

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPT 2022 ISSUE II



Dear Meadows Community,

September is going to rock at Meadows!

We invite you to attend our PTM Welcome Back Dinner & Meeting on Sept 7 at 6 pm in the Meadows Cafeteria. We will not only share our plans for the year, and offer a yummy meal from Spinato's, but the new Madison District Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Guerin will be there to introduce herself, along with a rep from the Madison Advocates to share crucial information about the upcoming elections this November 8th. Principal Katy Clark will also share progress and updates about what is happening on campus.

Coming up on September 12, our main fundraiser the Meadows Read-A-Thon begins. Read-a-thons get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

If you haven't already, check out our newly designed website at meadowsptm.org.

You can find all grade-related information, buy a marquee message for your student, sign up to volunteer and even download the PTM calendar to your smartphone and more.

While I have you here, if you own or work for a Central Phoenix business, let's chat about getting your name/product/services in front of our students, staff, and families through our events and communications. We offer numerous sponsorship opportunities.

Contact Charlotte at pres@meadowsptm.org

Your involvement with PTM and our school makes a difference and sets MEADOWS apart from others. 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 month!
Charlotte Shaff, PTM President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Sept. 5th Labor Day No School

Wed, Sept. 7th AZ Pops Dine Out

Wed, Sept. 7th PTM General Meeting and Welcome Dinner

Fri, Sept. 9th Meadows Dads Club Meeting - 5pm Cafeteria

Mon, Sept. 12th Fall Fundraiser Read-A-Thon Kick Off

Tues, Sept. 13th DC Trip Meeting

Fri, Sept. 16th Fall Fundraiser Trivia Night @ Butler's Easy

Fri, Sept. 23rd Fall Fundraiser Ends

Fri, Sept. 23rd School Volleyball Tournament

Sept. 28th - Sept 30th

Camp Friendly Pines Trip for 5th Graders

Sept. 30th Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

Facebook groups:

INCOMING 5TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 7TH GRADE PARENTS
INCOMING 8TH GRADE PARENTS



Don't miss

THE

PTM

WELCOME

DINNER!

RSVP HERE

9/7/22

6PM



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





Attn: Parents/Caregivers
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.



PTM is working to bring back the PBIS store at lunch and (possibly before school) every other Friday.

Please email **comsec@meadowsptm.org** if you are interested in volunteering or donating to the shop!

We also want to hear some feedback from your student on what types of cool things we should have for sale. We really want to put together some great stuff that the kids can work to earn points and buy!







Our teacher appreciation chair stocked up our teachers and staff lounges with a variety of coffee and snacks. There are healthy treats mixed with a bit of sweet and a perfect pick me up for our hard working teachers and staff!







Thank you Meadows Students for recycling!

MEADOWS ATHLETICS

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.

Winter Sports Announcement

Interested in trying out for Flag Football, Boys Basketball or, Girls Basketball?

Or want to join the Wrestling Team?

Athletes will not be able to try out unless an AIA-Physical Examination Form is physically turned into the front office by Thursday, November 10th at 3:30pm.

The Physical Form can be found on the Meadows Athletics website under the "Forms" tab.

sites.google.com/madisoned.org/meadowsathletics22-23/home



Cheer Announcement

Interested in trying out for the Cheer Team?

Our Cheer Coach, Mrs. Lynch, will be holding a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, October 27th starting at 5pm in the Cafeteria.

During this meeting, Mrs. Lynch will be going over tryout information and team expectations.

Athletes will not be able to try out unless an AIA-Physical Examination Form is physically turned into the front office by Friday, November 4th at 3:30pm.

The Physical Form can be found on the Meadows Athletics website under the "Forms" tab.

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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 ATHLETICS

Find information on Sports on the Meadows Athletics Website

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September Game Schedules

Boys Soccer

Boys Soccer

Madison #1

Madi





Boys JV Volleyball
9/13 - 6:45pm - Intersquad (@ Meadows)
9/27 - 6:45pm - JV Girls (@ Meadows)
9/29 - 5:45pm - Intersquad (@ Meadows)
9/29 - 5:45pm - Intersquad (@ Meadows)

Boys Varsity Volleyball

9/13 - 4:45pm - *Madison #1 (@ Meadows) 9/27 - 4:45 pm - *Atkinson (@ Meadows)

9/29 - 4:45pm - Tillman (@ Meadows)

*Double Header (2 games)

Girls Varsity Volleyball Girls Varsity Volleyball 9/12 - 5:45pm - Madison #1 (@ Meadows) 9/15 - 5:45pm - @ MTA 9/15 - 5:45pm - @ Desert Sands 9/19 - 5:45pm - @ Desert Sands 9/12 - 4:45pm - Osborn (@ Meadows) 9/12 - 5:45pm - @ Estrella 9/12 - 5:45pm - @ Estrella

Girls JV Volleyball

9/12 - 4:45pm - Madison #1 (@ Meadows)

9/15 - 4:45pm - Madison Park (@ Meadows)

9/16 - 4:45pm - JV Boys (@ Meadows)

9/19 - 4:45pm - @ MTA

9/22 - 4:45pm - @ Tillman*

9/26 - 4:45pm - Osborn (@ Meadows)

*Double Header (2 games)

Cross Country

Tue: 9/13 - 4:45pm - El Oso Park Tue: 9/20 - 4:45pm - *Cortez Park Tue: 9/27 - 4:45pm - Western Valley

*Location subject to change



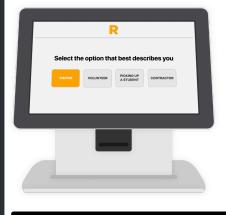






https://www.madisoned ucationfoundation.org/ what-we-do/artmasterpiece

VISITING CAMPUS? DON'T FORGET YOUR ID!



FOR THE 2022-23 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.

** FOR QUICKER ENTRY DURING EVENTS, PLEASE COME IN AND PRE-REGISTER! **

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.



Nurses

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



Attention Parents of Native American Students!

Additional school support and afterschool opportunities exist for your students! Please see the link below to sign up your student.

Native American Program

Questions? Contact: Amanda Robbins, Native American Education Program Technician - 602-664-7992



NOLY PISSON STRICKS

SEPT 28, 2022 - SEPT 30, 2022

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

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 sign up here IMMEDIATELY.

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



9/7

NEED HELP PAYING A FEE IN



Activity Fees, Field Trip Fees, Camp Fees, Athletic Fees, Club Fees, etc. can be paid in your student's PowerSchool account.

Click here to see instructions and screenshots to walk you through it!

Any questions? Contact the Meadows Office at 602-664-7600 or meadowsoffice@madisoned.org





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MS. GENGLE'S SPEECH & DEBATE CLASS
DOING SOME TEAM BUILDING!





Dear Meadows Families:





One of the greatest things about working at Madison Meadows is that we have become excellent problem solvers! Our kids are learning to self-advocate, and our parents know how to get help for their children. This is a note to remind parents and students how to problem-solve at Meadows. In advance, thank you for reading!

The middle school years are a time for our adolescent children to grow and learn. They want to be held close at the same time they are pushing away. Some kids want to spend time with you, but only on their terms. And some children go through their middle school years with ease, while others struggle.

But at some point, every middle schooler has a problem that needs solving and some parental support to solve that problem. Navigating support systems can be challenging, so I want to guide our Ram community towards more effective problem-solving.

As kids grow older, we want to teach them to encourage their independent growth and help them develop their problem-solving skills, becoming self-advocates. It is imperative that they learn how to find solutions on their own. Here are some simple steps that we would like <u>students to follow</u> when they have a problem:

- 1. Help your child identify the problem. Help them define the problem they want to solve, and who is involved. And remember, sometimes there is no solution and students just need to be heard; they may not want a fix as much as a shoulder to lean on.
- 2. **Ask your child to "perspective take".** How might others involved be feeling? Is there another side to the story or facet to the problem?
- 3. When your child comes to you with a problem or situation, help them reflect on what they have done to alleviate the situation. Have they talked directly to the person (teacher, peer, supervisor, coach) to explain the situation and tell them how they are feeling? When students have an opportunity to go through these steps on their own, they learn the skill of self-advocacy, a valuable life skill.
- 4. **If they need more support**, have them come to the office to see our counselor, social worker, or administrator, or talk to a teacher who they trust. Our doors are always open, and we are all trained to handle these types of situations.

If the problem is bigger, or more involved, and you feel that <u>parental intervention</u> is needed, parents can follow these guidelines:

- 1. Clearly identify the issue. As specifically as you can, try to figure out the issue and the root causes.
- 2. Ask your child about other sides to the event- help them take perspective. Who was involved? Did more than one person make a mistake? What was your part in the issue? Can you think about how the other person might have felt? What might be the other person's perspective?
- 3. Wait. (And maybe wait a little longer.) If you or your child are too angry to deal reasonably with the issue right now, wait a night. It is better to walk in being calm and reasoned than to walk in upset. Don't send an email or make a phone call in anger. A little time often helps put things in perspective.
- 4. Write down some questions that you want to ask, and work to frame them in a non-confrontational way:
 - a. Can you help me understand...
 - b. What steps did you take to teach...

- c. Can I talk to you about a conversation I had with my child...
- d. Will you work with me to solve a problem...
- 5. **Filter what you are hearing your child say.** Sometimes we hear a parent say that they always believe what their child says. Certainly, we want to believe our children. But there are always things that your child may not tell you to cover-up a mistake. While this may be something new, as kids enter adolescence, they sometimes change typical behavioral patterns that you are used to. Keep an open mind and remember that you are dealing with 10-14 year old children who are sometimes afraid of the consequences of their actions.
- 6. **Speak with the right person**. Finding the right person to talk with is key. If the issue is with a staff member, <u>please talk to that staff member first</u>. If it is an emotional concern, then you probably want to talk to a counselor. If it is a potential disciplinary issue, start with your child's assistant principal. If you are not sure who to talk to, call the office our assistants typically know who to send you to. Sometimes parents feel they need to "carpet-bomb" an email to everyone, including central office staff. That typically has the opposite effect than intended as it often takes time to determine the right person to manage the issue.
- 7. **Email, Phone Call or Visit?** A wise person once told me to never put into an email what could be said in a phone call. **It is often better to make that phone call** so you can hear the staff member rather than trying to interpret an email where you cannot hear tone and concern. And sometimes it is better to come for a meeting. Our staff will always find time to meet with you and your child. Personally, I think that we need to spend more time in face-to-face communication, even if it takes extra time. In those meetings you have the ability to hear the perspective of the teacher and your child, and to see the interaction between them. It is helpful if you call ahead to schedule a time to meet, instead of showing up at school when staff may not be available.
- 8. What to Expect: Taking care of bigger issues takes time...sometimes we want a quick solution when the complexity of the issue may take longer support. Please be patient as we work to help find an appropriate solution. You will also find in the middle school that it is also not the principal who deals with every issue. Most times it will be the teacher who helps your child find a solution. But if a problem is brought to the office, it will typically be a counselor, social worker or assistant principal who works with your child.
- 9. What happens to the 'other student'? In discipline issues, parents often want to know what happens to the other child, typically if the other child was the aggressor. Because of confidentiality laws, we cannot tell you. You may believe nothing was done, when in fact, we did hand down consequences. Please understand that we are bound by confidentiality.

This is an important conversation for your family to have. Showing your children that you are solution-oriented can help them see that your family is a partner with the school.

If you have any thoughts you would like to share, please send me an email (kclark@madisoned.org) or give me a call at Madison Meadows (602-664-7600).

I am so proud to be the principal of an amazing learning community!

Katy Clark

Principal, Madison Meadows Middle School

Resource used: http://life.familyeducation.com/conflict-resolution/parenting-problem-solving/56037.html

PTM FALL FUNDRAISER.

PTM AT MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE
SCHOOL HAS DECIDED TO HOLD A
READ-A-THON THIS YEAR!
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 12TH, 2022.

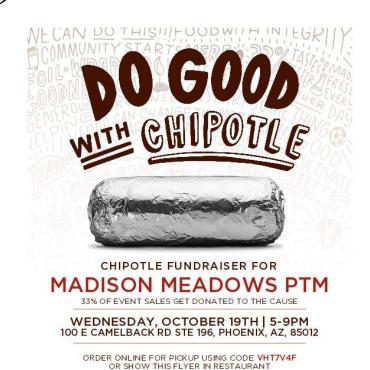
ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE OUR READ-A-THON STARTS WE WILL SEND HOME INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR READER'S PERSONAL PAGE. THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW AND RECORD THEIR PROGRESS.

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.

THANKS SO MUCH.

PTM AND MADISON MEADOWS
MIDDLE SCHOOL



(CHIPOTLE)

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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.





Meadows Dads Club

Dads Making a Difference

DADS: WE NEED YOU!

We will meet for the first time this year in the Cafeteria at Madison Meadows, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9th at 5pm. The meeting will last one hour and we will have the space until 7pm.

!! Everyone please fill out <u>this questionnaire</u> by Friday 9/2!! It should only take a couple minutes and we will use the responses to help plan the year (majority rules).

If you can't make the first meeting no problem, by filling out the form your feedback will be included in the conversation.

We have three events on the calendar this year: Sun's Game (with PTM), Christmas Tree pick-up, and a Spring event TBD.

All proceeds go to support Meadow's PTM (501C3) and our amazing teachers.

Looking forward to meeting everyone.

Cheers to you!

Dads Making a Difference.

Thank you,

I look forward to meeting you!

Matt Wszalek

Meadows Dad 17', 22', 25'

Questions? meadowsdadsclub@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN GETTING 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!



NOTE: Minimum 1 week notice needed!

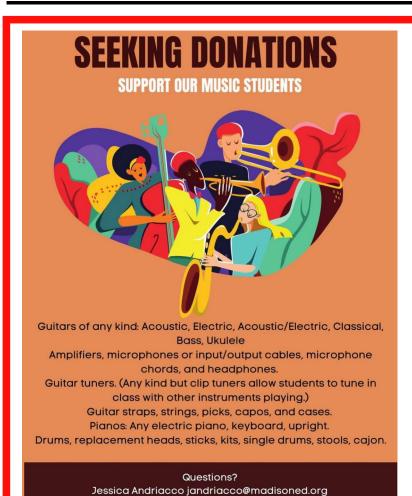
BIRTHDAY
CONGRATULATIONS
THANK YOU

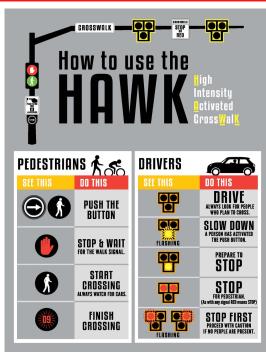
& MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly SPOTS ARE LIMITED



PURCHASE & FIND
DETAILS AT
WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG





HAWK Light Volunteers

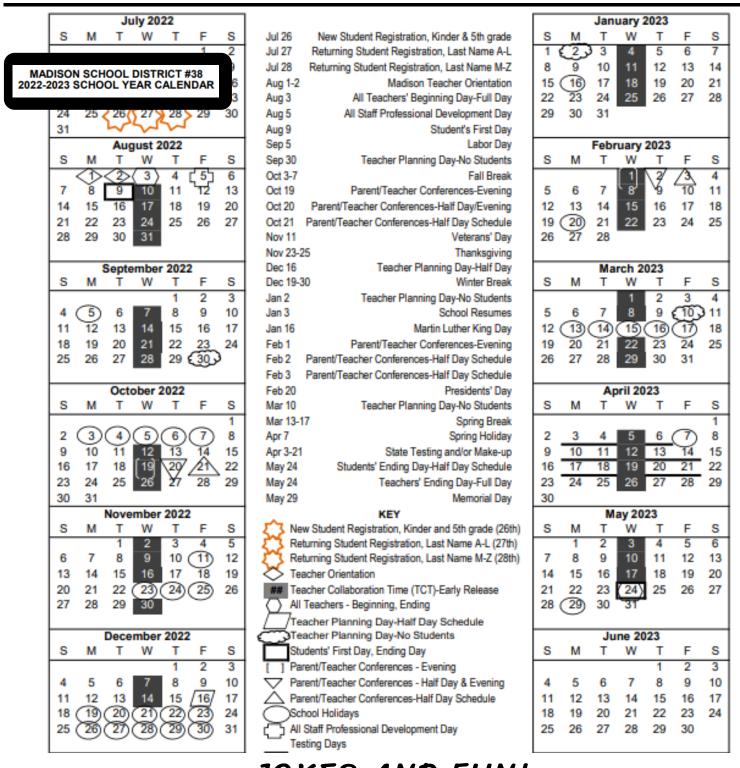
Meadows could use a few volunteers to help with the Glendale & 3rd Avenue Crosswalk on a temporary basis. The current Hawk Light is up and running, but some parents have asked for additional support to guide/inform children about how this type of crossing area works. Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Click to volunteer for HAWK

Part of our Meadows family for MANY years, we are sad to say goodbye to Night Custodial Lead, Diane Wroten. She will be the new Plant Manager at Madison Park. Congratulations Diane & we will miss you!







JOKES AND FUN!

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



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A POORLY DRESSED MAN ON A BICYCLE AND A NICELY DRESSED MAN ON A TRICYCLE?



WHAT DO YOU CALL A DETECTIVE WHO JUST SOLVES CASES ACCIDENTLY?

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