

Buzzin' Around Madrona



March 2012



Safety Concerns

Dear Parents,

I just want to thank each of you who are following our drop off and pick up routine at Madrona. We are noticing that many of you are thinking about not only your child's safety, but the safety of other drivers and their children as well! We appreciate that everyone is working hard to make sure the lines move forward, and that each car has children ready to exit safely out of the car when it is their turn.

It is important that we all follow the driving laws as well as the school rules in order to make our parking lot a safe place to park in, drive through, and to pick up and drop off children. Please always make sure you have parked safely in the lot before leaving your car. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Free Meals!

You mean there really is such a thing as a free meal? At Madrona there is! Breakfast is **FREE every day** for **EVERY STUDENT!** We offer a selection of nutritious, healthy, hot meals, including milk, and fresh fruit. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

School Attendance

Thanks to all you parents who are faithful in getting your kids to school every day. It is an important message that children learn early in their lives that coming to school every day, on time, is critical to success. It will lead to success in their adult lives as well when they become part of the working world.

As always, I do support you in your decision to keep your child home when they are vomiting, have a severe headache, fever, sore throat, etc. I know that illnesses do hit, but encourage you to get your child back into school as soon as it is healthy for your child to do so. Thanks again for being prompt with notes or phone calls explaining the reason for your child's absence. That is a crucial step in helping us to keep kids in school and knowing why they are gone. Although some of you are excellent at notifying the teacher, it is also helpful if you would notify the office if your child has been absent. That way we don't spend your precious time calling you to find out that information. The teachers do not always have the time to talk to our office staff about absences. Thanks so much for your support of learning at Madrona!

Extra, Extra! Read all about it!

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona.

Morning Homework Help!

We are starting a new program on March 5th to assist students who need some extra time and support getting their homework done. We will have two table designated in the café available from 7:20-7:40 for kids to use to work on homework. We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to help for those 20 minutes one or more mornings a week. We notice many parents bring their kids and some stay to watch until the end of our morning message. We can sure use some of those parents or any other willing parent to help kids complete their homework. We will also have baskets of paper, pencils, scissors, etc., so kids can use them if needed. If you are interested in helping please complete the volunteer application and let the office know you want to become a Homework Helper in the mornings.

New Chaperone Requirements

Recently the district changed the procedures and requirements for processing volunteers at our schools. To better ensure that all volunteers are safe to be with kids everyone who volunteers at the school or on a field trip must now fill out a volunteer application and a confidentiality code agreement. In the case of an overnight field trip all volunteers must complete a background check with the district as well. You can fill out the attached forms or access the forms electronically on our website. You can also drop by the office and get a paper copy or call us to have copies sent home.

PTA News

Well, it's official! The Madrona PTO is now the Madrona PTA. Don't let that worry you, though. Whether it's the called PTO or PTA, you are represented by a stellar group of involved parents, teachers and staff who care deeply for your children, working hard behind the scenes to make sure that each child gets the best quality educational experience possible during their time here at Madrona. We'd be honored to have you join us! Please call PTA President Laurie Guerrero at (541)450-8988 for more information.

Discussion of the Spring Carnival has begun, covering everything from the need for volunteers to which bounce house and/or rock wall to feature. Also on our agenda is the desire to revamp and/or repair many of the carnival games in our inventory. Do you have ideas to offer, or willing hands to help? We would love to hear from you!

In an effort to reach as many involved and interested Madrona parents as possible, the next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, at 6:00pm, in the Madrona School Library. It is hoped that parents who work during the day and are unable to attend daytime meetings will be able to come. Free childcare will be available for all who attend. Please join us!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

March Events



March 5 - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
March 5 - 23 - Oaks testing 2nd round
March 6 - PBIS Trading cards on sale
March 9 - End of Trimester
March 12 - Clerical Day **No School**
March 13 - Newcomb Spring Pictures
March 15 - PBIS Assembly w/Scott Perry
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
March 20 - PBIS Trading cards on sale
March 22 - Site Council Meeting @2 pm
March 23 - Pride Day Assembly
March 26 - 30 - Spring Break

A Look at April



April 5 - Cinco de Mayo
April 5 - Battle of the Books Test Level 1
April 6 - Battle of the Books Test Level 2
April 10 - PBIS Trading Cards on Sale
April 12 - PTA Meeting in Library @ 2:10
April 24 - PBIS Trading Cards on sale
April 26 - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
April 27 - Pride Day Assembly

Kindergarten Roundup



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2012, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 8th from 12:00 - 2:00pm. You will need to bring original Birth Certificates, immunization records, and your new Kindergarten student when you come. We will meet in the office to fill out enrollment forms, make copies of Birth Certificates and immunization records. Then you will visit the Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs. Kramer, our Kindergarten teacher, to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners here!

Spelling Bee

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition in April. Each teacher will select two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students will participate in a challenging spelling test on April 3rd. Mrs. Van Brunt will give the test. Students who were selected by the teacher may be given some practice materials to help them prepare ahead of time. The top speller in each group will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 11th at the district office.

PBIS Assembly

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support

On March 15, 2012 at 12:30 p.m., Madrona is having a PBIS assembly with Mr. Perry. Mr. Perry is a songwriter and performer, who uses puppetry as a way to communicate with students. All kids who have 1 or less referrals to the office, or one or less bus citations and no more than 3 visits to Ed Lab per month will earn the privilege to attend the performance.

Battle of the Books

Practices will be every Monday and Tuesday in the Library from 11:30-12:30 beginning on February 27th/28th. Students who are in Battle of the Books are strongly encouraged to participate in these practices. Practices will continue until the final test which will be given by Mrs. VanBrunt on April 5th and 6th. Finalists will not only be chosen from the test scores, but also in how dedicated they are to the practices and to teamwork! Finalists will continue to practice until the District Competition April 21.

Madrona Science Fair Winners!

5th Grade

- 1st Place** - Jenelle Hurley
2nd Place - McKenzie Orton
3rd Place - Arthur Corbet, D.J. DeCasas
3rd Place Class Project- Brianna Stark,
Kyleah Gurwell,

4th Grade

- 1st Place** - Selene' Lewis
2nd Place - Erin Parise
3rd Place - Madison Young
Honorable Mention- Allen Verner
3rd place Class Project- Payden Tavelli, Tyler Childers
4th Place Class Project -Tenley Williams, Sierra Combe

3rd Grade

- 1st Place** - Jada Hurley
2nd Place - Maliah Obien
3rd Place- Breanna Boyle
Honorable Mention- Chase Chalker

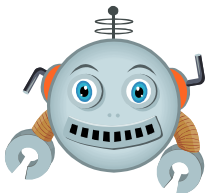
2nd Grade

- 1st Place class Project** - Taya Mendoza
2nd Place Class Project - Isaac Hill, Drew Clem

1st Grade

- 1st Place** - Drake Chalker
1st Place Class Project - Imel Lexi

These are the results of the school judging of all projects that were submitted by students. These projects went on to the district level. Those results are posted on the following page.



District Science Fair Winners!

The results are in for the District Science Fair Winners! All students who entered a project were given a participation ribbon. Two different judges judged each project and then the two scores were tallied and averaged to determine the ribbon students received. The points for ribbons were as follows: Gold=71-90; Silver=66-70; Bronze=56-65; Participation=55 and below. Additionally, a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention award were given within each science category in which students entered their projects. Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you for all your hard work, creativity, and for representing our school in a way that makes us proud. Yeah, Madrona Hornets!

Individual Projects:

Jenelle Hurley - 5th Grade

"Five Second Rule"
Gold Award
Place: 1st Place

D.J. DeCasas - 5th Grade

"Brown Apples"
Silver Award

Madison Young - 4th Grade

"Attitude Jars"
Bronze Award

Selene' Lewis - 4th Grade

"Crystals Compare"
Bronze Award

Jada Hurley - 3rd Grade

"Danger:UV Rays"
Gold Award
Place: 2nd Place

Maliah Obien - 3rd Grade

"Reflexes: Boys or Girls?"
Silver Award

Joint, Group & Class Projects:

Kyleah Gurwell and Brianna Stark - 5th Grade

"Yeast the Beast"
Bronze Award

Tyler Childers and Payden Tavelli- 4th Grade

"Survival of the Skugs"
Bronze Award

Jonny Burgess, Tenley Williams - 3rd Grade Class Project

"Bubble Busters"
Participation Award

Good job Madrona Hornets! You always make us proud!

New Books in the Library



We will soon have new books in our library for check out. These books were acquired from our Scholastic Book Fair Sale! Thanks again to everyone who helped us raise funds for our Library!

Citizen's of the Month for February

Kramer:

Jessica Mena
Lily Annis

Strangis:

Megan LaCombe
Annie Nelson

Brucher:

Rylie Terpening
Joel Lankford

Fisher:

Evan Inch
Anika Walker

Simpson:

Madeline Terpening
Autumn Gettys

Goodin:

Triston Marchington
Selene' Lewis

Law:

Erin Stewart
Hope Gettys

Buscher:

Brayden Morris
Caitlan Heath

Accelerated Reader Achievements January 2012

Ready Reader

Selene' Lewis

Independent Reader

Elijah Baker
Noah Horban
Lexi Imel
Joel Lankford
Brooke Loraditch
Cristal Madris-Delgado
Kloey Rich
Spencer Tatom

Rising Reader

Victor Bettencourt
Madison Williams

Super Reader

Jordan Alford
McKendrie Ebben
Jose Eslama-Hernandez
Charlie Jarvis
Kayden Kennedy
AudriAnna O'Connor
Jacob Riegel
Selah Sandys
Adrian Solomon

Super Reader II

Jordan Alford

Super Reader III

Jordan Alford

Advanced Reader

Breanna Boyle
Tyler Childers
Rosa Duenas
Kael Dymock
Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Troy Johnson
Maliah Obien
Adrian Solomon
Brycen Stevens
Chris Therson

Star Reader

Jared Anderson
Riley Arnold
Sierra Combe
Ian Hayes
Bailey Lankford
Michelle Larson
Megan Mathiasen
Melba Ordaz
Derek Potts
Grace Satterfield
Jack Shaver
Payden Tavelli
Cody Traughber

Star Reader II

Bailey Lankford

Classic Reader

Jenelle Hurley

Honors Reader

Jada Hurley
Derek Potts

No Child Left Behind

Did You Know...?

(Facts about our AR participation and program as of Feb. 1, 2012)

Since the beginning of the school year, Madrona students have read 2,950 AR books, AND we have read 23,998,914 words in those books!

96 out of 165 students entered into our system are actually using the AR program.

58% of Madrona students have passed AR tests with an 85% or above compared to 60% of students in the district.

The estimated YTD average time during a day that our school spends taking AR tests is 20 min.

Our highest month tests passed with 85% or better was in September with 64%.

This week, Madrona students passed 64% of the tests compared to 62% in the district. Yay!

Madrona students participating at grade levels are as follows:

1st 36%	2nd 58%	3rd 60%
4th 62%	5th 60%	

Students in classes that have passed their AR tests at 85% or better:

Brucher 50%	Buscher 60%	Fisher 52%	Goodin 64%
Jones 67%	Law 63%	Macklin 100%	Simpson 56%
Strangis 40%			

Just thought you would like to see some fun statistics and how we rate in the district and as a school so far!!

Happy Reading,

Brenda Haberman, Librarian

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.

Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.