

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

NOVEMBER 2023

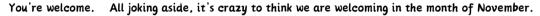
**ISSUE IV** 

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Tank.

Tank who?



November is the month associated with showing gratitude and Thanksgiving, it's a time for family gatherings, feasting, and football. Students, teachers, and staff have been in session for 12 weeks (not including fall break) and we have seen some great academic progress. But this is also the time of year when we see a slide in motivation and an increase in students becoming overly familiar, like calling a teacher 'Bruh.'

In reviewing our behavior data, one of the trends we see is students not owning their behavior. This is pretty normal. It's human nature to restructure ideas or situations into the way we wish them to be. Students might say, "I didn't do that." Or even more commonly, "I was just joking." The funny things we see on social media have become part of our everyday conversations and some of this humor is harmless and all in good fun. But some of it is mean. Saying "I was just kidding," or "I was just joking," has become an easy way to cover up hateful jokes.

We are working hard to educate our students that those kinds of jokes can make people feel unsafe, disconnected, and excluded and we would appreciate your support at home in having similar conversations with your child. Talk to your child about the type of jokes that are offensive, discuss the situations in which humor is appropriate, and share appropriate jokes.

And finally, stress the importance of apologies. Even people with great social skills and a sense of humor sometimes slip up and say the wrong thing at the wrong time.

1 strongly believe in the work we are doing here at Meadows and 1 hope you know that we are always on the path towards continuous improvement. Thank you for partnering with us in that endeavor. 1 am forever grateful that 1 have the responsibility of leading Madison Meadows and 1 hope you know how much 1 appreciate every staff member, parent, and student for what they bring to our community.

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

All the best, Katy Clark, Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, Nov 1 - Mon, Nov 6
Athletics Canned Food Drive

Fri, Nov 3

Family Fall Fest

Mon, Nov 6

Parent Workshop Emotional Lives of Teenagers

**Tues, Nov 7**Fall Sports Banquet

Tues, Nov 7 - Wed, Nov 15 UMOM Collection

**Fri, Nov 10** Veteran's Day - No School

Mon, Nov 13 - Fri, Nov 17th Book Fair in Library

Mon, Nov 13 - Fri, Nov 17th Winter Sports Tryouts

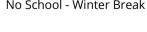
Wed, Nov 22 - Fri, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

**Fri, Dec 1** PTM/PATS Holiday Party

Sat, Dec 2
Meadows Night @ The Suns

**Fri, Dec 22** Half Day - 12:05 Release

Mon, Dec 25 - Jan 5 No School - Winter Break





## HALLOWEENFUN



















































FALL NJHS NDUCTEES

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COPPER VALANDINGHAM-WAGNER



## There were 304 students checked out early in the month of October.

Students have 8 periods throughout the day, each one just as important.

Please help us improve school attendance and cut down on classroom interruptions by making appointments for early release and non-school days. Thank you!

NOTE: After 3 sign outs (or tardies) appt. documentation may be required.

Report student absences or tardies by 10:00AM by calling 602-664-7620 or emailing 
meadowsattendance@madisoned.org

Stacy Campbell Attendance Clerk



THANK : YOU



Ms. Tiffaney, Librarian tienkins@madisoned.org

#### Books For Africa

#### **BOOK DRIVE**

Our 3rd Annual Book Drive was a success. A huge thank you to the Families, Students and Staff members of Madison Meadows because of your help we donated over 1,500 books to Kenya







#### Author Visit







Award-winning public radio Journalist, podcaster

Thank you to Kitty Felde for visiting Madison Meadows and sharing your creative writing process with us.







#### MADISON MEADOWS

IB DAY OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 15TH



This year Madison Meadows is participating in our third annual IB Day of Service. We can't wait to bring service into our neighborhood again! Madison Meadows is collectingdonations for UMOM New Day Centers to support UMOM's mission to end homelessness. UMOM prov

You can help by bringing in any of the following essential items that UMOM provides to families.

Top Five Immediate Needs (any sized item appreciated)

- Adult hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, etc)
- Kids/baby hygiene Items (shampoo, bath, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)Cleaning supplies (window cleaner, floor cleaner, Pine-Sol, disinfectant, etc)

We will have collection boxes in the humanities classrooms from November 7-15. Any help is greatly appreciated!







NexTrex Recycling Challenge

Help Meadows win a Trex Bench and Recycle your Plastic!





Green Team Collection runs September 6, 2023 - May 2024

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue



Ouestions? greenteam@meadowsptm.or



DRIVE
LETS FEED THE HUNGRY





UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY

Donation boxes in the front office!

The sport that collects the most items will get a chance to put a pie in the face of a coach at the Fall Sports Banquet!



Click here to see the entire photo album of Meadows' Butterfly Project

"The Butterfly Project" is a call to action through education, the arts and memorial making. We teach social justice through lessons of the Holocaust, educating participants about the dangers of hatred and bigotry to cultivate empathy and social responsibility. By painting ceramic butterflies, which are displayed as symbols of resilience and hope, participants remember the 1.5 million children killed during the Holocaust. In this work, The Butterfly Project honors our commitment to the Survivors to Never Forget." - The Butterfly Project

#### 71 Butterflies

Charlotte was only nine years old in Paris, France when she was placed in an orphanage by her parents. They believed this was the safest place for her and her younger brother as the Nazi Regime invaded their city. Charlotte and her brother were two of 79 Jewish children in this orphanage. Helen, Charlotte's dearest friend in the orphanage, was kind, creative, and optimistic. She encouraged Charlotte and believed that everything would be ok. Ultimately, it was not. In a somewhat serendipitous way, Charlotte, her brother and six other children were absent from the orphanage when the Nazis captured and ultimately murdered all of the children. As Charlotte hauntingly will say, "71 children died, it should have been 79."

It was this phrase that was mentioned during a presentation Charlotte was giving at Madison Meadows Middle School in the spring of 2023. Art Teacher, Megan Tracy, was attending the presentation with her ceramic students. It was at this moment that Ms. Tracy knew that their school's portion of The Butterfly Project had to include these forgotten children. The children Charlotte played with, slept near, and held hands with during one of the most terrifying times of her life.

Meadow's students didn't just make 71 butterflies that spring, they made over 300. The 71 butterflies are painted red, Charlotte's favorite color. They represent Charlotte's incredible strength and memory, but most importantly they act as a symbol of action. Action we can all make by doing something kind, something peaceful, and something beautiful to help end the world of genocides and hatred.

Near the La Basilique du Sacré Coeurr, a famous church in Paris, there is a plague on the wall outside the building that reads "79 Jewish Children housed in this establishment until the bombardment of April 20, 1944, then installed at 70 Avenue Secretan were arrested by the Gestapo on July 21, 1944 and deported to Auschwitz where 71 of them were murdered." Now, in the galleries of the Jewish Historical Society in Phoenix, AZ, the butterflies hang among stories of survivors and victims of the Holocaust. It is with this action we are honoring our

















- STUDENTS NEED WIRED HEADPHONES TO TAKE TESTS OR LISTEN TO TAPED INSTRUCTION
- AIRPODS AND OTHER BLUETOOTH DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING INSTRUCTION

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS WIRED HEADPHONES IN THEIR BACKPACK ALONG WITH A PENCIL AS PART OF THEIR EVERYDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

\*TEACHERS DO HAVE SOME COMMUNITY HEADPHONES BUT THEY ARE LIMITED







2023



NOVEMBER 13TH-17TH

THE COUNTDOWN TO MORE BOOK JOY IS ON! CATCH YOU AT THE FAIR!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/madisonmeadows middleschool

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE VIEW OUR SIGN UP LINK BELOW

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HAPPY READING,
MRS. TIFFANEY (MADISON MEADOWS LIBRARY)
TJENKINS@MADISONED.ORG
MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL





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- 20-25 Hours weekly- riexible Schedule /
  \$500 Sign on Stipend!
- \$250 Referral Bonus for current employees that refer a new hire!
- \$50 Account credit for current CE families that refer a new hire!
- $\bullet\,$  Child comes off the waitlist once employee starts!

#### Hours

- Elementary School Sites (K-4th)
  - o Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 2:00pm-6:00pm
  - · Wednesday: 12:30pm-6:00pm
- Middle School Sites (5th-8th)
  - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:3:10pm-6:15pm
  - o Wednesday: 1:40pm-6:15pm
- Madison Traditional Academy (K-8th)
  - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
     2:30pm-6:15pm
  - Wednesday: 1:00pm-6:15pm







## **MEADOWS ATHLETICS**



ATHLETICS WEBSITE: HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/MADISONED.ORG/MEADOWSATHLETICS22-23/HOME LOOK FOR WINTER SPORTS PRESENTATION!

#### **CROSS COUNTRY:**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 MEADOWS BOYS AND GIRLS CHAMPS! AND CONGRATS TO HANS & **ELIZABETH FOR TAKING 1ST OVERALL! YOUR COACHES ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!!!** 







- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Girls JV Basketball
- JV Flag Football (INTERSQUAD ONLY)
- Varsity Flag Football
- Boys JV Basketball
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling (non-cut, co-ed)

Winter Sports Tryouts will be the Week of 11/13-11/1 See the Schedule on the Meadows Athletics Website

FALL SPORTS
BANQUET
NOV 7TH
6:00PM







Students must have physical uploaded & approved before trying out. Look for ALL GREEN CHECK

#### **MEADOWS ATHLETICS**

Community Service Project

# FEED THE HUNGRY



BY 11/6

**UNEXPIRED &** NON PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY

The sport that collects the most items will get a chance to put a pie in the face of a coach at the Fall Sports Banquet!







Follow us 😃



@MeadowsAthletics



#### GOT DONATIONS?

**CLICK HERE** Wishlist to order and have items sent directly to the school.



Do you have a connection to a business that would donate \$5 Gift Cards? PURCHASE A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON THE BIG MEADOWS MARQUEE!

BIRTHDAY, CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU & MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weekly

irchase at least one week prior!



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

Access information on Library Materials at MadisonAZ.org > Families > Parent Resources

Welcome to Madison School District #38

Elementary Schools

• Madison Camelview Elementary School □

• Madison Heights Elementary School □

• Madison Richard C. Simis Elementary School □

• Madison Rose Lane Elementary School □

• Madison Rose Lane Elementary School □

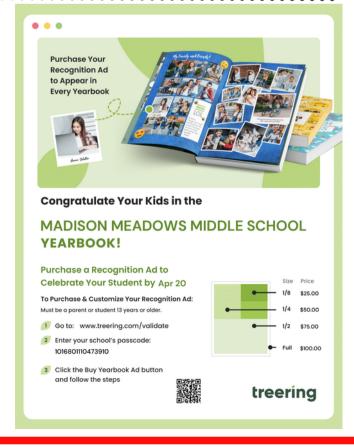
• Madison Traditional Academy □

Middle Schools

• Madison Meadows Middle School 
• Madison No 1 Middle School 
• Madison Park M



EARBOOKS





#### NOVEMBER SPONSOR OF THE MONTHE







Sunnyslope will host Future Freshman Night on November 16th. The event will begin at 6:30 PM at the Football Stadium.

Gates will open at 6:00 PM. See you there!

# FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT 6:30 PM - FOOTBALL STADIUM

REQUEST RECORDS FOR ENROLLMENT AT RECORDS@MADISONED.ORG

#### **ATTN: 8th GRADERS!**

Open Enrollment information for Sunnyslope can be found here.

NOTE: All paperwork must be submitted by November 20th, 2023.



#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS!**







#### BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 FAMILY LIFE CENTER AT NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH 5757 N CENTRAL AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85021

#### **GIRLS EVALUATIONS**

K-1ST GRADE 8:00 - 9:00 cm

2ND-3RD GRADE 9:00 - 10:30 am 4TH-5TH GRADE 10:30 am - 12:00 pm 6TH-8TH GRADE 12:00 - 1:00 pm

#### **BOYS EVALUATIONS**

1ST-2ND GRADE 7:15 - 8:30 am 3RD-4TH GRADE 8:30 - 9:45 am 5TH-6TH GRADE 9:45 - 11:00 pm 7TH-8TH GRADE 11:00 - 11:45 am KINDER 11:45 cm - 12:45 cm

Player evaluations are mandatory. Please show up at your scheduled time

Coaches: Please register on our website by Thursday 11/3 and download the Team Gentus app prior to arrival. Bring a fully charged cell phone, and check in at the welcome table.

Boys Directors: Kyle Clifford & Mike Elliott

Girls Directors: Kristy Peters & Dan Coffinger

#### COACHES NEEDED

RAMMS is a PARENT-run organization, We need parent volunteers to be head and assistant coaches to make our programs successful. Parents, please consider get involved as a coach in your child's recreational sports

Regardless of the sport, RAMMS needs one parent to regardess of the sport, knowns needs othe parent to volunteer to be a head coach and another to be an assistant coach for every seven (7) players that register. The number of teams will be determined by the availability of coaches.

RAMMS is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that relies on registration fees and sponsorship money to provide quality game venues, uniforms that the players are proud to wear, sports equipment to each feam and capital improvements to local schools.

RAMMS is looking for businesses to advertise with us and to sponsor one or more teams. When sponsoring a team, your company name will be displayed on the jersey of your sponsored team. Sponsorships may be tax deductible.

**All Skill Levels** Grades 3rd - 8th

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact us at sponsorship@ramms.org or online aframms.org.

Please visit RAMMS.org and social media to stay up-to-date! 

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#### 2023 PRESEASON **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**

#### PRESEASON CONDITIONING

- . Start Date: November 6th
- · Mondays & Wednesdays; November-December
- 6:00pm 7:30pm · Sunnyslope High School
- \$75 per athlete

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

#### COME OUT AND JOIN US!

We are a competitive USA Track and Field affiliated club team. Open to ages 5-18 and welcome ALL skill levels, no experience is needed! Our mission is to provide a fun and welcoming environment for athletes to have a positive and meaningful experience while learning the fundamentals of track & field. During this time we focus on technique, strength, and agility to prepare your athlete for their upcoming 2024 season. We look forward to seeing all the new and returning athletes!

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- Skill Clinics, Practices, Games & Strength Training Included In Package
- Player Development Updates Throughout The Season
- Friday Night Only Games
- Exclusive Championship Rings & MVP Awards

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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COMPETITIVE LEAGUES . BIDDY BALL . GIRLS ONLY TEAMS

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#### 2023-2024 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: 10/5/23

#### July

26 - Student Walk Through & Supply Drop Off 11:30am-4pm

27 - Student Walk Through & Supply Drop Off 7am-12pm

#### **August**

- 7 5th Grade Parent Night 5:15pm
- 8 Student First Day of School
- 9 PTM Executive Board Meeting 14-15 - District MAP Testing
- 17 Picture Day
- 17 Mandatory Friendly Pines Parent Mtg 5pm
- 17 Curriculum Night 5:30pm-7pm
- 28 Vision & Hearing Testing Begins

#### September

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 Vision & Hearing Testing Ends
- 4 Labor Day No School
- 6 PTM Welcome Dinner & General Meeting
- 6- May NexTrex Plastic Drive Green Team
- 11 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 19 Fall Fundraiser Kick-off
- 27--29 Camp Friendly Pines 5th Graders

#### October

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 3 Picture Retakes
- 4 BINGO Night 6pm 8pm
- 6 No school Teacher Planning Day
- 9-13 Fall Break No School
- 16-20 Books for Africa Drive
- 23-27 Sneaker Drive Green Team

#### 24 - Fundraiser Day of Awesomeness

- 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 26 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences
- 27 Half Day 12:05 Release Conferences

#### **November**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 3 Family Fall Fest 6pm 8pm
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 13-17 Fall Book Fair
- 10 Veterans' Day No School
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break No School
- 27-28 District MAP Testing

#### **December**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 Simis/Meadows Holiday Party
- 2 Suns Night Fundraiser
- 4 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 22 No School. Teacher Planning Day
- 25-29 Winter Break No School

#### **January**

- 1-5 Winter Break No School
- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 8 School Resumes
- 8- PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 10- The Butterfly's Day Musical
- 15 Martin Luther King Day No School
- 22- Feb 2 -Tech Recycle Drive Green Team
- 24- Paint Along Night 6pm 8pm

#### **February**

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 Half Day 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 2- Half Day 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- ?- Panoramic 8th Grade Photo
- 5 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 7 Future 5th Grader FYI
- 16 Spring Fling 6pm-8pm
- 19 Presidents' Day School Closed

#### March

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 2 Spring Fundraiser & Parent Social
- 4 PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 8 Teacher Planning Day No School
- 11-15 Spring Break No School
- 18-22 Spring Book Fair
- 25-28 State Testing and/or Make Up
- 28 Meadows Got Talent & Art Show
- 29 Spring Holiday No School

#### April

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 1 PTM Executive Board Meeting

#### TBD: 2023-24 Slate Announced

- 1-19 State Testing and/or Make Up
- 15-26 Sneaker Drive Green Team
- 29-30 District MAP Testing

#### May

- 1 Med-O-Gram Publication
- 6 PTM Executive Board Meeting

TBD- 8th Grade Community Project Night

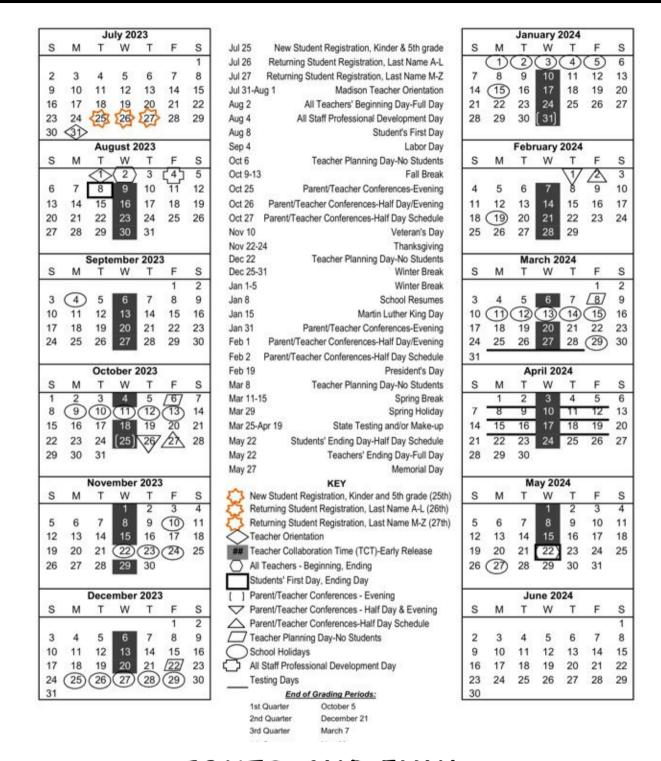
& Future 5th Grader Night

6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

TBD - 6th Grade Field Trip

- 17-8th Grade Dance
- 20 8th Grade Promotion
- 21 8th Grade Water Park Field Trip
- 22 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



#### WHAT DO YOU CALL BIRDS THAT STICK TOGETHER?



WHAT DO YOU CALL A WREATH MADE OF \$100 BILLS?

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

#### **OCTOBER MED-O-GRAM ANSWERS:**