

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Happy December Madison School Community!

I hope you all enjoyed time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving Recess. As we re-enter our classrooms and get back to work, we also recognize that we are in the "holiday season" and this impacts us all, but most of all our children. It is a time of being "busy" and our emotions (for a variety of reasons) can be a bit more on edge than at other times in the year. I encourage you to take time with your children to reflect on the importance of holidays and the traditions your families celebrate. You may even decide to create some new family traditions. Most of all, know that the most important and beneficial thing you can spend this season, is time with your children. When you talk with them about things that they remember from their past, you will realize the small moments are the ones that have the biggest impression. Share some of your memories with them from your childhood and see how similar you are.

At school we look forward to some annual traditions this month as well. This Saturday is the PTO Craft Fair and Café Noel. To kick off our ESSC Ski Season, students will travel the morning of Monday, Dec. 8 to pick up rental equipment. The Drama Club's presentation of "The Nutcracker" play will be on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7 pm. As we close out the year, the Re-Store on Dec. 23 for students at MES.

It is a great time to be a child in a community who supports the children and each other. Let us come together and enjoy these traditions together while making lasting memories.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Woodward



Up Coming Events/Meeting

- Food Drive Donations Due 12/3
- Café Noel & Craft Fair 12/6
- PTO Mtg. 12/8 3:45 (Date Change!)
- School Brd. Mtg. 12/8 5:00 PM (Date Change!)



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FOOD DRIVE EXTENDED

The M.E.S. Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to help Madison residents.

Please bring in cans of food for the food drive that are non-perishable. The food will be given to the Madison food pantry (@the church). We would like to have all of the food at the school by December 3rd.

Thanks for helping out our neighbors.

RE-STORE

We will once again be offering a shopping experience for all students right before Christmas. The items that are available are small new or gently used knick-knacks, jewelry, mugs, ball caps, purses, etc. If you have some items you would like to donate to the "store" please drop off at school between December 8th and 19th. Thank you!

BOOKFAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held by PTO from 12/1-12/6; 9:15-3:15 daily AND AT Café Noel from 9-3pm.

STUDENT COUNCIL

On December 23, Student Council would like to celebrate all the different winter holidays. We invite you to dress up in your favorite winter holiday colors and accessories. Hats are permitted. Donations OF \$.25 may be made to the Madison Elementary Student Council.



Ossipee Children's Fund

The Ossipee Children's Fund provides financial assistance for programs of childcare, recreation, education and enrichment for lower income families in the New Hampshire towns of Effingham, Freedom, Madison and Ossipee.

Applications can be found in the office at Madison Elementary School or by contacting Mrs. Bartlett, school nurse.

Please visit the website:

www.ocfnh.org for more information or to download an application.

Ossipee Children's Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. It is registered with the Charitable Trust Unit of the /state of New Hampshire.

Title I Tips
Our Title I funding provides all of our students with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom. We use our funding in many ways. Here are some examples of what our Title I program offers:

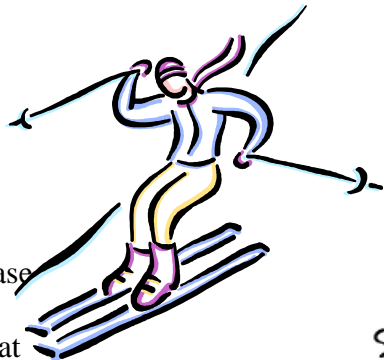
- ✓ smaller instructional groups or special instructional spaces
- ✓ additional staff to support students
- ✓ extra time for teaching students the skills they need
- ✓ a variety of supplementary teaching methods
- ✓ individualized math and/or reading programs for students
- ✓ additional teaching materials which supplement students' regular instruction
- ✓ parent information through materials, workshops and newsletters

Madison Elementary School PTO's 25th Annual Holiday Craft Fair & Cafe Noel



SKI RENTAL PICK UP IS NEXT MONDAY! 12/8

If you are renting skis or a snowboard for your child please look for a permission slip to attend the fitting and pick up at Cranmore. They will come home tomorrow. Please return as soon as possible and remember that students will be outside and should dress appropriately.



Saturday, December 6th
9-3

Madison Elementary School

Featuring local crafters, raffles
and the Scholastic Book Fair

Breakfast and lunch available to benefit
3rd grade Plimoth Plantation Field Trip

Find a gift for everyone on your list!!

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