspiration and tips for continuing a journal you've already started? Or if you keep a journal and would like to share your journaling experiences, please join us!

On Friday, January 30 at 6:00 pm, Peggy Johnson will lead a workshop on journaling, for adults, teens, and kids age 11 and up. Peggy has been keeping a journal for years, will discuss the benefits of journaling, and share her tips on making journaling a regular practice. See some examples of different types of journals (art journals, birding journals, reading journals), and we'll even have some blank journals for you to choose from so you can get started.

A soup and bread supper will be included. Call the Madison Library to register for this workshop, 367-8545.

KING PINE 1.27.15

These students are going to the front side of King Pine tomorrow. Please put skis & snowboards by the gym.

King	Hannah	2
Savary	Destiny	1
Smith	Devon	1
Jacobs	Faith	1
Lord	Riley	1
Sevigny	Dominick	1
Brooks	Alyssa	1



The Student Council of M.E.S. invites you to celebrate with us on Thursday, January 29. Our theme for this mid-winter event is going to be mustache day. Everyone is invited to wear their favorite mustache. This can be painted on or whatever you wish.

If you don't have one you could use watercolor paint, cut one out of paper and tape it on, or visit the local dollar store.

