

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 2022 ISSUE I





# welcome Cumber Sherman our interim Ossistant Principal

Welcome back RAMS! My name is Mrs. Amber Sherman, and I am honored to be your interim assistant principal here at Madison Meadows. Having worked on campus for seven years prior to taking over this position (as ELA teacher, and formerly Ms. Bradshaw), the campus feels like home, and I am looking forward to this year being the greatest year Meadows has ever seen. That may seem hyperbolic, but if we follow school and classroom expectations, tap into our emotions by using RULER, and embrace the positive behavior intervention system enforced by all staff members on campus, we will have a spectacular year.

If you happen to see me on campus Monday mornings, ask me what I baked this weekend, because I bake something new every, single Sunday! An Arizona sports fan to the core, I am still in mourning for the Suns last season; we don't talk about the Suns the way we don't talk about Bruno! I love to armchair quarterback the television show Alone, and also enjoy watching Stranger Things, Somebody Feed Phil, Barry, and So You Think You Can Dance. Please don't be shy - come say hi when you see me walking around campus.

Let's work together to make this school year the best yet, by keeping a few things in mind: cell phones (and gaming devices) are off, and in backpacks, from bell to bell; minor incident reports (MIRs) are now digital, and will be sent home via email; and be Respectful, Accountable, Mindful, and Safe when on your way to campus, on campus, and leaving campus. I am thrilled to see what we can accomplish this 2022-2023 school year.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Mon, Aug 8th -

Meet & Greet/Supply Drop off 4pm -6pm Mandatory Sports Meeting 6pm - Cafeteria

Tues, Aug 9th-First Day of School

Wed, Aug 10th 2:10 Release

Aug 9th - Aug. 31st Spirit Wear Sales

Wed, Aug 17th 2:10 Release

Thurs, Aug. 18th Picture Day

Wed, Aug 24th 2:10 Release

Wed, Aug 31st 2:10 Release

**Mon, Sept. 5th** Labor Day No School

Sept. 28th - Sept 30th

Camp Friendly Pines Trip for 5th Graders

Click here for copy of the 2022-23 Madison School District Calendar

Facebook groups:
INCOMING 5TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 7TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 8TH GRADE PARENTS



# DROP OFF & PICK UP

Students should NOT be dropped off or picked up by the front office. You should use the 3rd Ave & Maryland entrance or the Church parking lot off of Ocotillo & Central.

Please be respectful of our neighbors and do not park or drive fast. Thank you!

OUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA OFFERS BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES EVERY DAY. STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE SCHOOL MEALS DAILY OR ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS TO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT AT: HPS://FAMILY.TANK12.COM. CLICK ON "ENROLL NOW" AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILD(REN). YOU'LL NEED TO ENTER YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, GRADE, BIRTH DATE, STUDENT ID NUMBER, AND YOUR CREDIT OR DEBIT ACCOUNT INFORMATION.

MORE INFORMATION IS FOUND IN OUR STUDENT HANDBOOK HERE!

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICED MEALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE, THE CAFETERIA OR YOU CAN ALSO COMPLETE ONE ONLINE AT: HTTPS://FAMILY.TANK12.COM

### Did you know...

**CAMPUS OPENS 8:10 AM WARNING BELL 8:25 AM** FINAL BELL: 8:30 AM **DISMISSAL BELL 3:40 PM** 



**Contact Madison** Transportation regarding bus pick up/drop off times.

602-664-7701



TRANSPORTATION@MADISONED.ORG

### **CONTACT MEADOWS**

Please check to see if the answer to your Meadows question can be found on our school website www.madisonaz.org and select MEADOWS.

If you don't find an answer and still need the office staff please remember we are home to over 900 students so your patience is appreciated.

ATTENDANCE/TARDY

(1) 602-664-7620

EMAIL YOUR QUESTION



meadowsoffice@madisoned.org

FRONT OFFICE PHONE#



602-664-7600





# missing anything?

Please make sure your student has the following supplies in their backpack.

School supplies for those in need are available through the PTM.

Please reach out to our school social worker Mrs. Williams.

# 5/6 grade

□ PENCIL POUCH WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE (SUGGESTED TO KEEP
MATERIALS ORGANIZED)
☐ SHARPENED PENCILS (TICONDEROGA PREFERRED)
☐ HIGHLIGHTERS
☐ HAND-HELD PENCIL SHARPENER
☐ PENS (ANY COLOR EXCEPT BLACK)
□ I LARGE ERASER
☐ I PACK OF COLORED PENCILS
□ 7 FOLDERS W/ POCKETS
□ 5 COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (LANG & LIT, SCIENCE, MATH, HUMANITIES, LANGUAGE ACQUISITION)
☐ BLACK EXPO MARKERS (EXPO BRAND PREFERRED)
☐ GLUE STICKS
□ SCISSORS
☐ HEADPHONES/EARBUDS (COMPATIBLE W/ CHROMEBOOK)

# 7/8 grade

- I INCH BINDER WITH LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER
- · GRAPH PAPER
- SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR (ADV MATH NEEDS GRAPHING CALCULATOR)
- (7) SEVEN (2) POCKET PLASTIC POCKET FOLDERS (AT LEAST I WITH METAL PRONG FASTENER CLASPS)
- 5 COLLEGE RULED COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (LANG & LIT, SCIENCE, MATH, HUMANITIES, LANGUAGE ACQUISITION)
- 2 EXPO MARKERS
- RULER
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- SCISSORS
- ERASERS
- #2 PENCILS
- MARKERS OR COLORED PENCILS
- EARBUDS/HEADPHONES (NEEDS TO BE COMPATIBLE W/ CHROMEBOOK)





### BELL SCHEDULE - REGULAR DAY

1st Period	8:30 - 9:27
2nd Period	9:30 - 10:23
3rd Period	10:26 - 11:19
4th Period	11:22 - 11:56 (5/6 Lunch) 11:22 - 12:15
5th Period	12:18 - 12:52 (7/8 Lunch) 12:55 - 1:48
6th Period	12:55 - 1:48
7th Period	1:51 - 2:44
8th Period	2:47 - 3:40

NOTE: We are unable to sign out students 15 min. before final bell

Students arriving after 8:30 will need to sign in as Tardy in the front office.

### **BELL SCHEDULE - TCT WEDNESDAY**

1st Period	8:30 - 9:13
2nd Period	9:16 - 9:57
3rd Period	10:00 - 10:41
4th Period	10:44 - 11:14 (5/6 Lunch) 10:44 - 11:25
5th Period	11:28 - 11:58 (7/8 Lunch) 11:17 - 11:58
6th Period	12:01 - 12:42
7th Period	12:45 - 1:26
8th Period	1:29 - 2:10

NOTE: We are unable to sign out students 15 min, before final bell

Students arriving after 8:30 will need to sign in as Tardy in the front office.

This year EVERY WEDNESDAY is TCT (teacher collaboration time) early release. Dismissal is at 2:10 p.m. for all Meadows students.

PTM WILL HAVE AN AZ POPS DINE OUT ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH



PE SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH OR 2 FOR \$15.

THEY CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE FRONT OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.



Picture Day is

Thursday, August 18th!

Students will get their school ID's that day!



If you cleaned out your closets this summer, consider donating items to the health office.



Currently, the most needed items are shorts, light jackets or sweatshirts, and large or XL t-shirts.



Hearing and vision screenings are scheduled for the week of August 29-September 2.

If you do NOT want your child screened please notify Nurse Crystal by 8/26.

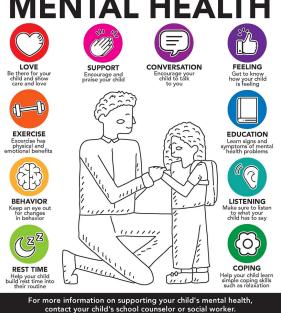
cmacleod@madisoned.org

# VISITING CAMPUS? DON'T FORGET YOUR ID!



FOR THE 2022-23 THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL CAMPUS VISITORS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A PHOTO ID AND SIGN IN AND OUT VIA OUR RAPTOR SYSTEM KIOSK IN THE FRONT OFFICE

# HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH



Mrs. Williams our social worker put together an amazing lending library for parents. It is located in the Meadows front office.

Contact her or reach out to her with any questions: bwilliams@madisonedu.org

# Online Resources to check out

WWW.EDUTOPIA.ORG
WWW.UNDERSTOOD.ORG
WWW.VERYWELLMIND.COM



# Washington DC 2023 Trip open to Meadows and MTA students!

Led by Claire Vacanti & Leigh Siebert for current 7th Graders only Virtual Information Meeting Tuesday, September 13, 7 pm Email madison.washington.dc@gmail.com for the google meet link. and Trip Information/Parent Brochure Please note this is not a school-sponsored trip



# 5TH GRADE CAMP IS BACK!

SEPT 28, 2022 - SEPT 30, 2022

Camp Friendly Pines is an annual trip for our 5th Graders. Students spend 4 days at Camp Friendly Pines in Prescott, Arizona. This long tradition has students participating in a literal classroom in the pines. Classroom studies such as Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, etc. are all practiced using the environment around them. Other exciting activities include ropes courses, cabin skits, and more! All 5th Grade Teachers attend but parent chaperones are also needed.

Homeroom Teachers will give every 5th grade student an information and permission slip packet. Please ask your student for all the details.

### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday August 15
The first payment of \$125.00 due(or pay the entire amount \$250)

Friday August 26
Packet/Permission due to
vour homeroom teacher

Friday September 2
Last payment of \$125.00 due

Tuesday September 27
MANDATORY Luggage
Drop Off Day 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday September 28
Students arrive to school
(by 8:30 AM)
Busses depart by 9:30 AM

Friday September 30

Buses will arrive back at Meadows at approximately 11:30 A.M.

#### How to pay online for camp:

Go to PowerSchool parent portal and log in Click on "Purchases and Payments" in the menu on the left Click on your student's name. Then click Pay Fines/Fees. Make a checkmark in the item(s) you'd like to pay. Then click the blue Pay Selected Fines/Fees button. Check out using your card information & Click "Submit Payment"

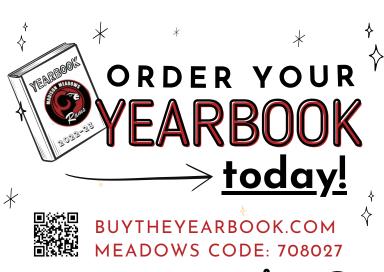
We will run a report on our end, but we suggest that you print out your receipt AND email the receipt to yourself as back-up.

Forward/screenshot your confirmation and email it to your student's first period teacher teacher and mrowell@madisoned.org Payments may also be paid by credit card in the office. If you have questions about payments, please contact the front office at (602) 664-7600 or email meadowsoffice@madisoned.org

#### WE NEED YOU!

We are seeking parents interested in chaperoning and/or assisting with the Camp Friendly Pines committee. Please consider joining your 5th Grader on this memorable trip or helping with the planning and fundraising! If you are interested, please contact pres@meadowsptm.org.







Meadows' New Staff 2022-23

NATALIE SAXON - 7/8 SPANISH TEACHER

SARAH BALL -7/8 MATHTEACHER

JOURDAN MCFARLAND - 7/8 MATH/CODING TEACHER

THERESA TORNQUIST - 5/6 MATH/SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

ELIZABETH GENGLE - 7/8 LANGUAGE TEACHER

SHAWN GOWER - 7/8 SCIENCE TEACHER

LELAND KRIEGH - 7/8 DIGITAL DESIGN/ENGINEERING TEACHER

COURTNEY FLOWERS - 5/6 PE TEACHER

DEANNA AHMAD - 5/6 SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

STACY CAMPBELL - ATTENDANCE CLERK



# Dear Meadows Students and Families,







The PTM (Parent Teacher Organization) would like to extend a warm welcome to new Meadows families, and happily welcome back returning families. We are a volunteer organization made up of parents and teachers who work with administrators, support staff and the community for the success of our students. We want to aid the students and staff by providing support for educational, social emotional and recreational needs.

We look forward to meeting families, parents and grandparents that want to be involved this school year. Please plan to attend our meetings, social events and fun family events. You are ALWAYS welcome! Our first event is our PTM Welcome Back Dinner on Sept 7 at 6pm in the Meadows Cafeteria. We will not only share our plans for the year, offer a yummy meal, but the new Madison District Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Guerin will be there to introduce herself, along with a rep from the Madison Advocates.

By the way, Green Team, Art Masterpiece, Copy Cats and Dads Club are BACK! We hope you find a committee or endeavor at Meadows to get involved in.

PTM communicates through our email blasts, Facebook page, Instagram account, monthly Med-O-Gram (newsletter) and our website meadowsptm.org. We are here to keep you informed of significant events and happenings on campus and in our community. We will share opportunities to volunteer on committees and special assignments (e.g. bringing food for teachers, volunteering on campus, signing up your Fry's grocery card, chaperoning, etc). Each grade level also has a private Facebook group where families can communicate, share events and grade level news.

You are automatically included in our communication, but can opt- out at any time. If you do not receive an email from us by the first day of school please reach out to Angel - comsec@meadowsptm.org.

Your involvement makes a difference and sets MEADOWS apart from other schools. We are all lucky to be part of such a strong community. Together we can enhance the learning environment and provide the support that Meadows needs.

Make it a Great Year!

Sign up for PTM news and information

### The Madison Meadows Executive PTM Board 2022-23





Charlotte Shaff

Teacher Representative



Megan Tracy

Vice President Fundraising



Jessie Spalding







Receivables



Stephanie Hendriks Angel Conaway



### PTM FALL FUNDRAISER.



Read A Thon

Why is that important?

Madison Meadows Middle School family, Do you own or manage a business you would like to introduce to the families of our school? If so, we have something for you, an opportunity to promote your business while championing literacy at our school.

We are about to host an online Read-A-Thon.

Our Read-A-Thon website will receive tens of thousands of page views. That's thousands of people looking at your brand over and over again! We will also print a copy of your ad to put in the hands of every family at our school.

With digital and print advertising, your business will be the envy of our entire community.

One more thing. We will allow one business to be our Literacy Champion. That business will get to promote their brand on our Read-A-Thon bookmark that is given to every student in the school.

There are a limited number of spots and they will sell out fast! **Click here** to reserve your spot today.

It would be so exciting to partner with you.
Jessie Spalding
Madison Meadows Middle School



Sale Ends Aug. 31st

Check out the huge variety of Rams Merch!







Do you own a business and want to support Meadows?

# WE NEED PTM SPONSORS!

Reach out to our PTM
President Charlotte
Shaff
pres@meadowsptm.org
for opportunities.

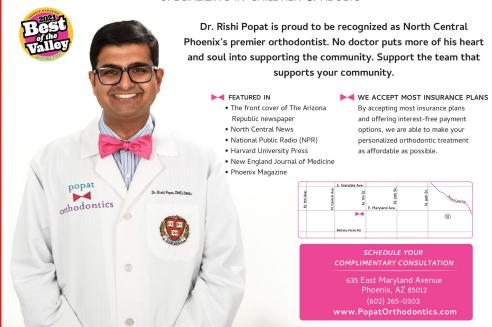
# Thank you PTM August Sponsor of the Month popat orthodontics

#### NORTH CENTRAL PHOENIX TOP ORTHODONTIST

MEET YOUR ORTHODONTIST - RISHI POPAT DMD, DMSC.

Arizona's Harvard Trained Orthodontist

SPECIALIZING IN CHILDREN & ADULTS







# 'INTERESTED IN ETTING INVOLVED?



From a little to a lot, your help is much needed! Please scan the QR code and let us know what interest you. You can also reach out to Charlotte pres@meadowsptm.org to see how you can get involved in your child's school experience!

#### Meadows Art Masterpiece Needs You







Training and resources are provided! Presentations are ready to go they just need you!

As an Art guide you introduce students to famous works of art. Usually our volunteers have no art history experience; instead they research and learn thro this program too. Each grade has curriculum appropriate presentations and each class needs presenters.

After discussion about the artist, their life, their masterpiece, a hands on art project reinforces the lesson. The newly digitized folders, puts all this information at your fingertips.

Zenia will introduce you to the resources at Meadows and be your contact, along

This program has been in our district for over 38 years and had hundreds of



Questions or Comments?



### **Meadows Dads Club**

Dads Making a Difference

### DADS: WE NEED YOU!

Hello Meadows Dads! This is a big deal! A little bit of your time makes a big impact! Please join us as we restart the Meadows Dads Club. Over the years the Dads Club has been instrumental in raising money for our amazing Meadows teachers, supporting our community and making lifelong memories for dads and kids!

Please spread the word and invite your fellow dads! Join us for our kick off Friday 9/2 (location TBD) We will discuss the mission and the calendar of events. Your input and new ideas are essential!

> I look forward to meeting you! Matt Wszalek Meadows Dad 17', 22', 25' Questions? meadowsdadsclub@gmail.com





NOTE: Minimum 1 week notice needed!

**BIRTHDAY** CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU & MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly SPOTS ARE LIMITED



**PURCHASE & FIND** WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG



### 2022-2023 PTM CALENDAR

#### **Questions/Comments:**

pres@meadowsptm.org



www.meadowsptm.org



www.facebook.com/MeadowsPTM



PTM sends an email update every Sunday. Please check your inbox or like us on **Facebook for** calendar changes.

Please remember that all dates are subject to change. Updated: 7/15/22

### August

- 3 Peter Piper Dine Out
- 8 Meadows Meet & Greet on campus 4pm - 6pm

#### 9 - Student First Day of School

- 10 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 12 Spirit Wear Sales Start Ends 8/31
- 18 PICTURE DAY
- 29 Vision & Hearing Testing Begins
- 29- PTM Executive Board Meeting

### September

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 5 Labor Day, School Closed
- 7- AZ POPS TCT Dine Out

#### 7- PTM Welcome Dinner & General Meeting

- 12 Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
- 16 Fall Fundraiser Trivia Night
- 23 Fall Fundraiser Ends
- 30- Teacher Planning day School Closed
- 28--30 Camp Friendly Pines 5th Graders

#### October

- 2 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 3-7 Fall Break No School
- 5 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 10- PTM Executive Board Meeting

#### 12 - PTM BINGO NIGHT - 6:00 pm

- 19 Dine Out Chipotle
- 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 20 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences
- 21 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences
- TBD Picture Re-Takes

### January

- 3 School Resumes
- 4 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 9- PTM Executive Board Meeting

#### 18- Bob Ross Night

TBD - Dine Out

TBD - Book Fair

17 - Martin Luther King Day School

#### **February**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1- Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 1- AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 2 Half Day 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 3- Half Day 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Presidents' Day School Closed

#### 28 - Meadows Got Talent & Art Show

TBD - Dine Out

#### March

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 10 Half Day- 12:05pm Release
- 13-17 Spring Break, School Closed

TBD - PTM Gen Mtg Slate Announced &

TBD - Dine Out

**April** 

TBD - 8th Grade Panoramic Photo

### November

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 7 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 7- Spirit Wear Starts Ends 11/28
- 11 Veterans' Day No School

#### 18 - Fall Fun Fest

23-25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

#### 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication 1 - Spring Social

# aine our

#### FLOWER CHILD 13 - Dine Out Flower Child

#### **December**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication Staff and Club Photos TBD
- 2 Simis/Meadows Holiday Party
- 5 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 7 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 14 Dine Out Culinary Dropout
- 16 Half Day 12:05 Release
- 19-30 Winter Break No School



#### May

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

**Volunteer Appreciation** 

5 - AZ Pops TCT Dine Out

7 - Spring Holiday - No School

3 - PTM Executive Board Meeting

3-21 - State Testing and/or Make Up

- 1-PTM Executive Board Meeting
- TBD Athletic Awards
- 3 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 4 8th Grade Community Project Night & Future 5th Grader Night

#### 10 - PTM Slate VOTE

- 19-8th Grade Dance
- 22 8th Grade Promotion
- 23 8th Grade Field Trip
- 24 Last Day Half Day, 12:05p.m.

## MEADOWS ATHLETICS

MEET THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

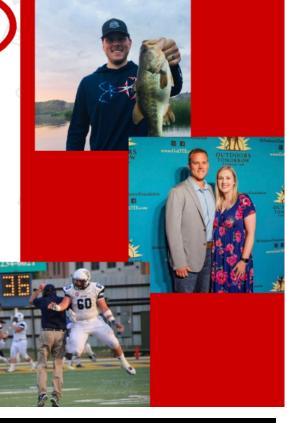
## **Nathan Butler**

## Athletic Director / PE Teacher

This school year I will be starting my 6th year in education. Prior to Meadows, I taught and coached in my hometown of Southlake, TX. I attended Southwestern Oklahoma State where I received my B.A. in History Education and my M.Ed. in Sports Management while playing and coaching football.

Social Media





This year the Madison
Meadows Athletics Program is
raising funds for three major
projects. The first project is
to purchase and install two
permanent scoreboards for
the baseball and softball
fields. The second project is
to purchase and install a
sandpit and discus ring for
the track and field program.
The final project will be to
install a batting cage and
bullpen for the baseball and
softball teams.



Meadows Athletics



Single Banner: \$350 Two Banners: \$500

**OPPORTUNITY** 

A 3'x5' Banner can be displayed inside the gym or outside at the fields. The sponsor logo will also be posted on the Meadows Athletics website and social media pages.

If interested, email the athletic director at nbutler@madisoned.org

WE ARE ALSO RAISING FUNDS TO HELP COVER THE COST OF COACHING STIPENDS, CONFERENCE FEES, REFEREE FEES, PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT, AND UNIFORMS AS WEAR AND TEAR TAKES PLACE.

Meadows has a strong Athletics program. It offers 18 sports spread out over three seasons: Fall, Winter and Spring. Approximately 40% of all Meadows students participate in extra-curricular sports.

Find information on Sports on the Meadows Athletics Website <a href="https://sites.google.com/madisoned.org/meadowsathletics22-23/home">https://sites.google.com/madisoned.org/meadowsathletics22-23/home</a>





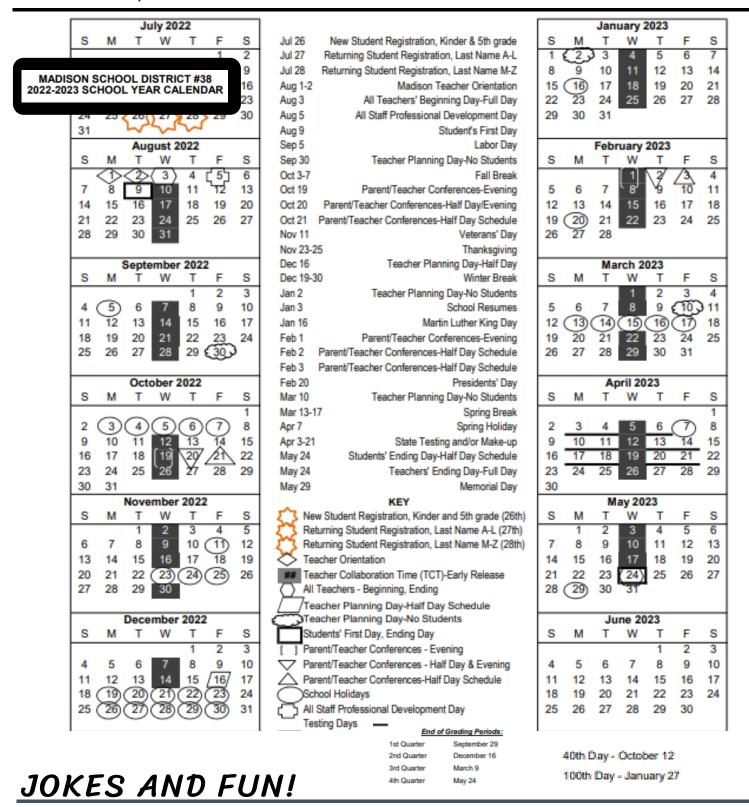












First person to guess one correct will get a Meadows magnet! Email your answer to meadowsoffice@madisoned.org



WHAT'S THE KIND OF ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES?



WHAT DID THE BUFFALO SAY WHEN HE LEFT HIS CHILD AT THE BUS STOP?

STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
STAFF & PARENTS:
SEND US A FAVORITE
STORY, JOKE, RIDDLE OR
PHOTO FOR THE
MED-0-GRAM
PRES@MEADOWSPTM.ORG