

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 2023 ISSUE IX



Dear Meadows Families.

It seems February passed by in the blink of an eye, and I, for one, am looking forward to sunshine and brighter days! As we close out third quarter, I wanted to share with our community some of the things we've been working on here at Meadows as well.

First, I want to celebrate our students' growth on the NWEA MAP assessment. One of our long-term goals in our school improvement plan is to have 45% of our students at the 60th growth percentile or above on the MAP assessments from fall to spring. According to our winter results, we have 45% of our students at the 50th percentile or higher in math and 50% of our students are at the 50th percentile or higher in reading. This national assessment is one of the best measures we have for student learning and we are super close to reaching that end-of-year goal!

We also set a goal to increase student engagement by testing out some different teaching strategies. We've seen students learning about physics through building roller coasters, they are using math skills to program robots in coding, theater students are performing for Simis students, our language and lit teachers have had kids doing a ton of reading and then participating in different activities like 'book talk speed dating' or presenting projects of choice, music students went to see Ray Charles at the Madison Center for the Arts and did an accompanying activity, project design students learned about machines in motion and made some incredible imaginative machines... I know that was a huge run-on sentence, but students are really engaged and are doing great work (I didn't even highlight everything)!

Our final school improvement goal is related to school culture and climate. While staff have been implementing both RULER strategies and Positive Behavior (PBIS) system with fidelity (shout out to PTM for continued support of that program through teacher 'stores' and Ramazon), it's our students' work I want to highlight.

Our student advisory group has been meeting to discuss the power of words. In the prior sessions, students talked about where they hear the words that so negatively impact their lives. Not surprisingly, most said social media, siblings, and friends. The group then came up with ways in which they could help stop some of the hurtful and destructive words from becoming pervasive. Our latest meeting focused on how the use of positive words could balance the use of negative words. The goal of the group is to take these lessons they are learning, and transform them into lessons they can teach to other students. Our goal is that peer-to-peer interactions will make the message more memorable, rather than something to be ignored from another adult.

I'm looking forward to seeing our Meadows community continue to grow as we transition into spring and push towards the end of the school year. Fourth quarter will be packed with state testing, field trips, final MAP testing, project-based learning opportunities, and end of middle school events for 8th graders.

Thanks in advance for all of the efforts you put in at home to ensure that our students stay focused and achieve their full potential through the end of the year.

All the best.

Katy Clark, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs, March 2nd

8th Grade Parent Meeting - 6pm

Fri, March 3rd

Dress Like a Book Character Day

Tues, March 7th

Madison Governing Board Meeting

Fri, March 10th

PTM Exec Board Nominations Due

Fri, March 10th

Teacher Planning Day - No School

Mon, March 13th - Fri, March 17th

Spring Break - No School

Tues, March 21st - Fri, March 24th

Scholastic Book Fair in Library

Tues, March 28th

Madison Governing Board Meeting

Wed, March 29th

DINE OUT NIGHT - Panera Bread

Mon, Apr. 3rd - Fri, Apr. 21st State Testing

Fri, Apr. 7th

Spring Holiday - No School









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- Spotlight will be on your business for an entire month: Weekly emails, 2 social media posts and a Medogram ad.
- We can connect 1000 Meadows families with access directly to your website and social media platforms.



email: pres@meadowsptm.org

SIGNOUTS & CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS:

Did you know that in the month of February, there were **380** students signed out early from school!?

That's **380** times a classroom was interrupted by a phone call from the office. Please help us keep these to a minimum and make your appointments during breaks and early release days.

Students who forget lunches, projects, etc. also cause classroom disruptions, please try to plan what to bring the night before.

Thank you!

NOTE: Doctor's notes for these sign-outs should be given to the attendance clerk.





Madison Meadows



2023

March 21-24th
open before school & during

Volunteers Needed!
Click here to sign up

Don't miss out on this wonderful book

For More Information:

tjenkins@madisoned.org



PURCHASE A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON THE BIG MEADOWS MARQUEE!

PURCHASE & FIND DETAILS AT WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RUN THE SHOP ON FRIDAYS

Meadows students love gift cards! If you have a connection, own a business or just want to donate please reach out to marina_sires@yahoo.com





BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM + MEADOWS CODE: 708027



\$40

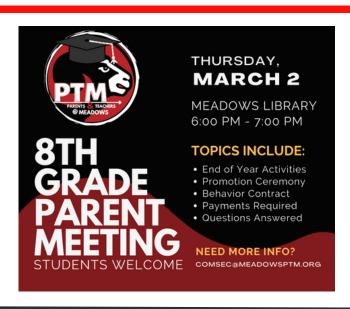
MISSING SOMETHING?

Meadows Lost & Found is under the stairs next to the cafeteria









PARENTS!

3/2/23 - 6PM - LIBRARY

PAY YOUR FEES ON-SITE!

LEARN ABOUT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT!

CEREMONY & TICKET INFORMATION!

DON'T MISS IT!



8TH GRADE PROMOTION



Dates to Remember:

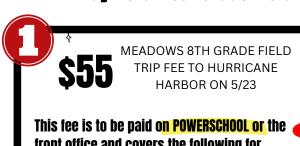
March 2 - Parent Meeting in the Library (6pm)

May 5, 12, 19 - Treat Days - Wear your 8th grade shirt to school

May 19th - 8th Grade Dance

May 22nd - Promotion Ceremony Madison Center for the Arts (5:30pm)

May 23rd - 8th Grade Field Trip Hurricane Harbor



front office and covers the following for each student:

- **■** Entry Ticket
- **Lunch**
- **■** Drink
- **■** Transportation



PLEASE PAY FEE BY: FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THESE
ARE
TWO
SEPARATE
PAYMENTS
Thank
You!

\$50

MEADOWS 8TH GRADE PROMOTION FEE CLASS OF 2023 ACTIVITIES

CONGRATS, CLASS OF 2023!

This fee is to be paid at www.meadowsptm.org and covers 8th grade promotion expenses:

- COMMEMORATIVE 2023 T-SHIRT
- AWARDS CEREMONY
- DANCE (DJ, DECOR, SECURITY, FOOD)
- **PANORAMIC 8TH GRADE DIGITAL PHOTO**
- **SPECIAL TREAT DAYS FOR 8TH GRADERS**
- **4** CEREMONY TICKETS

PLEASE PAY FEE BY: FEBRUARY 1, 2023

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ALL PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IS DEPENDENT UPON COMPLIANCE WITH OUR SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIOR POLICIES.



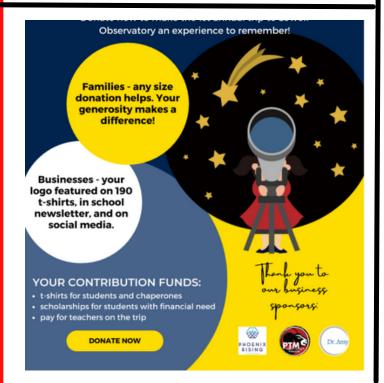
PTM STANGES OF MANOOVES

Art teachers and IB Coordinator Ms Vacanti are working with students to talk about the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.

In Mrs. Boyles room, students are learning about radial symmetry in traditional Syrian art and then creating Mandalas.

In Ms. Tracy's class, students are exploring traditional Turkish marbling techniques. Artwork will be made as a fundraiser and sold with proceeds going to the International Rescue Committee. The event is still being organized but information will be shared soon as to how and when artwork will be sold.

Last year, Mrs. Boyle and Ms. Tracy's students raised over \$1500 by selling sunflower art for refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine!



PTM EXECUTIVE BOARD



We have open positions for our 2023-2024 Executive Board:

- Vice President
- · Vice President Fundraising
- Recording Secretary
- Communications Secretary
 Nominate yourself or a friend!

FILL OUT THIS FORM TO NOMINATE BY MARCH 10. HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GYSY6QZBJF8JIPPDA

Thank you nominating committee: JANICE HEBERT, CHANTEL BERGMAN AND AMY HSIUNG

> SLATE ANNOUNCED MID- APRIL 2023 PTM MEETING & SLATE VOTE MAY 10, 2023

6th Grade News

Meadows sixth grade classrooms are immersed in a summative project to demonstrate their understanding of **thermal energy transfers and changes in states of matter**. Through a Multiple Intelligences quiz, they discovered their strengths and areas of greatest interest. They are using this information to choose how they will present their knowledge to their peers.

Examples of end products are: Tik Tok video (Kinesthetic Intelligences), Video presentation of student cooking for their family (Interpersonal Intelligences), Doodle Notes (Visual/Spatial Intelligences), Writing & Performing a song (Musical Intelligences), Write a children's book, poem or comic (Verbal Linguistic Intelligences), Presentation of examples of thermal energy transfers and changes in states of matter occur in nature (Naturalistic Intelligences), Writing a coding program (Mathematical Intelligences), Writing journal entries (Intrapersonal Intelligences). The students are incorporating their own uniqueness to science!



20% of sales will benefit Madison Meadows PTM

March 29, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm MST 1949 E Camelback Rd

In Cafe • Drive-Thru
Pick-Up • Delivery
Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera FUNDRAISING





SPHERO ROBOT BALLS!

Computer Tech and Coding classes are creating their own self-driving courses for their Sphero Robot Balls. Once the courses are completed, and all coding is programmed into the software, the Sphero Balls will travel on its own along the pathways the students have designed.

Please NO food deliveries to school for students. All lunches need to be in a LUNCH BOX. Thank you.









STUDENT DROP OFF NOTICE:

Please DO NOT drop off students before 8:10 AM. Also, there is NO drop off in the front of the school or the neighborhoods. Do NOT park/stop in the neighborhoods!



NO PARKING

NOT 5 MINUTES
NOT 30 SECONDS
NOT AT ALL!



In **Spanish Immersion class**, a class with novice speakers, the kids really enjoyed making videos during "viernes divertido." This lesson called for: teamwork, various jobs, a timeframe, and creativity.

The students are reading a book entirely in Spanish!

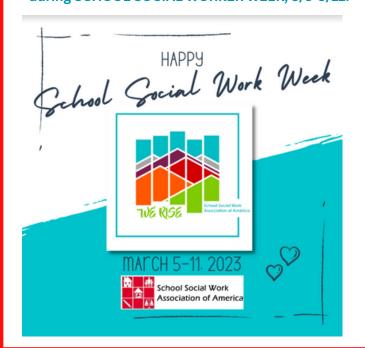


FRONT OFFICE!

Student Council
is collecting
plastic bags
through
April 22nd.

Help them win a bench for the school made of recycled materials!!

Please thank our amazing Social Worker, Becki Williams during SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK, 3/5-3/11!





NOTE: Minimum 1 week notice needed!

BIRTHDAY
CONGRATULATIONS
THANK YOU
& MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly spots are LIMITED



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WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG







MEADOWS ATHLETICS

@MeadowsAthletics

ATHLETICS WEBSITE:

HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/MADISONED.ORG/MEADOW
SATHLETICS22-23/HOME





SPRING SPORTS HAVE BEGUN!

All Athletic Paperwork (Physical + 5 Release Forms)

AND

\$100 Athletic Fee are due to the Front Office no later than Monday, March 6th! Questions? Contact cgoodfarb@madisoned.org

Spring Schedules can be found on the Meadows Athletics website and your team's Sports You page!

Get ready to cheer on Winter Sports! Meadows Foam Finger sale!



\$8 Cash or Check For sale in the front office!



All Teams use
SportsYou to
communicate with
parents. Not a
member? Reach out to
your team's coach!

CONGRATS TO WINTER SPORTS MVP'S!

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL: KADEN RAMIREZ
BOYS JV BASKETBALL: GRAYDON GRIFFIN
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL: OLIVIA DE LUNA &
KEIRA BOHR

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL: KAITLIN WINDTBERG VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL:

CHEER: CARLEIGH CHASE & KATHERINE MITCHELL WRESTLING: JOE GILLESPIE & LILA AISPURO

Deadline to purchase Team Shirts, Hats & Visors is Friday, March 3rd!





Baseball Team shirts: https://www.customink.com/g/tvt0-00cp-ws6c
Baseball caps: https://www.customink.com/g/tvt0-00cp-ws5a
Softball visors: https://www.customink.com/g/tvt0-00cp-ws5e

Track & Field Team shirts:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/meadows-track-field-22-23?

utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-sharev3&utm_content=meadows-track-field-2223&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link

These WILL NOT be available after 3/3/23!

Banners stay up for 12 months!

Help support Athletics!



MEADOWS ATHLETICS



Mon, May 8th @ Palo Verde Golf Course 8:00AM Shotgun Start \$10 Students / \$30 Adults

(an adult must accompany each 4-some)

MEADOWS GOLF SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

Thank you to these business for donating to the **Banquet/Silent Auction!**

















and basket items!

Thank you to parents who helped with set up, serving and clean up! We couldn't have done it without you!

3v3 Basketball Tournament was a success! Congrats to 7th/8th grade winners: Julian, Wes & Declan AND 5th/6th winners: Cannon, Dane & Wesley!







Community Service Project!

Change Wars

Wrestling = \$39.59 Cheer = \$49.85 Football = \$91.24 Basketball = \$140.97

Total collected for Madison Park = \$321.65!







Statistics

VAC Champions: 2 VAC Runner-Up: 1 Overall Record: 52 - 7

COMMUNITY HAPPENING



WHEN: Monday - 3/27/2023 and Monday - 4/3/2023

WHERE: MADISON PARK - Room A211 (For Meadows students only)

TIME: 4:00PM - 5:00PM
INSTRUCTOR: ESTHER NYSTROM

The Native American Education Program will be offering Moccasins classes for all the Native American eligible students as part of the Native American After School Cultural Program. This program will occur on two separate days at Madison Meadows. Your student can come directly to the Room A211 as soon as school lets out and we will provide snacks while we wait for the class to start. The classes will begin at 4:00pm and end at 5:00pm. Please pick up your student no later than 5:15pm. Parents are always welcome to attend the classes with their students. Please fill out the form below and return to your student's school office or email a copy directly to me at jaoldtooth@madisoned.org.

Tear here and return to school office or send by email

Student Name: _______ Grade: _______

Parents Name: _______ Cell phone _______

Parent's signature: _______ Date: _______

Yes, my student will participate in the classes.

Madison will <u>not</u> provide transportation for these classes. Transportation is the parent's responsibility.

Please let us know if we can use your student's **photo**; a YES a NO First name; a YES a NO

How is your student going home? Walking (alone) \square Parent Pick up \square



SPRING MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 4th from 6 & 9 p.m. & Royal Palm Park

MOVIE * FOOD TRUCKS * RAFFLES * & MORE!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
www.royalpalmneighborhoodphx.com/events













GIRLS HAVE I.T. DAY XAVIER PREP ACADEMY



Girls Have I.T. Day strives to combat the long-standing low statistic of women pursuing STEM fields. Studies show that girls especially lose interest in STEM careers around middle school and high school. Through fun, student-led activities, Girls Have I.T. Day strives to encourage middle school girls to pursue STEM-related careers.

The event will take place on March 17th, from 1 PM to 3 PM on Xavier College Preparatory's Campus.

Contact nrawal23@xaviergators.org for more information!



SUNNYSLOPE SCAMPER 5K Run/Walk

at Sunnyslope High School

Encouraging Students to

Run Now - Run for Life!

Saturday, March 4th Start Time: 8:00 am

- Start/finish at the school

- Race run on the canal bank

- Scamper t-shirt, bibs, medals for all finishers

- Parent fundraiser, benefits students

Bring the whole family!
Helping Students Run Their First Race

Register today! www.vikingparentclub.com/sunnyslope-scamper Click on the "Register Now" button (about 1/3 down on the right side)





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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: 3/1/23

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



- 12 Read-a-Thon Kick Off
- 16 Read-a-Thon Trivia Night @ Butlers Easy
- 23 Read-a-Thon Ends Last chance to donate!
- 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

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- 2 Teacher Planning day School Closed
- 3 School Resumes
- 4 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 9- PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Miracle Mile Dine Out
- 16 Martin Luther King Day School Closed
- 18- Paint Along Night Craft Nights

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- Panoramic 8th Grade Photo
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 15 Lou Malnati's DineOut
- 20 Presidents' Day School Closed
- 28 Meadows Got Talent & Art Show

March

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 2-8th Grade Parent Meeting Library
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 10 Teacher Planning day School Closed
- 13-17 Spring Break, School Closed
- 29 Panera Dine Out

November

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2- PTM General Meeting
- 2 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 7 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 7- Spirit Wear Starts Ends 11/28
- 11 Veterans' Day No School
- 13 Dine Out Flower Child
- 18- Book Fair in the Library

18 - Student Fall Social 6-8pm Meadows Campus

23-25 - Thanksgiving Break – No School

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

April

1 - Med-O-Gram Publication

TBD: 2023-24 Slate Announced

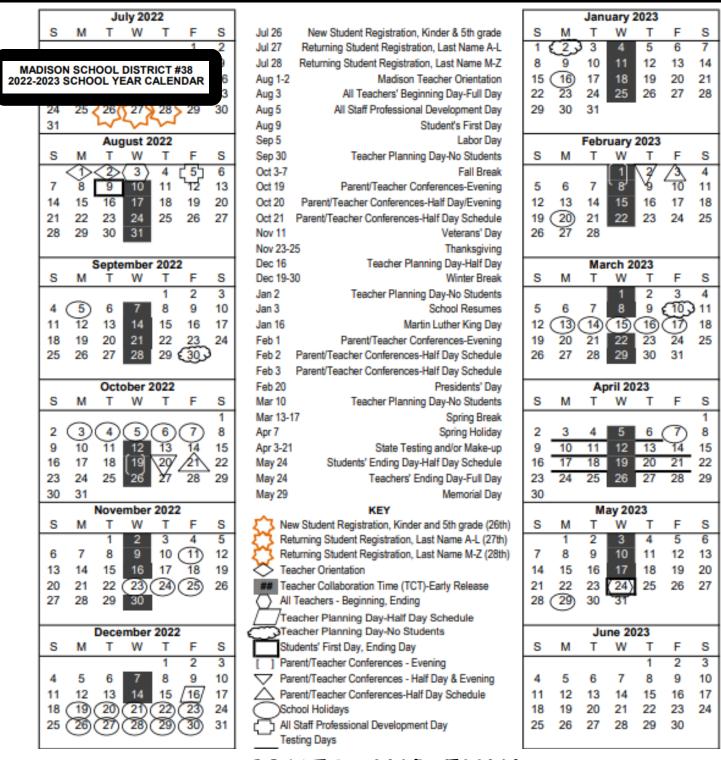
- 3 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 3-21 State Testing and/or Make Up
- 5 AZ Pops TCT Dine Out
- 7 Spring Holiday No School

May

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

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



JOKES AND FUN!

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



HOW DO FARMERS PARTY?



WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEEHIVE WITHOUT AN EXIT?

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