

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

ANUARY 2024 ISSUE VI



Welcome back to a new calendar year, a new semester, and a new guarter at Madison Meadows! With the change in semester, there will be changes in your child's schedule. We realize some of you have become quite savvy with PowerSchool, but please understand that changes could be made to the schedules up until the day before school resumes on January 8, so the schedules in the system may not be set in stone as of yet. Thank you for your patience; a school master schedule is a gigantic puzzle, and some pieces are challenging to put into place.

Change is sometimes difficult to navigate; therefore, we want to give you as much information about the exciting changes that await the students returning to school. All students will go to their first hour classes from semester one. The first hour teachers will have schedules ready for all students. After announcements, we will dismiss students to their **new** first hour classes, if they have changed. Attendance will be taken, after the switch in classes, and then classes will begin. Between classes, there will be staff members guiding students to any classes they may have difficulty finding. The student experience the week of January 8-12 is much like the first week of school, with teachers going over expectations and procedures to ensure students are successful upon their return to the second half of the school year.

Please remember that attitudes are contagious, so if you are calm, motivated, and excited about the new semester on the way to school, your child will feel it and take it on. In contrast, on the ride home, or around the dinner table, you can gauge how your child's day went by asking questions such as:

- What was your favorite part of the day?
- What was your favorite new class?
- Who is your favorite new teacher? Have they been your teacher before?
- Who did you sit by in your new seating arrangements?
- Are there any fun events or projects coming up in your classes?

Along with keeping the communication lines open between you and your child, please feel free to contact teachers with any questions or concerns you may have regarding content, assignments, or behavior - the term, "it takes a village to raise a child," is never more true than in the second half of the school year. The more we can work as a team (parents, children, teachers, administrators, counselor/social worker), the better off the result will be for all students at Madison Meadows.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and finishing the school year off right!

Sincerely,

Katy Clark, Principal Amber Sherman, Assistant Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sat, Jan 6 **Xmas Tree Recycling**

Tues, Jan 9 & Wed, Jan 10 The Butterfly's Day Musical - 6PM

Thurs, Jan 11

Chess Demo at Lunch

Mon, Jan 15 MLK Day - No School

Thurs, Jan 18 Meadows Spirit Day

Mon, Jan 22 - Fri, Feb 2 Tech Recycle Drive

> Wed, Jan 24 Paint Along Night

Fri, Jan 26 School Basketball Tournament

Thurs, Feb 1 & Fri, Feb 2 Half Day - 12:05 Release Student Led Conferences

Thurs, Feb 8 Winter Sports Banquet

Fri, Feb 9th

90s Glow Dance Party 6-7:30PM



Click here for **District Calendar**

MEADOWS SPIRIT DAY THURS, JAN 18TH

STUDENTS CAN SHOW THEIR RAMS SPIRIT AND STAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR A MINI PEP-RALLY BEFORE OUR BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL HOME GAMES.

Drinks + snack for purchase

WEAR YOUR MEADOWS GEAR! GO RAMS!



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?



Questions? greenteam@meadowsptm.org





The Meadows Green Team will have a technology recycling event January 22-February 2, 2024

Adapters & cables All-in-one computers Battery backup devices Cable / satellite receivers Calculators Camcorders CD / DVD / Blu-ray players Coffee brewers (less than 40 lb.)

Computer speakers Connected home devices Copiers

Cordless phones Desktop computers Digital cameras Digital projectors eReaders Fax machines Flash drives

Gaming consoles

GPS devices Hard drives Keyboards & mice Label makers Laminators Laptops MP3 players Mobile phones Modems

Monitors (CRT, LED / LCD, plasma)

Printers & multifunction devices Routers

Scanners Shredders Small servers Stereo receivers **Tablets**

Video streaming devices Webcams



We're unable to accept the following:

Alkaline batteries **Appliances** Floor-model printers and copiers Kitchen electronics (other than coffee brewers) Lamps or bulbs Large servers Large speakers

Non-rechargeable lithium batteries Smoke detectors Televisions

Questions?

Contact greenteam@meadowsptm.org



*TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

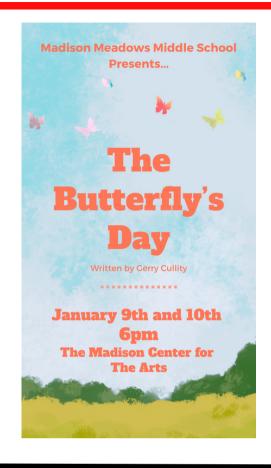
https://meadowsptm.org/product/paint-along-night-2024/

Tickets MUST be purchased online. No sales at the door.
Meadows students and families are invited to join us in the
Meadows cafeteria on Wed, January 24 for Paint Along Night with
Craft Nights AZ! We will draw awesome raffle prizes during the
event!

Meadows Cafeteria Wed, January 24, 2024 5:30 pm – Cafeteria doors open 6:00-7:30 pm – Event

BRING CASH: Raffle tickets, food, drinks, and more for sale.

*MUST BUY ONLINE. Not for sale at the event. Limited to 100 people.







Madison Elementary School District

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Join us in recognizing the following teachers for receiving the teacher grants from the Madison Education Foundation AZ! Each teacher was given a grant to support special projects for students in their classrooms from 3D pens to bring Tinkercards to life to building set materials for "The Butterfly's Day" musical.

Congratulations to:

- ★Megan Tracy, Art Teacher at Madison Meadows Middle School ★Elizabeth Gengle, 7th and 8th Grade Teacher at Madison
- Meadows Middle School
- ★Melissa Bracamonte, 8th Grade Teacher at Madison Traditional Academy
- ★Joanna Ewald, Art Teacher at Madison Rose Lane Elementary School

The Madison Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to enriching the quality of education of every child who attends Madison Public Schools by providing innovative, hands-on programs in music and the arts. To learn more about the Madison Education Foundation or donate, visit https://www.madisoneducationfoundation.org/









It takes a village to raise a child. Without the support of Central Phoenix business and community members. Madison Meadows could not host many of the activities and programs that make our school special. Many parents, friends and family members are employed in and/or shop with businesses in this unique Central Phoenix community.

Meadows Middle School has up to 1000 students plus their families, faculty, and staff who will see your support and contribution. Our email and Social Media Posts will directly engage these families and link them to your business page and website. Event sponsorships are also available and are a direct opportunity to meet with our families and generate new leads in person. Know you are making a teacher's day with our various teacher appreciation events.

Below, you will find several sponsorship opportunities available to increase publicity for your business while providing outstanding experiences for our Meadows Rams family. We are also able to create customized programs specific to your business' needs. Each of these

Sincerely Charlitte Shall

Charlotte Shaff - Meadows PTM President

BANNER SPONSOR

\$400



- . Business must provide a 3'x5' banner at least 1 week before the month of sponsorship

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

\$350



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

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION SPONSOR



- Provide lunch or treats to our Meadows teachers and staff to celebrate the amazing job they are doing.
- to "our company will be recognized as an appreciation sponsor on all social media posts with a direct link back to your business social media and website.

 Opportunity to share promotional material to 50+ staff members.

SPECIAL EVENT SPONSOR

\$1000-\$1500

Meadows PTM has planned some fun events in 2024 and we need your help to make them spectacular! 90s Glow Dance Party, Adult Spring Fundraiser Social, 8th Grade Promotion Dance, etc.)

Title Sponsorship of any event includes Exclusive to industry. This includes your name media on all promotion of the event in banners, social media, eblasts, website and exposure at the event with opportunity to distribute info about your biz too.

Sponsorships are sold on a first come, first served basis. Please make your payment promptly to reserve your space. Payments can be made at www.meadowsptr or via check. For additional sponsorship information, email Jenny Goldman vpff@meadowsptm.org







On December 9th, Engineers of the Future hosted the 2023 Fall Science Fair filled with cutting-edge projects and future innovators to celebrate the wonders of engineering! Engineers in the community mentor students to create a bridge out of popsicle sticks that was tested in the bridgebreaking challenge.

Two Meadows students, Team Wild Elite, received 2nd place! Congratulations!

Engineers of the Future is an educational program supported by Valley Metro to inspire the next generation of students who have an interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math! To see more about the science fair and about Engineers of the Future visit 12News Article Page here.





I am going to tell you a little bit about our Student Council field trip on Wednesday, December 13th. We started our trip by heading off the bus, and making our way through downtown Phoenix, to the Arizona State Courts building. We went into a Court of Appeals courtroom, and we had the opportunity to ask Court of Appeals Judge Michael Catlett some questions. He also talked to us a bit about how he became a judge, and what his life is like working there. After he was finished, we had the opportunity to try on some of the judicial robes (some of which belonged to retired judges!), and we got to sit behind the bench, being able to see how they deal with cases, and the environment they're in.

After we took photos in the chairs, we headed over to the Arizona Supreme Court (which is one court higher than the Court of Appeals), and entered the courtroom, which felt like a very serious and important place to be. It was interesting knowing that we were seated where many big decisions have been made. Then, we got the chance to meet Justice Kathryn H. King. She told us about her life growing up, and how she likes her job working for the Arizona Supreme Court. We asked her questions, and then it was time to watch a case in the Court of Appeals courtroom. If you are interested in seeing the case we watched, click here. After the case, it was time to leave and go back to Meadows. We all learned new things on Wednesday, and it was a very fun and interesting experience for all of us.

Written by 8th grader Addison Briggs









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Annual Notice - McKinney-Vento Homeless Act



RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

Madison School District shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless The term "homeless children and youth"— A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence [42 U.S.C. § 11434a[2]]

A student may be considered eligible for services as a "Homeless Child or Youth" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living in one of the following situations:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- · living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals,
- have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above

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To remove educational barriers for children and youths experiencing homelessness, the McKinney-Vento
Act mandates the following: Immediate Enrollment: Documentation and immunization records cannot
serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school (g. u.s. c. s. 1s42(g))(5)(5)(5).

School Selection and Maintained Enrollment: McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the options outlined below. Students may remain enrolled in their selected schools for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year upon which they are permanently housed [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g/S)4), 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g/S)40, 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g/S)40, 10 U.S.C. § 11432(g/S)40, 10

School of Origin	School of Residency
The school the student attended when permanently housed	The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides
The school in which the student was last enrolled	

Transportation Services: McKinney-Vento eligible students attending their School of Origin have a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(3)(iii)].

Participation in Programs: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to services comparable to services offered to other students in the school (42 U.S.C. \$11432(0) (41) 8. (6)(iii).

Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship (42 U.S.C. § 11432/dx13/H1 (iv)).

Access to Extracurricular Activities: Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities for homeless students who meet relevant eligibility criteria [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(F)(mi)].

 $\label{eq:Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)] and the property of the prope$

Appointment of a Local Homeless Liaison: The McKinney-Vento Act mandates the appointment of a local Homeless Liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(t) (iii)].

For more information, refer to Arizona Department of Education, Homeless Education, 42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI. Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths, or con

Homeless Liaison	State Homeless Education Program
Hilary O'Brien	Coordinator Arizona Department of
5601 N 16th Street	Education 1535 W. Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85020	Phoenix, AZ 85007
602 664-7900	(602) 542-4963
highrian@madicanad ara	homeless@azed.gov

Rights of Homeless Students English 1/2023



Ms Tiffaney would like to express her gratitude for the Gilder Lehrman Institute for sharing their Traveling Exhibition "Alexander Hamilton Panels with us."

You can read more here:

https://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/exhibitions







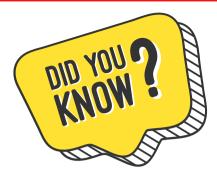








THE GILDER LEHRMAN
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY



GET TO KNOW THE TEACHER! THIS MONTH: JESSICA ANDRIACO, MUSIC/CODING TEACHER

Q: Are you married?

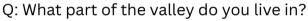
A: Yes, my husband's name is Joe.

Q: Do you have any children?

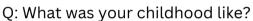
A: Yes, Joe and I have one daughter, 23.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes, we have 8 dogs!



A: Glendale



A: Saved by the Bell, Full House and America's Funniest Videos were my shows. I went to Simis and Meadows. I loved my friends and music.

Q: Have you held any other jobs besides teaching, and if so, what were they?

A: I have owned 2 restaurants and a coffee shop. I was also the manager of an old town ice cream shop in Maine.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Northern Arizona University, NAU



Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: I am a singer, chef, I can sew, build with wood, garden, etc. I am a jack of all trades, master of nothing, yet.

Q: What would your last meal be?

A: BBQ or Mexican food!

Do you have a teacher you'd like interviewed or a question you'd like asked in our next issue? Email meadowsoffice@madisoned.org

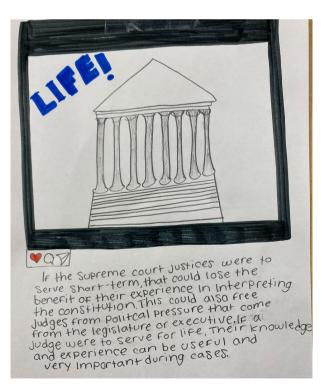


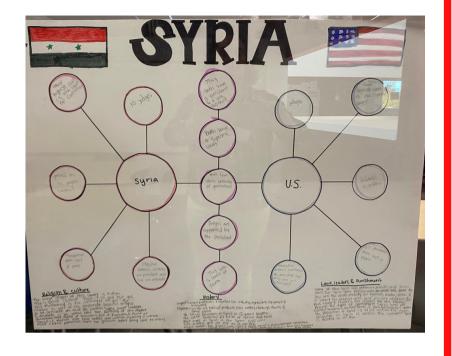


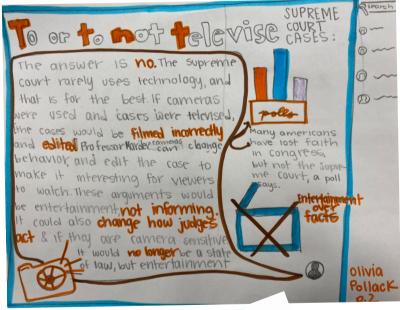


Ms. Andrews and Ms. Vacanti finished their unit on the Judicial Branch. Ms. Andrews' class compared our judicial branch with that of another country (see photo right).

Ms. Vacanti's class was visited by Meadows alumni Charlie Mr. Donofrio, a former felony prosecutor and former Arizona Supreme Court Judicial Officer. Ms. Vacanti's class also held a silent debate on two topics Supreme Court be "Should the Televised" and "Should the Supreme Court justices serve lifetime appointments." Here are the winners:









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MYP INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES





MEADOWS ATHLETICS





ATHLETICS WEBSITE: HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/MADISONED.ORG/MEADOWSATHLETICS22-23

Winter Sports Schedules:

Girls Varsity Basketball (4:45 start)

12/4 @ Desert Sands W

12/5 home vs Western Valley W

12/11 @ Santa Maria W

12/14 home vs Raul Castro W

12/18 @ Osborn L

12/19 home vs MTA W

1/9 @ Madison #1

1/11 @ Osborn

1/16 @ MTA

1/18 home vs Madison #1

Boys Varsity Basketball (5:45 start)

12/4 @ Desert Sands W

12/5 @ home vs Western Valley W

12/11 @ Santa Maria W

12/14 home vs Raul Castro W

12/18 @ Osborn W

12/19 home vs MTA W

1/9 @ Madison #1

1/11 @ Osborn

1/16 @ MTA

1/18 home vs Madison #1

Varsity Flag Football (4:45 start)

12/4 home vs Madison #1 W

12/5 home vs Tillman W

12/11 home vs Madison Park W

12/14 @ Tillman CXLD

12/18 @ Osborn W

12/19 home vs MTA W

1/9 @ Wilson

1/11 @ Madison #1

1/16 home vs Madison Park

1/18 home vs Osborn

Girls JV Basketball (4:45 start unless noted)

12/4 home vs Isaac (5:45) W

12/12 @ Tillman W

12/18 home vs Madison Park W

12/19 @ MTA W

1/9 home vs Madison #1

1/11 home vs Tillman

1/17 home vs Gila Crossing

1/18 @ Madison #1

Boys JV Basketball (5:45 start unless noted)

12/4 home vs MTA (4:45) W

12/11 @ Madison #1 (4:45) W

12/12 @ Tillman W

12/18 home vs Madison Park W

1/9 home vs Madison #1

1/11 home vs Tillman

1/16 home vs MTA

1/18 @ Madison #1

12/7 home vs Madison Park W

1/16 home vs MTA

12/7 home vs Madison Park W

12/19 @ MTA W

IMPORTANT: \$100 Athletics Fee must be paid to participate. Pay through PowerSchool or the Front Office. Students with a Failing Grade will be unable to participate the week following grade checks.





MEADOWS ATHLETICS BANNER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY





Save the Date! Winter Sports Banquet is

Thurs, Feb 8th



PURCHASE A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON THE BIG **MEADOWS** MARQUEE!

BIRTHDAY, CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU & MORE!

\$10 Daily \$25 Weeklu



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PURCHASE & FIND DETAILS AT WWW.MEADOWSPTM.ORG

We've got news for you! U.S. News & World Report has released their rankings for 2024 Best Public Elementary and Middle schools! Madison Meadows Middle School was named one of the U.S. News & World Report Best Middle Schools in Arizonal





PARENTS: Please do not pick up or drop off students in the neighborhood off of 2nd Avenue.

Student pick up & drop off east of the school is ONLY in the church parking lot.



CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook Instagram, Google Drive & more

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

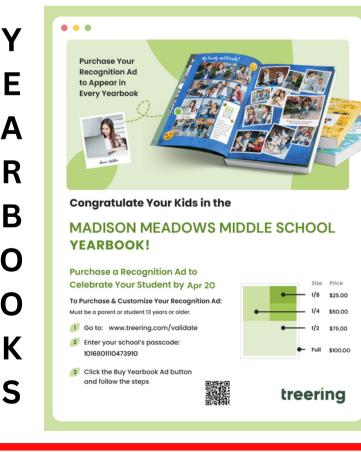
1) Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode 1016801110473910

Regular price: \$32.96

Create Custom Pages by: Apr 20





COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS!



SHS Pom is welcoming everyone from the community to join the Little Vikings Pom Clinic.



Chess Demo - Jan 11th during lunch







2023-2024 PTM CALENDAR

Ouestions/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: 11/14/23

26 - Student Walk Through & Supply Drop Off

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
- 9 90s Glow Dance Party 6pm-7:30pm
- 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

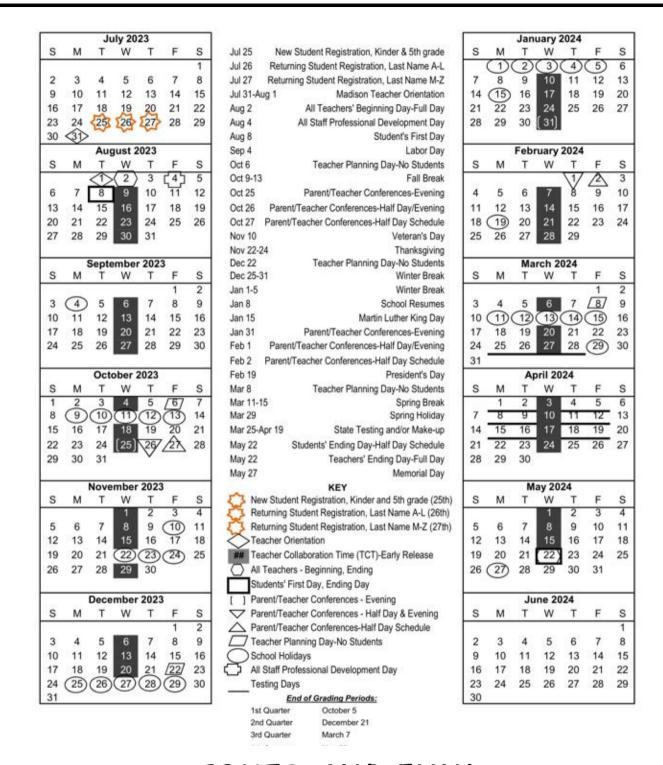
& Future 5th Grader Night

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



WHY WAS E THE ONLY LETTER IN THE ALPHABET TO GET A CHRISTMAS PRESENT??



WHAT DO YOU CALL A BUNCH OF CHESS PLAYERS BRAGGING ABOUT THEIR GAME IN A HOTEL LOBBY?

STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
STAFF & PARENTS:
SEND US A FAVORITE
STORY, JOKE, RIDDLE OR
PHOTO FOR THE
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DECEMBER MED-O-GRAM ANSWERS: