

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 14, 2014

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Up Coming Events/Meeting

- 10/15 Blizzard Bag Trial
- 10/16 Community Town Fair
- 10/24 "Be Our Guest" Community Fall Harvest Festival
- 10/31 Grades Close

Caught Being a Mustang:

We have met our goal of 1000 mustangs! This means we will celebrate Thursday, Oct. 16th! Please join us from 2-3:15 for a Town Fair. If you have time to help set up we would appreciate it. Please let us know if you are available.

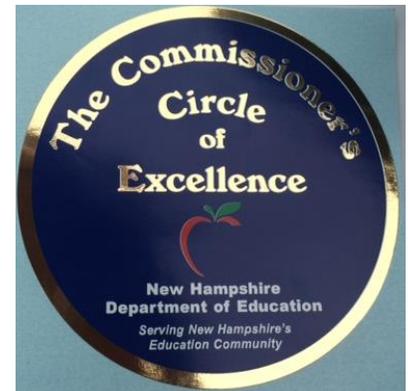
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From the Principal:

Dear Madison School Community,

When I first began here at Madison Elementary School, it didn't take long for me to recognize this community for its support of educational initiatives as they in turn support students and staff who implement them. The Digital Learning Initiative, the structure and intensity of the Response to Intervention program, commitment to the SWIFT transformation process, full-day Kindergarten, and now Remote Instruction School Days aka Blizzard Bags. I am not alone in recognizing the commitment of the staff and community. Today I was pleased to have the opportunity to represent Madison Elementary School to receive the NH Commissioner of Education "Circle of Excellence" Award. This award recognizes schools and districts that aspire to excellence by being bold and innovative in service to children. From a new person's perspective, I cannot imagine a more worthy recipient. It may seem that this is just the way Madison approaches education, but to others, we see the trust relationship that exists between the town, the parents, and the staff who all have the students' best interest at heart. Congratulations Madison Elementary School and here is to continued work as we seek to "Make Every Child Successful."

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Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31st
5pm-6:30pm
Burke Field Parking Lot

Are you tired of loading and unloading your children in the car on Halloween? Don't want to re-adjust that costume every time? Spend Halloween night at the Bone Rattling Burke Field for the Madison Elementary School PTO Trunk or Treat! Join the hair-raising fun as you trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk to get your bags filled with goodies.

Anyone wanting to decorate a trunk at this year's spooktacular event will need to arrive at 4:30 to set up and must stay until the end. Trunks must be appropriate for all ages. Residents, businesses, and community groups are welcome (and encouraged) to join. Please email or call Marcie Shackford if you would like to sign up your trunk.

(marcieshackford@gmail.com or 367-8633) Awards for best trunk! Don't miss the fun!

Candy or treat donations gratefully accepted. School community can drop off at Principal Woodward's office or community members, at the Madison Library.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking located at the Madison Town Garage or Elementary School.

Torrential rain date Saturday Nov 1st 5-6:30



From the Art Room:

The Art Room is a very busy place!

Updates this week from K-3:

Kindergarteners are learning about painting

First graders are working on mixing primary colors to make greens, oranges, and purples

Second grade just finished their Eric Carle (author/illustrator of The Hungry Caterpillar, The Grouchy Ladybug and many more...) inspired collages, thinking about character and setting: "Me at Home in Madison". They each made mini movies of their character waving and dancing!

Third grade is working on "Mr or Mrs Fall" portrait collages using Fall leaves.

ARTSONIA!

We will again be participating in Artsonia, our online portfolio site. Every time families order a product from Artsonia we get 15% of the proceeds, which goes towards purchasing select "extra" art materials. Artsonia funded our document camera last year, our new "HUE" Animation camera and software, extra air dry clay and more!

New students will be receiving permission slips for Artsonia this month.

Parent Volunteers:

Mrs. Robinson is looking for parent volunteers to help in taking photographs of student artworks for Artsonia.

Please contact her if you are interested- no experience necessary!



Title I Tips

Did you know?

Research shows that how well a child does in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become involved in many ways...

- *Volunteering at the school
- *Communicating with your child's teacher regularly, especially about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school.
- *Attending parent/teacher conferences
- *Joining local and national school/parent organizations





“Be Our Guest”
to the

Community Harvest Festival

Save the Date: On Friday, October 24, 2014 from 5:30-7 PM the students of Madison Elementary in conjunction with the MES Wellness Committee and Madison Rec will present *Be Our Guest, a Community Harvest Festival*. MES will partner with the Madison Garden Club and the Madison Old Home Week Committee to bring you an event to remember!

Our students will create a restaurant like atmosphere in the gym with decorations, lights and more making it a very magical place to dine. The students and staff will prepare and serve a free progressive meal of soups, salad & bread, apple cider, milk/water.

Other activities include drumming (6-7 PM) in the “Meadow”, a carved pumpkin luminary pathway to Burke Field where the apple crisp will be served and storytelling featuring **Ed & Heidi Fayle** (6-7 PM) around the campfire. Please come and *Be Our Guest!*

We are asking for donations from each class to make our “stone soup”. Listed below are the suggested items by classroom. The recipe is based on one ingredient per family. If you have children in multiple grades we are only asking for the item from the youngest child’s grade. Please bring food items to school by Friday, October 17, 2014. Thank you

Kindergarten (Kohnke)	1 – bag of small apples
Grade 1 (ME Holmes)	1 – 1lb. bag of carrots
Grade 2 (T Holmes)	1 – 14 oz. can of white garbanzo beans
Grade 2 (Parsons)	1 – zucchini
Grade 3 (Boyer)	1- 14 oz. can green beans
Grade 3 (Spaulding)	1 – 14 oz. can kidney beans
Grade 4 (Bryant)	1 – 1 lb. bag of onions
Grade 5 (Fortgang)	1 – 1 bunch of celery
Grade 6 (Doherty)	1 – ½ gallon pasteurized cider



Blizzard Bag Plan Given The Green Light To SAU 13

Superintendent Lou Goscinski announced today that New Hampshire Commissioner of Education, Dr. Virginia M. Barry, has approved an SAU 13 plan to provide instruction online for Freedom, Madison, and Tamworth students when weather or emergencies cause school to be closed for the day. Goscinski is authorized to declare up to five Remote Instruction School Days, commonly known as Blizzard Bag Days, to recover days of instruction lost due to school cancellation and prevent adding make-up days to the school calendar at the end of the school year. “I am pleased Commissioner Barry has endorsed an innovative way to engage our students in 21st Century learning. Moreover, her approval of the plan helps us to avoid extending the school year late into June,” he said.

The commissioner’s approval is a direct result of an SAU-wide decision last year to give every teacher and student KUNO tablets that they take home to work on assignments away from school without requiring Internet connection. The SAU 13 plan is unique because it allows students who do not have access to the Internet to work on academic assignments with their KUNO tablets. This is achieved when teachers “push” assignments to their students from CLOUD software to the KUNO tablets. “This groundbreaking educational technology has transformed instruction in our schools and also makes it possible for our students to effectively ‘be in school’ even when their schools are closed,” Goscinski said.

The plan submitted by Goscinski requires on-line academic work to be equivalent in effort and rigor to typical classroom work, an assessment be completed of all student work for the day, and at least 80% of all students participate for the day to count as a school day. Goscinski said, “I am extremely proud of our teachers and administrators. They have enthusiastically supported online instruction since the idea was floated last spring. The concept has become a reality because of their dedication and efforts.”

Goscinski will use the school’s automated phone announcement system to notify parents when he declares a Remote Instruction School Day. His message will inform parents that school is cancelled and he has declared such a day. His declaration will also be posted on school websites. School cancellation notifications will continue to be sent to local radio and television stations. According to Goscinski, not every school cancellation day will be declared a Remote Instruction School Day. “There are many factors that need to be considered. So, it is very important for parents to pay close attention to my phone message,” he said.

Goscinski notes information about Remote Instruction School Days, including Frequently Asked Questions, has been sent to parents and guardians. It has also been posted on the website for each school. He said, “If parents and guardians have questions they are encouraged to call their child’s principal.”

A Blizzard Bag trial run will occur tomorrow! All students will bring their Kuno home and have assignments requiring the use of it. We are looking for your feedback on how this goes. Please indicate on the signature/instruction page that your child brings home tomorrow how everything went, could your child get where they needed to on the Kuno, do you have wireless internet at home, how long did it take to complete the assignment?

Learn the facts

NH ranked in the TOP TEN states for past month marijuana use among 12-20 year olds.



NH ranked 2nd in the nation for past month alcohol use among 12-20 year olds



1 in 6 NH teens have abused prescription drugs.

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Community Substance Abuse Prevention Night

**October 22nd, 2014
5p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Loynd Auditorium, Kennett High School

Join us for an important community forum on substance abuse prevention in our school-age population

Pizza will be served from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For More Information call 356-4343

Sponsored by Kennett High School and Memorial Hospital

Gentle Hatha Yoga *

with Stacy
Open to the public

When: Oct 30th, Nov 6th, 13th, 20th
Thursday's 4:30 to 5:30PM

What: Begin to gain more strength and flexibility while learning how to balance oneself through breathing practices. All levels welcome.

Where: MES upstairs conference room

How much: \$10 per class or \$32/four

Portion of proceeds to benefit MES PTO

Space is limited. There are limited mats available, please contact me if you will need one.

For more info visit awaytobalance.com or call Stacy 986-5991



Much is happening with the Madison PTO!

Trunk-or-Treat is BACK. October 31st, 5-6:30 at Burke Field. Contact Marcie Shackford if you would like to decorate your trunk and participate. marcieshackford@gmail.com -

VOTING DAY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE on Nov. 4th: the PTO will offer LUNCH items and host a bake sale in the gym throughout voting day. Soup, sandwiches, and goodies will be offered for a low cost. We are asking parents and teachers to make donations of baked goods, bottled water or Keurig cups on Nov. 4th to benefit this fundraiser!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Community Town Fair on October 16th, 1pm to 3pm to help with games and crafts. Email Tammy Flanigan if interested: tflanigan@mes-nh.com

YOGA at MES to benefit PTO: Stacy Petell will offer Yoga classes for 4 Thursdays beginning Oct. 30th, 4:30-5:30.

COMING SOON: A Google survey to parents to see what YOU would like to see happen this year.

NEXT MEETING: JOIN US MONDAY NOV. 3RD, 3:45 IN LIBRARY. BABYSITTING PROVIDED.

The PTO is looking for donations of empty baskets, size medium or large, for their Gift Basket Fundraiser. Please bring them to the office.
Thanks

Annual Little Caesars Pizza Fund Raiser coming soon.
Packets coming home with your student next week.
Prizes to the top 3 sellers. Who doesn't love pizza?