

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Dear Madison School Community,

Two weeks until vacation and so much is happening! Our monthly School Board Meeting and the Annual Deliberative Session have been rescheduled for tomorrow, Wed., Feb. 4 at 5 & 7 pm. We hope that you will join us and hear about the proposed budget and share your opinion.

Today report cards are coming home. Your children have been hard at work this quarter and it shows. As they get deeper into the year, the work becomes more challenging. Students are up to this challenge and are finding success. Please remember you can contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet to discuss his/her progress at any time in the year.

Coming next Monday is Taiko Drummer Stuart Paton. In cooperation with the Arts Alliance we are able to provide a workshop for teachers, an assembly for our entire school community (please join us at 9:30), and small workshops for the students. This is an exciting event that we all look forward to.

Over the past week and looking ahead, our teachers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of professional development activities including preparing for the Smarter Balanced test, work with our Everyday Math program, and have collaborative discussions on teaching. It is encouraging to know that our teachers are always looking to grow in their craft and stay current with students' learning styles.

As you can see, we are in a constant state of motion here at MES and we like it that way! Keep moving forward!

Sincerely,

Heather Woodward, MES Principal

Writing in second grade has been centered around a research project, a genre that involves taking notes, turning your notes into paragraphs, and editing and revising your work. Each second grader researched a different animal. We have put our pencils to the paper and have written some outstanding pieces. We even went the extra mile and created mini-movies in Google Slide!

Saw-Whet Owl... Adaptations



- Saw-whet owls have little bodies.
- The saw-whet owl has yellow eyes.
- Saw-whet owls have special feathers to help it.

Hyenas... Adaptations



- ◆ Hyenas have powerful jaws for killing bigger animals that they eat.
- ◆ Hyenas have a special fluid in their stomach that helps them digest bones, hair, skin, and teeth.
- ◆ A hyena communicates using a high pitch scream but too high for humans.

This is a walking hyena.

Giant Panda... Food



This is it eating its food and it's happy.

- ◆ Pandas favorite food is bamboo.
- ◆ Pandas eat the leaves, stems, and shoots of various species.
- ◆ Only 1% of its diet is made out of meat or other plants.
- ◆ The meat they eat is pica and other small rodents.
- ◆ Pandas eat 12 out of 24 hours a day.
- ◆ It takes 28 pounds of bamboo to feed a panda.

Up Coming Events/Meeting

- Report Cards 2/3
- Town Budget Hearing 2/3 @7:00
- School Board Mtg. 2/4 @5:00
- School Deliberative Session 2/4 @7:00
- PTO Mtg. 2/9 @3:45



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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.

KING PINE 2.3.15

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

COMING TO MADISON ELEMENATARY

February 9, 2015 9:30-10:30

Join Us!



Burlington Taiko Group and its Sensei Stuart Paton, conduct 50-75 school performances and residencies annually, providing approximately 5,000 students a year first-hand knowledge of the excitement and power of playing taiko. The purpose of their work in schools is to allow children in North America to further their appreciation for diverse cultures, and to see first-hand role models of adults expressing powerful, even fierce, creative energy in avenues that benefit the community. The rhythms, the dancing, and the brilliant colors are all especially engaging and compelling for children and young adults.

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