

Keeping You

# Informed

## MADISON MESSENGER

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March/ April/May 2012

### Principal's Page

I would like to begin by thanking each of you for attending conferences in February. We had 99.2% attendance. This opportunity for communication helps build a strong home/school connection that is so important for student achievement! I would also like to thank you for completing the parent satisfaction survey during conferences. Your input is important to us and helps us to make our school a great place to learn.

I hope that those of you who are interested in having your child attend our summer school program had a chance to meet with Mrs. Veium during conferences to sign up on her list. If not and you are still interested, it is not too late. Call Mrs. Veium at 743-6841 to add your child to the list. Our neighborhood summer school program is a wonderful opportunity for your children to continue practicing skills in smaller groups with fun activities. This refresher gives students a jump start and allows them to be more successful in the fall.

Please remember that supervision does not begin until 8:05. If your child does not eat at our Breakfast Club, please have them arrive after 8:05 if at all possible. This would be very helpful to our Breakfast Club volunteers and will also help our students have a good start to their school day. We thank you for your help with this safety issue!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 743-6806.



Respectfully,

*Veronica McMahon*

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Principal

#### Madison's Mission

Madison School's students, staff and families are partners working together to raise achievement. We are safe, respectful, responsible and ready to learn.

# Madison News and Information...

## Early Childhood

What an exciting year it has been so far and we still have a few months to go! I have really enjoyed getting to watch all of the boys & girls learn and grow! The children have been working very hard learning about winter and all it has to offer. We also have been learning nursery rhymes. The children learned about friendship by making beautiful valentines and sharing them with each other.

The next few months will be filled with learning about our world through our ocean, farm and community helper units. We will also do a unit on classic stories such as The Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Boy, we are really going to understand the number three after that unit! Eric Carle, the author, will be our next unit and we will do a lot of work with his stories.

The EC'ers will definitely be "busy little bees" this coming spring!

Mrs. Seichter 743-6886

## CLOTHING LOANS FROM SCHOOL

*If your child is loaned clothing from school please wash the item and return it to school so we have clothing to loan others. The school has a limited amount of clothing to loan. If we are unable to provide a suitable substitutions, parents may be called to bring replacement items to their child when accidents occur. Students who must wait for clothing from home often miss valuable instruction time in class while they wait.  
Thank You!*



## Pre-K

I want to thank all the parents who provided treats and supplies for our Valentine's Party. We really appreciate your support for these fun activities. The children had a fantastic time!

It was great to sit down and talk with all of you at conferences. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please don't hesitate to contact me.

You will soon be receiving kindergarten orientation letters in the mail. Orientation will be held in April. Unless other arrangements have been made, your child will attend the orientation of their home school.

I am tentatively planning two more field trips. One to the farm and another to the children's museum. I will let you know of the dates as soon as they are set.

As the weather warms up and the playground dries out, we will start going outside for recess. I will keep you posted, so you can dress your child appropriately.

Mrs. Sauser 743-6883

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten is buzzing with busy learners! Late winter and early spring are great months for big gains in skill development, reading interest, and social skills growth. Math skills really take off as well. We have enjoyed learning about many special days like Chinese New Year, Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, and our own Day 100 celebration. Young children can really become interested in the world around them if they participate in fun and eventful activities. *(Continued next page)*

# Madison News and Information...

## Kindergarten *(Continued from previous page)*

We look forward to spring, with units on growing things, the weather, and animals. We will be planning a couple of field trips as well. Please enjoy special times with your child- reading non-fiction stories of interest to your child, going on short trips to see new places, trying out a new way to exercise and have fun together. Kindergarten age kids are great! They learn so much by simply doing things with loving adults. Have fun!

Mrs. Plewa 743-6890

Mrs. Koebler 743-6893

Mrs. Angus 743-6889

## Grade 1

Dear First Grade Families,

Thank you for working hard every week on our Word Wall Words. We are nearing the end of our 100 words for first grade. Please continue to review them daily. Ideally, your child should be able to read them and write them. Also, thank you for continuing to read with your child. At least once per week you should see a reading envelope come home with a Just Right Level book for your child to read to you. Please have your child read it that night and return it the next day. We have several students not returning these books and we afraid that they are lost. It is very expensive to replace the lost book since they are ordered in sets of 6.

In the area of math we are working on place value, basic facts, telling time to the hour and half hour, and counting money. These are life long skills that your child needs to master in time. Playing the math games or just having your child involved in daily experiences like counting money, telling the time, etc... will help to master those skills.

In the content areas we are learning about the presidents, dental health, heart health, and famous black Americans. Please ask your child about these subjects.

Please continue to send snow pants and boots and winter gear. Also, be sure your child has a pair of shoes to wear in their locker for the day. Wearing boots all day is hot and messy in the classroom. We enjoyed seeing you at conferences!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lantz 743-6884

Mrs. A. Marshall 743-6885

Mrs. H. Marshall 743-6895

*School District of Janesville Policies and Procedures, Page 2*

*"Young children lack the physical coordination and good judgment to handle their bicycles safely in busy traffic situations which often exist around a school, therefore, **we strongly discourage children below third grade from riding their bikes to school.** Children who bring bicycles to school do so at their own risk. The school does not provide special supervision for the bike rack(s) and will not be responsible for bikes that are damaged or stolen."*

## Grade 2

Second grade is so excited to welcome Mrs. Loizzo to our team! We are all happy she is back to join second grade fun and learning.

Warm weather will soon be here. Please be sure to watch the weather forecast so your child is dressed appropriately for the ever changing weather.

Please continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis. If you get a chance the Madison School website has tons of educational programs children can do at home that mix learning and fun! Some of our favorites are starfall.com, speakaboos.com, learningplanet.com, and abcya.com.

Madison School will again host summer school. This program is designed for the children to have fun and keep their skills sharp over the summer. We don't want them to lose what they have worked so hard to gain! If you would like to enroll your child please contact Mrs. Veium at 743-6841.

Mrs. Davey 743-6882

Mrs. Loizzo 743-6880

Mrs. Schwark 743-6881

# Madison News and Information...

## Grade 3

Hello third grade parents,

We are better than half way through the year. We can hardly believe how fast time flies. March is our last month for the Pizza Hut program Book-It. This is a great way to encourage your child to read. Please read the reading newsletter for ideas to help make your child a better reader. We will be attending Frances Willard which was the first one room school in Janesville. This field trip will be in May. Third grade students love to take a step back in time and see what it was like to go to school a hundred years ago. Please ask your children about the fun experiments we have been conducting with electricity in science. Your children are exceptional in many ways. You should be proud of them.

Third grade teachers

Mrs. Demrow 743-6874

Miss Barwick 743-6875

Mr. Ginter 743-6879

### Grade 3 Field Trip to Frances Willard School Rock County 4H Fairgrounds

- May 15 Mrs. Demrow's Class
- May 16 Mr. Ginter's Class
- May 17 Miss Barwick's Class



### Friendly 4th Grade Reminders:

Check your child's assignment book daily. Go through your child's home folder daily and help them keep it cleaned out! Please call your child's teacher before or after school to discuss any questions or concerns. As always, thank you for your support and encouragement during the school year!

Mrs. Lencho-743-6850  
Mrs. Morgan-743-6849  
Mr. Neuser-743-6844

4th Grade Field Trip  
Capitol Building, Madison  
APRIL 11

## 4th Grade

Happy second semester! Spring is in the air, and our students are hard at work in the middle of what we refer to as "prime learning time", that time after Christmas, with no standardized tests on the horizon and few interruptions in the daily schedule. What follows is a brief summary of what most students are studying now in each curricular area.

**Math-**The students are quickly beginning to understand why we've drilled them so hard on basic multiplication and division facts as we tackle multiplication and division of larger numbers. Students are continuing to work on story problems with multiple steps and are beginning to explore how to use a protractor to measure angles.

**Reading-**Students are enjoying literature in a variety of formats and grouping situations. Often, the children move from independent reading, to partner reading, to small group reading each ninety-minute session. During small group instruction times, the kids are learning about text structure (characters, setting, problem, solution, plot) in narrative texts, and expository text features in non-fiction text. Please encourage your child's reading by asking them to tell you what they are reading in school, and by reading at home.

**Language Arts/Spelling-**The classrooms are all working on different spelling and writing projects at this time. The focus is on planning, organizing, writing, and editing various pieces, and as always, on grammar and punctuation in both daily work and on formal assignments. Please ask your child what project he or she is currently working on! *(Continued next page)*

# Madison News and Information...

## 4th Grade *(continued)*

Science/Health-Classes are working on or finishing a module on Physical and Chemical properties of matter and are having a great time working on various experiments. Some of the students are learning about proper care of the body in Health class.

Social Studies-We are all nearing the end of our study of the Regions of the United States. Soon we will begin an in-depth study of our home state of Wisconsin, which will be the focus until the end of the year. Our culminating activities will include a fun and instructive trip to the capitol and another trip to JSOL.

Technology-The kids continue to be instructed in proper keyboarding technique. All classes are currently working on or have already finished a unique technology project highlighting research done in a subject area. The students have completed power point presentations and brochures. Ask your child what technology project he or she has done.

Mrs. Lencho 743-6850

Mrs. Morgan 743-6849

Mr. Neuser 743-6844

## Grade 5

Thank you to all parents for coming out and supporting your child by attending parent/teacher conferences in February. It makes our job much easier when we know that parents and teachers are working together to help our children succeed. It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here and your fifth grader is preparing to enter Middle School! While things are winding down, your child will still work hard on daily academics and standards to make sure he/she leaves here confident and with a positive attitude to succeed. Mrs. Filter has many lessons planned to help your child with the transition to middle school as well as continued lessons on friendships and social skills. There are also many 5<sup>th</sup> grade goings-on before your child leaves Madison Elementary. In March, we have our MASH presentation, as well as our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing. In April, following Spring Break, are MAP tests and another visit from the middle school counselors. May offers up the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Track-n-Field Days along with performances from Band and Orchestra. Mr. Grimm and Mrs. Pritchett have enjoyed working with you and your child this past year and wish you all many successes.

Mr. Grimm 743-6852

Mrs. Pritchett 743-6853

### \*Celebrate Culture \* Embrace Diversity \*

*Mural in the Grades 4/5 Hallway*



Anne Morgan, daughter of 4th grade teacher Kathy Morgan, painted this diversity mural at Madison School with the assistance of her sister, Mary Morgan. Anne is currently an Art major at UW-Stevens Point with a double major in International Studies. Anne was a former student at Craig High School and is excited to give back to the community and School District of Janesville through her talents. The paint that Anne used was generously donated by a local business owner. Thanks to Al Burden at Hallman/Lindsay Paints here in Janesville for helping to make this project possible.

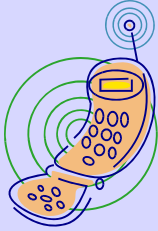


*Artist, Anne Morgan*



# Madison News and Information...

**CALL: 743-6830 ONLY**  
**TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT**  
**ABSENT OR LATE**  
 Please leave a message  
 (Attendance Clerk leaves at 1:30 p.m.)



**CALL TEACHERS DIRECTLY**  
 To your student's classroom teacher &  
 leave a message. \*Most\* teachers do not  
 answer phones during instruction time.  
 They will check messages before & after  
 school.  
 See the phone teachers' numbers shown on each article.

**CALL: 743-6800 ONLY**  
**\*\*FOR ALL OTHER REASONS\*\***

**CALL for STUDENTS EARLY**  
 Students are not always in their classrooms.  
 It may take several attempts to reach them.  
 Call in messages before 11:15 a.m.

**CALL THE OFFICE IN ADVANCE**  
 If your student must leave early. Students  
 are not always in their classrooms.

## If You Pick Up Your Child From School

Please make plans and appointments for early in  
 the day, so you will be finished in time to  
 pick up your child by 3:00

If you are running late  
 Please make arrangements for someone else to  
 pick up your child at 3:00

*Students should be  
 on their way home by 3:10*

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Class**

*Ms. O'Connor*

The Madison 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been practicing for their 2:00 p.m. March 16 concert called "Sails, Rails, and Trails." We're featuring sea shanties, railroad work songs, and cowboy cattle herding songs. Many of these songs have two-part harmony. The band students are "taking a ride" on "Choo Choo Ch' Boogie," and the orchestra students are fiddlin' along with "Orange Blossom Special." Some of our guitar players are accompanying the cowboy songs. Please join us for this concert. You'll see that the Madison 5<sup>th</sup> graders are very talented, and they perform with gusto!

## Lunch Schedules

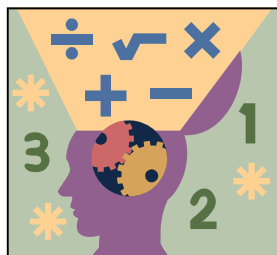
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Eat</u>	<u>Recess</u>
1	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:50
4	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:05
5	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:35
2	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:50
K	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:05
3	12:45-1:05	1:05-1:20

**Assignment Notebook**

**Replacement Fee**

**\$5.00**

*(4th & 5th Graders)*



# Mark Your Calendar

See: [www.janesville.k12.wi.us/mad/Calendars](http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/mad/Calendars)



## Popcorn Days Wednesdays

March 14  
April 18  
May 16



## *Pick Ups Tuesdays*

March 20  
April 24  
May 22

## Madison PTA Meetings Mondays

March 19  
April 16  
May 21



## Madison Sing Schedule

Thursday, March 15th  
1:00 Grade 4

Friday, March 16th  
2:00 Grade 5

*Student Council will be selling bottled water and Rice Krispy treats at all concerts, for \$1 each. Proceeds from sales will go toward programs & projects at Madison School!*

## Dairy Queen Night

*Tuesday*  
April 10



**2011-12**  
**Madison Yearbooks**  
Will be distributed the last week of school.

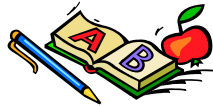
## Culvers Scoopie Nights Tuesdays

March 13 & May 8



## Kindergarten Orientation for 2012-13 Students

Friday, April 27



*All students must be enrolled with the School District of Janesville before attending. This event allows students to be placed in next year's classes based upon the strengths & abilities demonstrated during orientation.*

## Madison PTA Carnival Tuesday

April 24 at 5:30 p.m.



**FABULOUS**  
**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 23RD**

## Madison School's 10th Annual Memorial Day Parade

*Thursday, May 24\**  
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## SPRING BREAK

April 2—April 8, 2012

## NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAYS

*Friday & Monday, May 25\* & 28*

*\*May 25 is a "Snow Day" make-up day if required. If in school, parade day will be Friday, May 25.*

## Last Day of School

2011-2012

Thursday, June 7

## District News

### Public School Open Enrollment Timelines

The State of Wisconsin has announced the application period for open enrollment (also known as public school choice) begins in February for the following school year. Open Enrollment laws permit children to attend a public school in a school district other than the one in which they live.

The open enrollment application period for the 2012-13 school year is from February 6-April 30, 2012. Parents are encouraged to apply on-line at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>. Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 2, 2012 and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period. Paper applications to attend Janesville must be submitted to the Administrative Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 30th (a postmark does not constitute timely submission). Applications turned in prior to February 6th will be returned as not valid and must be resubmitted after February 6th but before April 30th.

Enrollment in a requested school or program is subject to space and other limitations and is not guaranteed. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

Under School District of Janesville board policy, students who attended the district under open enrollment the previous year are not required to reapply for the following school year, unless they will be entering middle school.

An application is required for each sibling in the family. For example, if a family has one child in elementary school that has been approved for open enrollment and a new student entering kindergarten next year, the student entering kindergarten must apply for open enrollment in order to attend the School District of Janesville.

Parents will be informed in June whether their open enrollment applications have been approved or denied. The student's school or program placement will be provided in June.

If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Services Office at 743-5006.

## SEVERE WEATHER—TORNADO...

*“Every precaution has been taken to protect students and staff members during periods of severe weather. Students and staff are made aware of predetermined areas of shelter to which they move during severe weather warnings. During times of weather warnings, students will be kept in their shelter areas beyond normal dismissal times and staff will remain with them. For safety reasons students will not be released until either the National weather Service or local police or fire officials issue an “all clear” signal. **Children will not be released to families during the time of a weather warning.** AlertNow® system will serve as our primary means of notification to let parents know when students will be released.*

**Please note that AlertNow® can only call one family contact (designated as “primary”) and it is the responsibility of the contacted parent to notify other parents/guardians/family members who might need the information.**