

#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2021 ISSUE IV



Dear Meadows Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the time spent with family and friends over Thanksgiving break. It's hard to believe that December is upon us and 2021 is coming to a close.

When I sat down to write this month's Med-o-gram message, I encountered a little writer's block. In trying to stir up some creativity, I did a little research and re-read some of my past words, and I keep coming back to two different messages.

One I wrote way back in July of 2020 when I first introduced myself to our Meadows community:

Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together. As the old African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." Parents, staff, and students all have different and important perspectives that we will use to work together to ensure that we offer the best middle school experience possible.

And the second message I just wrote this September about the importance of community:

One definition of community is "a body of people who live in the same place," but initially it meant something much simpler and more powerful: "joint ownership." I really love that simple definition because that is what we are aiming for here at Meadows. All staff members, all parents and guardians and all students should have joint ownership within our community. And when we demonstrate joint ownership, school culture turns more positive.

I re-read these two snippets and was reminded that we have a shared responsibility to educate the whole child. Parents cannot do this without communication and guidance from the school. Teachers cannot do this without the support and reinforcement parents provide at home. Students cannot learn without clear expectations and boundaries at both home and school. But we can educate the whole child when we share the responsibility. This is not a new concept but is becoming increasingly more necessary as we face new hurdles and challenges.

I strongly believe in the work we are doing here at Meadows and know that we are always on the path towards continuous improvement. Thank you for partnering with us in that endeavor. I am forever grateful that I have the responsibility of leading Madison Meadows and I hope you know how much I appreciate every staff member, parent, and student for what they bring to our community.

The next few weeks will probably pass in a blur. I hope you find time to slow down, connect with others and have meaningful conversations, and prioritize and make time for what is most important.

All the best,

Katy Clark

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, Dec 1st - TCT Day 2:10 Release

Fri, Dec 3rd - Holiday Party 5pm

Mon, Dec 6th - Community Forum Superintendant Search - 5:30pm

Tues, Dec 7th - Madison Gov Board Meeting - 6pm

> Wed, Dec 8th - TCT Day 2:10 Release

Wed, Dec 8th - Dine Out Fundraiser Chicago Hamburger Co.

Wed, Dec 8th - Vaccination Event 2-6pm Madison Center for the Arts

> Fri, Dec 17th - Half Day 12:05 Release

Mon, Dec 20th - Fri, Jan 31st Winter Break - No School

Mon, Jan 3rd - School Resumes Start of 2nd Semester





# **MEADOWS ATHLETICS**

Winter Sports have begun!

Check schedules, coach contacts, forms and more on the Athletics Website:



<u>https://sites.google.com/madisoned.org/meadows-athletics/home?authuser=0</u>

Questions? Contact Meadows' Athletic Director, Mr. Samuel - dsamuel@madisoned.org

#### Teachers & Staff,

We hope you will join us this Friday, December 3, 2021 for a PTM/PATS Holiday Party. All teachers and staff are invited to this adults only event.

Come by anytime after 5pm to enjoy live music from <u>Ivan Harshman</u> and some delicious food and drinks!





Sign Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eacaa2c7holiday1

CONTACT TEACHER APPRECIATION CHAIR SARAH FLUKE WITH QUESTIONS:
sîluke4201@gmail.com

Happy Holidays!
Reminder:
Winter Break is
Dec 18th-Jan 2nd

Dec 17th is a Half Day (12:05 Release)





PURCHASE A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON THE BIG MEADOWS MARQUEE!

BIRTHDAY, CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU & MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly SPOTS ARE LIMITED



## PURCHASE & FIND DETAILS AT WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG



Thank you to PTM for purchasing this awesome organizing rack for our lost & found! Recognize anything?! **Items not picked up by Dec. 14th will be donated.** 





# THANK YOU!!

Parent Volunteers, Teachers, Staff, Students and Sponsors for making the Fall Fun Fest such a success!





















We are extremely grateful to our event chair Abrianna Perez and our Meadows PE Coaches...AWESOME JOB!

## THINK LOCALLY. ACT GLOBALLY.

change the world

Mrs. Aguliar's Spanish Fluency
Class raised \$400 selling Chili and
Chips at the Fall Fun Fest!
They are sending this money to
help impoverished youth in
Guatamala.



Mrs. Tracy's Ceramics Club
raised \$ 1000
selling Pinch Pots at the Fall
Fun Fest! They are giving
these funds to the St. Mary's
Food Bank.



#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN!

ABRIANNA MONTENEGRO
JAMIE MONTENEGRO
RANDY MARTINEZ
KIM PEREZ
JUAN PEREZ
ANGELA RAND
MOLLY HARTBOTTLE
ANNA ANDREWS
BETSY MADDOX
BRIGETTE BLAZEK
SARAH FLUKE
CHRIS & TOBY GOODFARB
IVANA VARGAS

JACQUELINE CRUDUP

JALIL LEVON

JENN VERSOSKY

KELLY HERNANDEZ

KELLY LARSEN

LINDA D'AMBROSIO

LORI TAKEUCHI

MARLENA MILUM

MELISSA COOPER

RACHEL HALBACH

SARENE ROBINSON ALEXANDER

ZOE FORESTER



THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE GRAY 12 U AMDG TEAM FOR STEPPING IN AND DOING SUCH AN AMAZING JOB WITH KICKBALL. WE WERE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU TEACHERS & STAFF
WHO PLAYED KICKBALL!



Thanks to your generous support our students were able to raise funds for their clubs! These students stepped up and helped with Dodgeball Sign Ups, Selling Pizza and providing food.

















# Here's a list of some of the Student Clubs at Meadows:

STUDENT COUNCIL
NJHS
BOOK CLUB
ODESSY OF THE MIND
YEARBOOK
ARCHERY

MOUNTAIN BIKE
BATTLE BOTS
CERAMICS
BOARD GAME
FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
FISHING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE MEADOWS OFFICE!

DO YOU HAVE A MADISON MEADOWS STUDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN FISHING?

Sign them up by going to tinyurl.com/meadowsMSfishing



Cost of the membership is \$125 and includes: Hawg Trough Measuring Board, access to monthly virtual fishing tournaments, monthly fishing meetings, official Madison Fishing Club shirt, and prizes for monthly competition winners.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 5th at midnight and payment will be collected at a later date.

For questions, email Mr. Nathan Butler: nbutler@madisoned.org





PRE-PURCHABE A GOPY ONLINE TODAY!

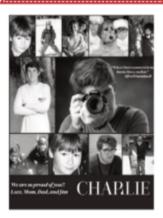
**BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM** 

https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool

#### SCHOOL ID # 701688

- FIND YOUR SCHOOL
- CLICK OR TAP
- 'YEARBOOKS & PERSONALIZATION'
- ENTER STUDENT INFORMATION
- MAKE PRODUCT SELECTION & 'ADD TO CART'
- CLICK 'CART' TO CHECKOUT
- PLACE YOUR ORDER

#### ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILES



Reserve a special spot in the yearbook to celebrate your students promotion!



- SET UP ACCOUNT THROUGH 'CREATE AN ACCOUNT'
- CLICK ON 'STUDENT ADS & BUSINESS ADS'
- CLICK 'GET STARTED'
- ENTER INFORMATION
- . SELECT AD SIZE AND CLICK 'NEXT'
- . CONTINUE SHOPPING OR PROCEED TO CART
- PLACE YOUR ORDER
- GO TO 'MY ACCOUNT' CLICK 'MY AD' & THEN 'DESIGN

NEED SOMETHING TO TAKE THE KIDS TO?

DID YOU KNOW MEADOWS HAS FREE FAMILY PASSES TO THE PHOENIX ART MUSEUM?

STUDENTS CAN
CHECK THEM OUT IN
THE LIBRARY





Per the current District
Mitigation Plan,
no outside food or drink
can be
brought to campus.

<u>Please</u> no outside food deliveries or drop offs for students.



NO OP OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK

**5TH GRADE SPANISH:** 5th-grade students culturally immersed themselves in a tradition from Mexico. They were able to think critically about a Spanish-speaking celebration and its value to the culture. Students expressed their knowledge of the Dia de Los Muertos celebration by creating a miniature altar modeled by the altars made in Mexico during November 1st and 2nd of every year.





























# From the Attendance Office Attendance Do's and Don'ts:



#### **DO - Arrive on time**

It is very important for children to develop the habit of being punctual at an early age. Being consistently on time helps your student learn about routines and commitment. It also gives them the opportunity to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom. Entering a classroom late can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children

#### DON'T - Arrive late with Starbucks

If you have time for the drive-thru, you have time to bring your child to school on-time. This year, the cafeteria is offering free breakfast for all students so your student can eat healthy even if you aren't able to feed them at home.

#### DO - Report your student's absence before 9:30 AM

The best time to contact attendance is the moment you decide not to send your child to school. Call (602) 664-7620 or email meadowsattendance@madisoned.org

**DON'T - Worry if you called in an excuse for your student, but they were marked absent** in 1st period. Teachers will mark your student absent and then the attendance clerk updates excuses. Sometimes the office is very busy in the morning and it can take longer to get through messages.

**DO - Send your student to school even if** they are sad, depressed, or anxious.

Sometimes these feelings can stem from missed schoolwork (even if they don't want to admit it) and continued absences will only make this worse. If you are worried about your student, have them reach out to their grade-level counselor, school psychologist, or stop into the office to talk. There are so many adults at school that are ready to support your child. Learn more about "School Refusal"

**DON'T - Send your student to school if** they have had a fever or have been throwing up within the past 24 hours, complain of bad pain, or have trouble breathing.

**DON'T - Bring** your student take-out food for lunch.

Per the mitigation plan for the year "Outside food cannot be delivered to the school"

Attendance Contact info: Dawn Moseke, Attendance Clerk meadowsattendance@madisoned.org 602-664-7620







#### From Mrs. Tracy: @madison\_meadows\_artists

Madison art students are making the world a more peaceful and colorful place with art!

**Empty Bowls** is a movement by artists around the world to care for and feed the hungry in their communities. Students, teachers, and our Meadows Ceramic Club created artisan pinch pots that we sold during the Fall Festival on November 19th. All funds raised will go to Empty Bowls to help feed hungry people in Phoenix.

**Cubes of Happiness** is an on campus installation. Madison Art students collaborated on cards that showed happy faces or positive messages to help lift the spirits of their community.

Students are starting work on **The Memory Project**. The Memory Project is a youth arts organization that promotes intercultural understanding and kindness between children around the world. Meadows students will be creating and sending art to students in Nigeria.













#### **PE Recreation Sports**



## MAKING STICK BISCUITS



Putt-Putt Golf













#### **FCA MOVIE NIGHT**

This event is being rescheduled to a later date in the Spring of 2022!







MAKING FIRE

#### EVERY FRIDAY FROM 8-8:25 IN ROOM B106

Oper to all 7th & 8th Grade Students

FREE BREAKFAST!





'BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL Renew Their Strength. They Will Soar on Wings Like Eagles; They Will Run and not Grow Weary, They Will Walk and not be Faint." Isaiah 40:31



#### Discord

Discord is a chat app that's popular with gamers. It is often used to talk to other player while playing games. Or you can swap tips and advice with other players in game-spec servers (similar to online forums). Some games, like Fortnite and PUBG, have official verified Discords for fans to talk about the game.



#### Discord App

We have seen a recent increase in the number of reports of student conflict occurring on the Discord App. Please click on this link for more information about this App. <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-discord/">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-discord/</a>
<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/discord/">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/discord/</a>

We appreciate your support in monitoring your child when they are using any social media accounts. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Becki Williams <a href="mailto:bwilliams@madisoned.org">bwilliams@madisoned.org</a> or Amanda Medole <a href="mailto:amedole@madisoned.org">amedole@madisoned.org</a>





#### PARENTING FUTURE-FOCUSED KIDS

A PODCAST TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, & EMOTIONAL GROWTH

Madison is excited to launch the **Parenting** 

Future-Focused Kids podcast! This is a podcast for families that provides tips for supporting students' academic success, social, emotional, and physical wellness. Each episode will focus on a different topic such as early childhood education, independent learning, social/emotional support, and more. Families will learn how to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking all while preparing their children for the future. Anyone can access the podcast at <a href="https://www.madisonaz.org/podcast">www.madisonaz.org/podcast</a>

or

on Spotify at

https://open.spotify.com/show/0iiURaKpWLf58pkFmL8C3I

### Parent Podcast!



# We have an amazing Parent Library in the Madison Meadows front office!

Thanks to our PTM and our new librarian Tiffaney Jenkins Muandumba, we have specific books just for YOU! This collection covers many varied topics like, the developing teenage brain, social media, anxiety, ADHD and more! Checkout is super easy, so please come by and explore these brand new books!



# HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE TEACHER/STAFF GRANT REQUESTS FULFILLED THIS YEAR!

#### **PROJECT SUPPLIES**



#### **CLASSROOM REQUEST**











ORGANIZING RACK FOR LOST & FOUND



Need help accessing your child's PowerSchool account?

Call or Email the Meadows Office at meadowsoffice@madisoned.org or call 602-664-7600





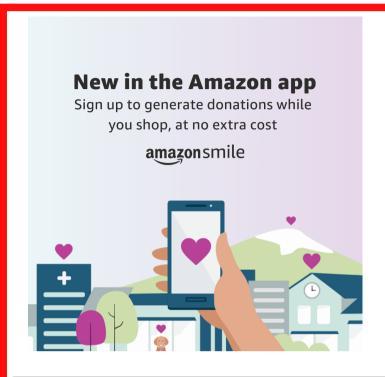


DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME and greatly appreciated!



Feel free to drop off in front office during school hours! THANK YOU

Paper plates, napkins and utensils are also welcomed!





Are you a Fry's VIP Shopper?

Go to <a href="https://www.frysfood.com/i/community/community-">https://www.frysfood.com/i/community/community-</a> rewards

and link your card to Parents & Teachers at **Meadows!** 

BE OUR ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH! **COMMUNICATION SPONSORSHIP** OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE YOUR **BUSINESS** 

(BY DOING SO, YOU ALSO SUPPORT MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL!)

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

\* BANNER AD WITH LINK TO A WEBSITE

\* GOES OUT TO 1,200 EMAIL

SUBSCRIBERS (MIN. 1 PER WEEK EBLAST COMMUNICATION)

\* SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE IN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (MED-O-GRAM)

\* SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT SHOUT OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK, TWITTER,

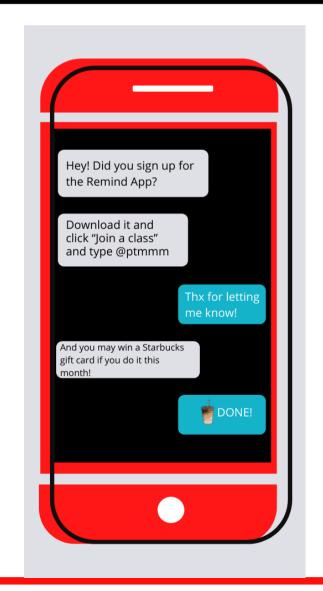
INSTAGRAM)

\* BANNER AD ON WEBSITE

WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG

\* EXCLUSIVITY - ONLY ONE SPONSOR PER MONTH

PURCHASE IN THE PTM STORE AT WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG





Please remember that all dates

are subject to change. Please

subscribe to our weekly PTM

Eblast and Like us on Facebook

for changes and updates!

#### **2021-2022 PTM CALENDAR** MADISON MEADOWS

#### August

4 - All Staff PTM Breakfast

#### 10 - Student First Day of School

8 -12 Stumpys Dine Out Week!

12- Meadows Meet & Mingle

12- Spirit Wear Sale Starts Ends on 8/31

18 - TCT Day - 2:10pm Release

20 - PICTURE DAY

23- PTM Exec Board Mtg

25 - TCT Day - 2:10pm Release

31- Last day for Spirit Wear Orders!!!

#### September

1 – Med-O-Gram

1- TCT Day - 2:10 Release

#### 1 - PTM Welcome Dinner

3- Spirit Wear Ends

6 - Labor Day, School Closed

13 - PTM Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

15-TCT Day - 2:10 Release

22 - TCT Day - 2:10 Release

27 - PTM Fall Fundraiser Ends

27 - PTM Executive Board Meeting

#### October

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 Half Day 12:05 Release End of 1st Qtr 4-8 - Fall Break - No School

#### 13- PTM BINGO NIGHT - 5:30 pm

- 13, 27 TCT Day 2:10 Release
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 21 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences
- 22 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences
- 25- PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 27- Dine Out Miracle Mile 11am-7pm
- 29- Picture Re-Takes

#### November

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 3 TCT Day 2:10 Release
- 8- Dine out Someburros
- 8- Spirit Wear Starts Ends 11/28
- 11 Veterans' Day No School
- 17 -TCT Day 2:10 Release

#### TBD - Fall FEST

- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break No School
- 28 Spirit Wear Sales End Today!
- 29-PTM Executive Board Meeting

#### December

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1- TCT Day 2:10 Release
- 2- Staff and Club Photos

#### 3 - Simis/Meadows Holiday Party

- 8- Dine Out Chicago Hamburger
- 8 TCT Day 2:10 Release
- 17 Half Day 12:05 Release
- 20 -31 Winter Break No School

#### January

- 3 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 3 School Resumes
- 5 TCT Day 2:10pm Release
- 10- Dine Out Spinatos
- 12 TCT Day 2:10pm Release

#### 12 - Art Night - 6:00 pm

- 17 Martin Luther King Day School Closed
- 24 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 26 TCT Day 2:10pm Release

#### **February**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 3 4 Half Day 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 9 TCT Day 2:10pm Release
- 11- Spirit Wear Sale Starts-Ends on 2/27
- 11 Valentine Student Social
- 16- TCT Day 2:10pm Release
- 21- Presidents' Day School Closed
- 27- Spirit Wear Sale Ends TODAY!
- 28 PTM Executive Board Meeting

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication 3- MEADOWS GOT TALENT

  - 2, 23 TCT Day 2:10pm Release

March

- 11 Half Day- 12:05pm Release
- 14-18 Spring Break, School Closed
- 28 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 30 TCT Day 2:10pm Release
- 31-8th Grade Panoramic Photo

#### April

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2 PTM Spring Social

#### 6- PTM Off Campus General Meeting

- 4-14 State Testing and/or Make Up
- 15 Spring Holiday No School
- 22 Earth Day Meadows Recycles
- 25 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 27 TCT 2:10pm Release

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- TBD- Future 5th Grader & 8th Grade Community Project Night
- 4- TCT Days 2:10pm Release
- 2 6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11 PTM Volunteer Appreciation 6:00 & Slate VOTE
- 11 TCT Days 2:10pm Release
- 18 TCT Days 2:10pm Release
- TBD 8th Grade Promotion
- 25 Last Day Half Day, 12:05p.m.

#### PTM Questions/Comments:



pres@meadowsptm.org



www.meadowsptm.org



www.facebook.com/MeadowsPTM

# INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

#### Click here for volunteer opportunites!

Have questions?

EMAIL CALL TEXT ANGEL CONAWAY 602-299-5411 PRES@MEADOWSPTM.ORG



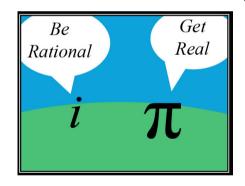
## We still have some of these shirts available!

<u>Limited Edition</u>
<u>State Forty Eight - Meadows</u>
<u>Collaboration Shirts</u>

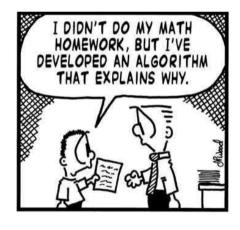
\$25 each

<u>www.meadowsptm.org - PTM Store</u> (<u>shirts will be delivered to student at school</u>) or buy them in the office!

#### JOKES AND FUN! -







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



WHAT DO YOU CALL A REINDEER WITH NO EYES?

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