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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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ISSUE I



Hello Meadows Community!

I recently read an article from Harvard Graduate School of Education about the importance of community and culture, and I wanted to share some of the takeaways with you all.

Did you know the word community is rooted in the Middle French word communauté? 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 share this information with you in the hopes that you talk with your student about what it means to truly be a part of our community. Brainstorm with your student on ways that they can become a proactive and positive member of the Meadows community each and every day they are here.

Thank you for being a part of our Meadows community.

Yours in partnership,

Katy Clark



Meadows families please join us for our first

PTM GENERAL MEETING & WELCOME DINNER

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @6pm
Meadows Cafeteria



We want everyone to feel safe and will comply with mandates regarding masks and socially distant seating. We will also broadcast our meeting virtually.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, Sept 1st - Welcome Dinner
6:00-8:00pm

Wed, Sept 1, 15, 22 - TCT Days
2:10 Release

Mon, Sept 6th - Labor Day
No School

Mon, Sept 13th
Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

Mon, Sept 27th
Fall Fundraiser Ends

Fri, Oct 1st
Half Day - 12:05 Release

Mon, Oct 4th - Fri, Oct 8th
Fall Break - No School

Wed, Oct 13th, 27th - TCT Days
2:10 Release

Wed, Oct 13th - Bingo Night
5:30pm

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Crystal MacLeod Nurse

This is my fourth year in the district and first year as nurse at Meadows. I worked in a variety of different nursing positions prior to coming to Madison.

I grew up in Minnesota and moved to Arizona eight years ago with my family, and I love the warm weather here.

In my spare time I like to travel, read, cook, hike with my three dogs, and am often at the ice rink watching my daughter play hockey.

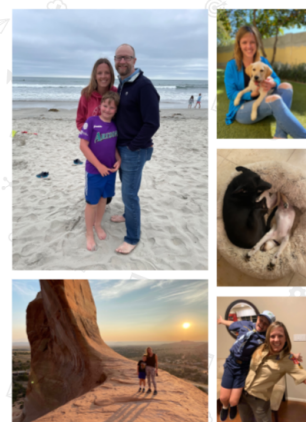


Dawn Moseke Attendance Clerk

My 5th grade son (Dean) convinced me that it would be way cooler to work at his school than it would be to return to a corporate web design job and so I'm incredibly excited for my first year at Meadows!

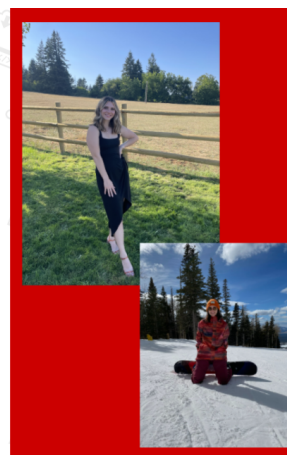
I spend most of my time reading, traveling, taking pictures, baking, throwing parties, and starting more projects than I finish.

We love to spend time outside as a family and are a proud scouting family. You may even know us from Cub Scout Pack 329, I am the Committee Chair and my husband Dale is the Chartered Org. Rep.



Linda D'Ambrosio 5-6 Resource

I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. I attended school in the Peoria school district and received my Bachelors in Elementary and Special Education at Grand Canyon University. This is my first year teaching and with the district! I am super excited for this year! In my free time, I enjoy working out, snowboarding, traveling, and hanging out with my friends.



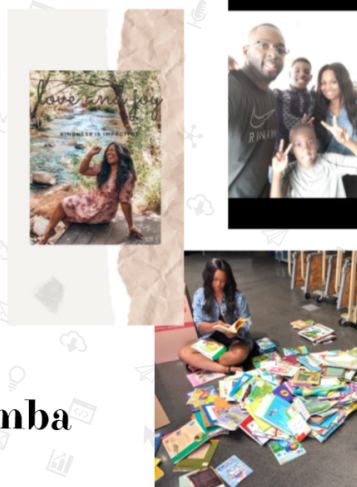
Olá pessoal
Hi Everyone 🤗

My name is Tiffany and I am so happy to be a part of the Meadows Family.

I am from Kansas and my husband is from Angola. As a family we love to travel all around the world and immerse ourselves into each culture. My family and I lived in Angola for 3 wonderful years, which is where I expanded my knowledge of the Portuguese language.

I have my degree in Library and Information Science from UMA. My passions include collecting books, and participating in non profit organizations such as Books For Africa.

I have two sons AJ who graduated from Meadows and Kissio who currently attends Simis. I love all things positive and I look forward to a wonderful year.



Tiffany Jenkins-Muandumba Librarian



MEET OUR NEW STAFF
MEMBERS!**Nadine Herdez**
Special Education
7th-8th

HOWDY!

I love the beach!

I am an Arizona Native, grew up in a small town, Laveen. I graduated from South Mountain High School and Grand Canyon University (Go Lopes!!), with a Bachelor's Degree in General Education and Special Education.

This will be my first year teaching at Meadows in a self-contained classroom. My previous position was Resource Teacher for the past 3 and a half years K-5th. My daughter attended Rose Lane, Number 1, and graduated from Highland Prep. I worked as a paraprofessional in our EBD classes at Simis with the littles and Meadows, where I found my purpose.

In my spare time, I love to travel with my 19 year old daughter. We enjoy the beach, lake, camping, and spending time with our friends and family.

Looking forward to an amazing 2021-2022 school year!!!

**Nathan Butler**
Recreational Sports

Go Rams!

This school year I will be starting my 5th year in education. The past four years, 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. In my free time, I enjoy watching sports, going on walks with my wife and our dog Paisley, and being outside doing a variety of activities.

**Curtis Weinstein**
7th & 8th grade
Individuals & Societies

"Present sacrifice for future reward"

Hello! This is my first year teaching and I am very excited to meet all of my students and get the year started off right. I graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and was an active-duty officer for 10 years. While stationed in Las Vegas, I received my MBA from UNLV. I also lived in Stuttgart, Germany for 2 years where I met my wife, Virpi (she is from Finland) and I love traveling. After I got out, I decided to pursue my passion of teaching history and obtained my M.Ed from ASU this past June. I'm also a huge metalhead and love going to concerts, travelling and collecting new life experiences.



WELCOME

Drew Rubado
SpEd Parapro

I grew up in Oregon in a town just outside of Portland called McMinnville. I moved to Arizona to go to Grand Canyon University where I am currently finishing up my degree in theology and philosophy. Before working at Meadows, I was a Wildland Firefighter for about 5 years. I enjoy sports, traveling, and anything outdoors, but you'll mainly find me hiking.

Come
join
us!

"Let your dreams be your wings"

Jessica Andriacco
Band/Project IB

Welcome to Meadows! I am an Arizona native that attended Simis and Meadows. Early in my education, I made it a long-term career goal to teach within the Madison District one day. During my college career, I earned an Associate's in General Arts, continued on to earn a second Associate's in Culinary Arts, which led me to NAU where I earned my Bachelor's in General and Special Education. I consider myself to be a "jack-of-all-trades" and willing to try my hand at most anything. My husband Joe and I have two daughters, Addy and Effie. When we are all off of work, the four of us enjoy playing music together, water skiing, hiking, camping, and working in our garden. This year, one of my favorite things to grow is sunflowers and pumpkins. Our next learning goal as a family is to become beekeepers to help pollinate our garden!

Nice to
Meet You



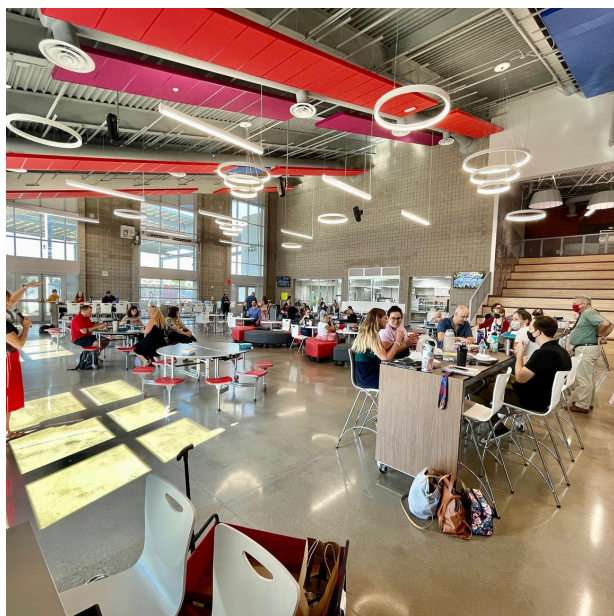
WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST!

PTM provided breakfast burritos from AZ Chef Sergio for the Meadows staff and educators along with sharing information about upcoming plans to support the school, through grant requests, fall fundraiser (which will be a read-a-thon) plus a new effort to help our students learn how to be entrepreneurs and support a cause.

PTM also gave out checks to every teacher for \$150 to go toward their classroom preparations.

PTM is able to do these things because of the support of our parents and community and they look forward to an amazing school year!

Are you interested in helping PTM with events, programs or fundraising? Please reach out to Angel Conaway, pres@meadowstpm.org



**PTM PROVIDED
BAGELS TO STAFF
THE FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL!**





Madison Meadows Middle School invites you to **MEET AND MINGLE** with our teachers, staff, and administration!

Thursday, August 12, 2021

4:00pm - 5:00pm // or // 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meet teachers, tour campus, learn about curriculum, clubs and activities

5:00pm - 6:00pm //

Ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, games and activities

**Thank you to everyone who came to
our Meet & Mingle and Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony!**



**Help keep our staff and
students safe and our
classrooms open for learning**

Please remember: masks must be worn on school campuses, on school buses and during school-associated activities by all students, staff, contractors, and visitors.

PTM is holding a Read-A-Thon!

Read-a-thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-a-thon starts Monday, September 13th, 2021.

About one week before our Read-a-thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We've chosen Read-a-thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read, and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope **EVERYONE** participates!



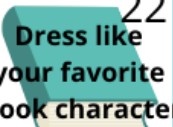
PTM Fall Fundraiser



Get 5 sponsors and earn an invite to the Meadows Color Party!



Read·A·Thon™

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	7 Early Registration Begins Today!	8 GET YOUR BOOKS READY...	9	10 	11
12	13 READ-A-THON STARTS 	14 	15 	16 	17 Earn fun prizes!	18
19	20 	21	22 Dress like your favorite book character 	23	24 Log your reading! 	25
26	27 READ-A-THON ENDS	28	29	30	GOAL \$50,000	

Thank
you!



Welcome
to PE!

Thank
you!

The PE department would like to thank all the families that purchased and donated items off of our Amazon Wishlists. We are so grateful for the items and are very excited to use them to provide increased activity options for our PE classes this year and for years to come!!

Thanks!

Anna Paulson, MPEd

Physical Education Teacher | 5th Grade & Nets and Racquets

Madison Meadows Middle School

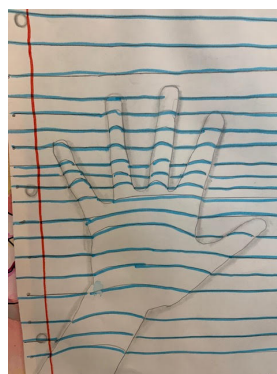
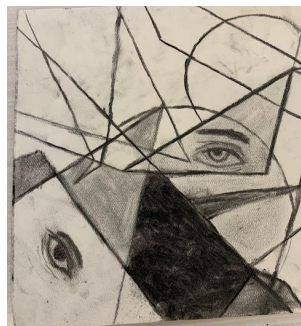
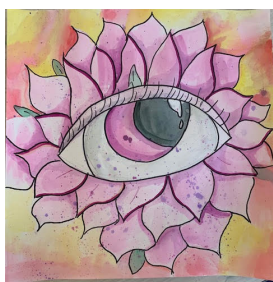
Email: apaulson@madisoned.org



From Mrs Tracy:

A great kick off to the year in the art room! Students in Ceramics have been making masks. Studio Artists have been introduced to the art of printmaking and our IB Visual Artists are trying their hands at optical illusions and eyes! Follow us on Instagram for more photos!

@madison_meadows_artists





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! This year we will have a few less general PTM meetings and a few more community dinners and fun events. This year we are EXCITED to make plans, however, we understand they are subject to change based on the evolving pandemic situation. We want everyone to remain safe and healthy so we will always follow the guidelines implemented by the Madison School District.

PTM communicates through our email blasts, Facebook page, Instagram account, monthly Med-O-Gram (newsletter) and our website www.meadowsptm.org. We will try 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 Charlotte - 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.

Kindest Regards,

The Madison Meadows Executive PTM Board 2021-22

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Angel Conaway

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Megan Tracy

Vice President Fundraising



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Vice President Fundraising



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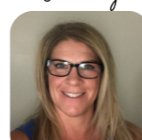
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Communication Secretary

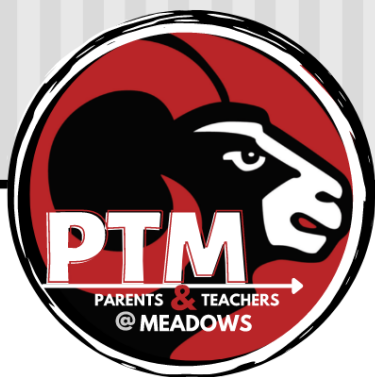


Charlotte Shaff

Recording Secretary



Sara Santibanez



2021-2022 PTM CALENDAR MADISON MEADOWS

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!

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
 29- Picture Re-Takes

November

1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
 3 - TCT Day - 2:10 Release
 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 - 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
 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

March

1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
3- MEADOWS GOT TALENT
 2, 23 - TCT Day - 2:10pm Release
 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

May

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



Art Masterpiece

Art masterpiece fall workshop for volunteers Sept. 11th, 10am-12pm
Sign up with Zenia Hickson to get invite (zeniahickson@gmail.com)

This won't be like previous workshops, this is all new to get the program vamped up.

THE **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) COMMITTEE** IS
LOOKING FOR A FEW PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING, SERVICE-LEARNING, AND MAKING GLOBAL-
LOCAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH PROGRAMS AT MEADOWS. THE
COMMITTEE MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:15-8:00. PLEASE EMAIL CVACANTI@MADISONED.ORG IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.



Parent Resources



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!

Do you like performing? Thinking outside of the box?
Working with others?



Odyssey of the Mind

Well, then Odyssey of the Mind might be for you.

We will be holding a General Interest Meeting for Odyssey of the Mind on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 from 4:00-4:45 p.m (in-person for students only). A Google link will be provided for parents who want to tune in.

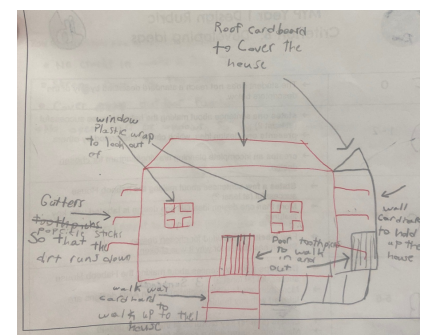
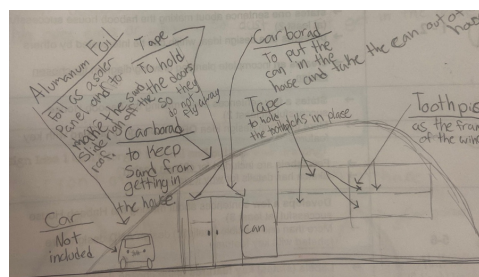
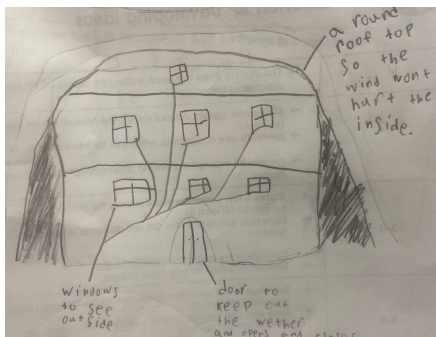
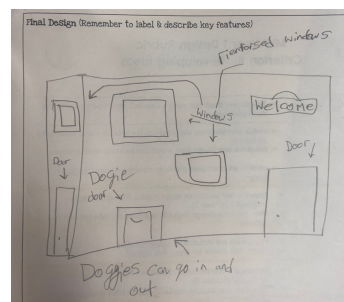
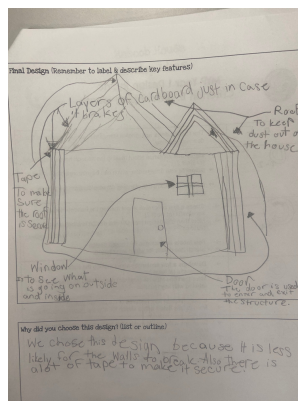
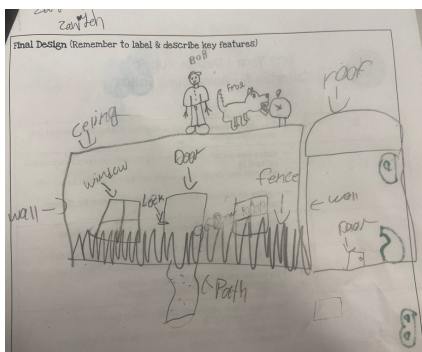
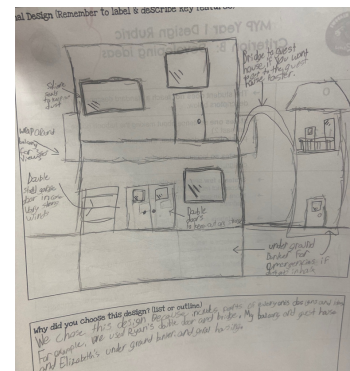
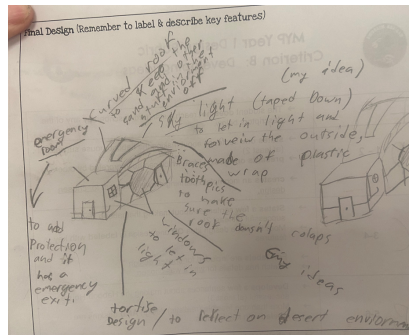
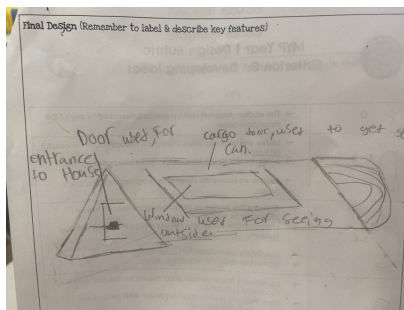
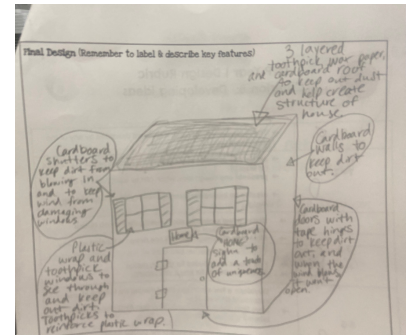
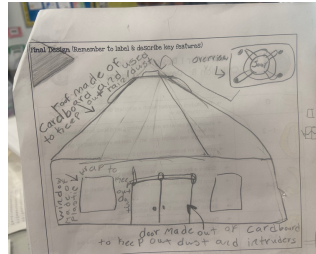
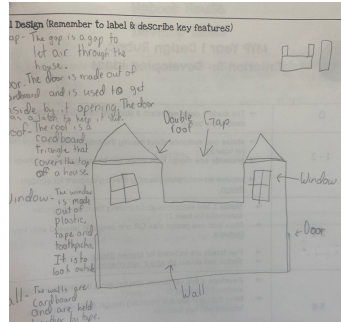
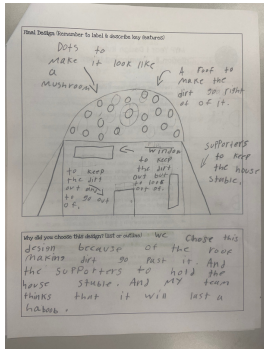
Students, please meet in room K106 if you are interested in finding out more about the program or joining one of our teams.

Any questions, please email Ms. Cohen, Mrs. Bradley, or Ms. Harbottle.



MY 5/6 DESIGN STUDENTS JUST FINISHED THEIR DESIGNS FOR "HABOOB HOUSE". THEY WERE ASKED TO DESIGN A HOUSE TO WITHSTAND AN ARIZONA HABOOB. WE WILL BE TESTING THEM LATER THIS WEEK IN OUR SIMULATION BOX! I'LL SEND A FEW MORE NEXT PERIOD.

CHRISTY SCHWALENBERG
5TH & 6TH GRADE MATH & DESIGN



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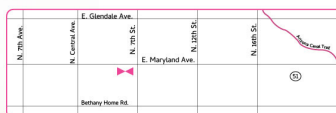
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PURCHASE IN THE PTM STORE AT WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG

MEADOWS ATHLETICS

Fall sports begin after Labor Day:

9/7 (Tues): Boys & Girls Cross-Country travelling to El Oso Park

9/7 (Tues): Boys Soccer playing Madison No.1 at Camelview

9/9 (Thurs): Boys Soccer travelling to Atkinson

9/7 (Tues): Girls Soccer travelling to Madison No.1

9/9 (Thurs): Girls Soccer playing Atkinson at Camelview

9/7 (Tues): Girls Varsity Volleyball travelling to Madison No.1

9/9 (Thurs): Girls Varsity Volleyball playing Atkinson at Home

9/7 (Tues): Boys Volleyball playing Madison No.1 twice at Home

9/7 (Tues): Girls JV Volleyball travelling to Madison No.1

NOTE: Home Volleyball games are limited to two spectators per athlete.

See full sports schedules on the [Meadows Athletics website](http://www.meadowptm.org)

Question?

Contact Peter Samuel, Athletic Director @ dsamuel@madisoned.org



DID YOU KNOW? We have parent/caregiver grade-specific groups on Facebook?

FIFTH GRADE:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1403220113093307>

SIXTH GRADE:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2127268620854438>

SEVENTH GRADE:

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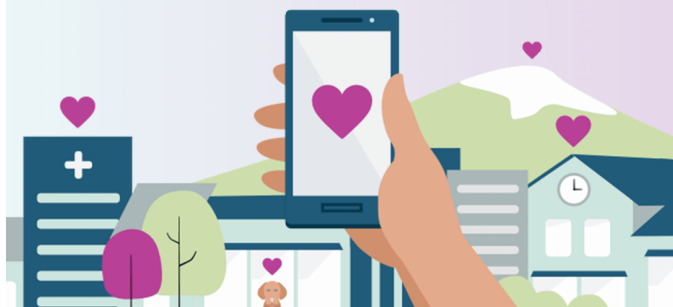
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(FOR STUDENTS WHO FORGET)**

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

THANK YOU

***Congratulations to Mr. Butler
on the birth of
their baby girl Dallas on
August 11th!
Welcome to the Meadows family!***

Congratulations!



Hey! Did you sign up for
the Remind App?

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