

MED-GRAM



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2024 **ISSUE II**



Dear Madison Meadows Families,

If your families are like ours, the new school year has brought excitement and transition. New schedules come with new routines to get used to as well as fun things to look forward to. When you're adding events to your family's calendar, make sure to include PTM events, like our upcoming General Meeting (9/4), Bingo Night (new date of 9/25) and Family Fall Fest (11/15). Did you know that PTM has over 20 committees that plan community events and support teachers, staff, and families throughout the year? If you want to get involved in one of the committees, reach out to Amy at co-pres@meadowsptm.org so we can get you connected. And huge thanks to those of you who have already volunteered this year and to our leadership team of Committee Chairs who make PTM events and programs possible.

We also want to introduce the 2024-25 PTM Executive Board, many who are new to Meadows. We're so excited for the new energy and ideas they bring. We're also grateful to returning members for their experience and continuity.

Directors of Fundraising
Aisha Bates & Gil Izraeli

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Recording Secretary
Nastosha Roberts



President-Elect
Jill Fausey



Teacher Representative
Meg Tracy

Communications Manager
Jenna Smith

We're looking forward to an awesome year at Meadows and hope to see you at some PTM events this year!

Amy Hsiung & Stephanie Hendriks
PTM Co-Presidents



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Sept 2nd
Labor Day - No School

Wed, Sept 4th - 6:30 PM
PTM Welcome Dinner/Parent Meeting

Tues, Sept 17th - 4-5:30PM
Camp Luggage/Medication Drop Off

Wed, Sep 18th - Fri, Sep 20th
5th Grade Trip to Camp Friendly Pines

Wed, Sep 25
Bingo Night - 6:00 PM

Fri, Oct 4th
Teacher Planning Day
No School for Students

Mon, Oct 7th - Fri, Oct 11th
Fall Break - No School

Thur, Oct 17th
Picture Re-takes

Wed, Oct 23rd - Fri, Oct 25th
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thurs, Oct 24th
Half Day - 12:05 Release

Fri, Oct 25th
Half Day - 12:05 Release



WE NEED YOU!

Donate RAMazon items or sign up to work the "store" on a Friday. See the links.

The RAMazon PBIS store is back! We need volunteers to help us in the "store" on Fridays. Use this link to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45A9A62BA2FB6-50796821-ramazon?useFullSite=true#/>

MAC Program

Our 2024 MAC program is in full swing! We are excited for all the fun activities and new adventures that this year holds for us!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SIGNING OUT A STUDENT EARLY?

NOTE: We do not sign out within 15 min of the final bell. (1:55 on Wed, 3:25 other days)

Please plan accordingly.

After the 3rd early sign-out (or tardy start), please bring an appt note to excuse the missed time.

THANK YOU!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE

Applications for National Junior Honor Society are now open. Do you exemplify leadership, citizenship, character, service, and scholarship at Meadows?

Check your email or [Click to Apply](#).
 Deadline 10/1/2024

BOOKS FOR AFRICA **MEADOWS BOOK DRIVE**
September 23-27, 2024




Donate gently used books to support education in Africa. Every book makes a difference. Books For Africa is an international organization that supports literacy within the continent of Africa. This year, your book donations will support **Helping Kigali Kids - Rwanda**

Questions? tjenkins@madisoned.org




You can also drop books off on Oct 2 at Bingo Night!

What We Teach


- Language & Literature
- Humanities
- Math
- Science
- Language Acquisition
- Visual/Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Design
- Service Learning
- Community Project

THINKING SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of knowledge • Comprehension • Application • Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation • Dialectical thought • Metacognition
SOCIAL SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting responsibility • Group decision-making • Adopting a variety of group roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting others • Cooperating • Resolving conflict
COMMUNICATION SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Speaking • Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viewing • Presenting • Non-verbal communication
SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Motor skills • Fine motor skills • Spatial awareness • Organisation • Time management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Healthy Lifestyle • Codes of behavior • Informed choices
RESEARCH SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulating questions • Observing • Planning • Collecting data • Recording data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising data • Interpreting data • Presenting research findings

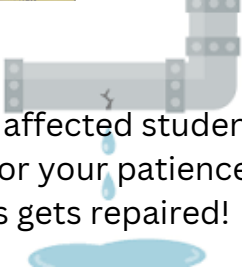


Technology


Cell phones should be off and in backpacks at all times. Smartwatches are used to tell time **ONLY**, and should not be used to look at apps or search the internet. Students will be asked to turn technology into the office, with a technology pass.



Thank you to Universal Plumbing for working to fix our pipe issues!



Thank you affected students and teachers for your patience while this gets repaired!





PARENT SHELF

LOCATED IN THE FRONT OFFICE, CHECKOUT ANY OF OUR AMAZING PARENT RESOURCE BOOKS

Please use the Sign Out Sheet located in the Front Office and a Friendly Reminder Books are allowed to be Checked Out for up to 4 weeks at a time.

Thank you!

QUESTIONS CONTACT: bwilliams@madisoned.org

+ fry's = \$

This program makes fundraising easy by donating to our school based on the shopping you do every day.

Follow the link and use Organization Code: **FE408**

Once you link your Card to Meadows, all you have to do is shop at Fry's and swipe your Shopper's Card.

8th Grade BABY PHOTOS & Yearbook Ads

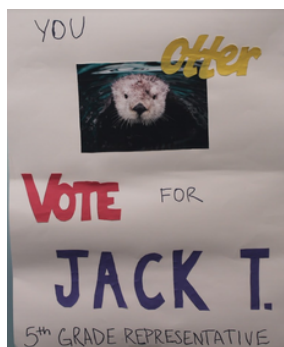
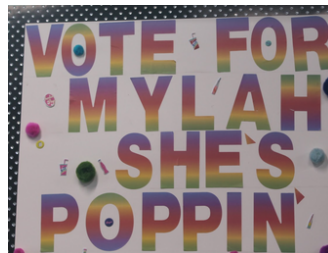
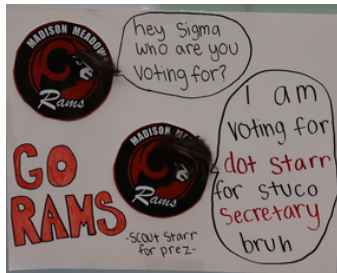
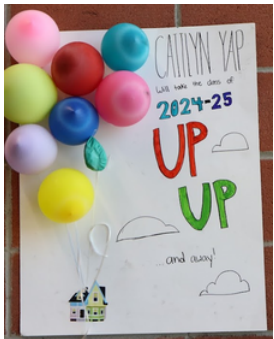
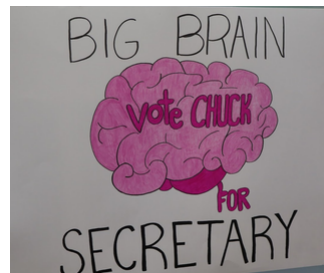
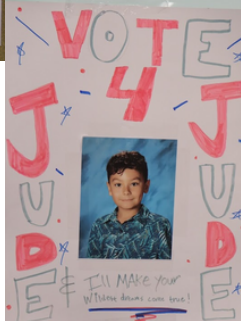
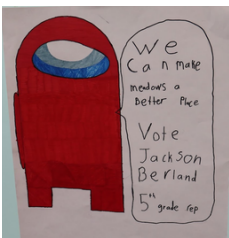
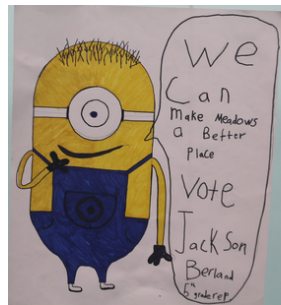
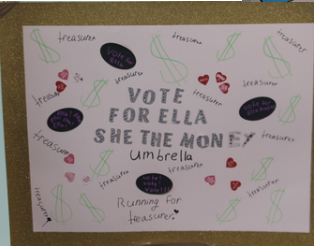
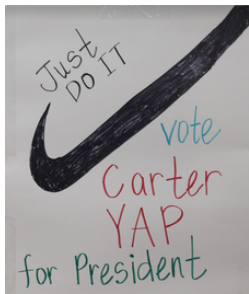
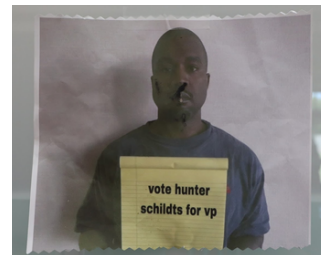
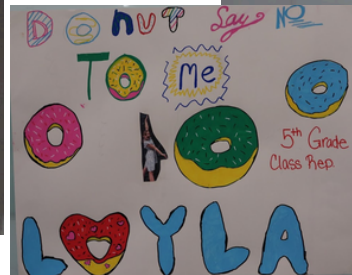
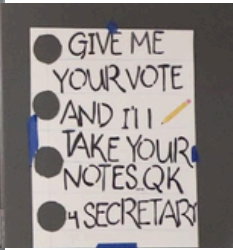
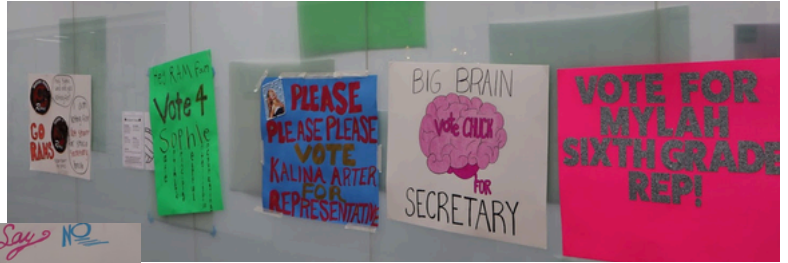
[Instructions Link](#)

www.Treering.com

All 8th graders will have a spot for a baby photo - Ad space is limited and will close before the deadline. Email mtracy@madisoned.org with questions



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE IN FULL SWING IN AUGUST! CHECK OUT THE AWESOME CANDIDATE POSTERS!





MEADOWS ATHLETICS



ATHLETICS WEBSITE: [HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/MADISONED.ORG/MEADOWSATHLETICS22-23/HOME](https://sites.google.com/madisoned.org/meadowsathletics22-23/home)



LOOK!



Be sure to join your team SportsYou page to keep up to date on practices and games! You can invite family members too!

Fall Sports Games Schedules

Schedules may change, please keep up to date on your teams' SportsYou page.

<p>Girls JV Volleyball Mon, 9/9 @ Western Valley Thurs, 9/12 @ Tillman Tues, 9/17 vs Madison Park Mon, 9/23 vs Santa Maria Tues, 9/24 @ MTA Thurs, 9/26 @ Osborn Mon, 9/30 vs #1 Tues, 10/1 vs MTA Tues, 10/15 @ Madison Park Thurs, 10/17 @ #1</p>	<p>Girls Varsity Volleyball Mon, 9/9 @ Western Valley Thurs, 9/12 vs Estrella Mon, 9/16 @ Desert Sands Thurs, 9/19 vs Raul Castro Tues, 9/24 @ MTA Thurs, 9/26 @ Osborn Mon, 9/30 vs #1 Tues, 10/1 vs MTA Tues, 10/15 vs Osborn Thurs, 10/17 @ #1</p>	<p>Boys Varsity Volleyball Mon, 9/9 @ MTA Mon, 9/16 @ #1 Fri, 9/20 vs Osborn Tues, 9/24 vs #1 Thurs, 9/26 @ Osborn Thurs, 10/3 vs MTA Thurs, 10/17 vs Atkinson</p>
<p>Girls Soccer Mon, 9/9 @ Western Valley Thurs, 9/12 vs Estrella Mon, 9/16 @ Desert Sands Thurs, 9/19 vs Raul Castro Tues, 9/24 @ MTA Thurs, 9/26 vs Osborn Mon, 9/30 vs #1 Tues, 10/1 vs MTA Tues, 10/15 @ Osborn Thurs, 10/17 @ #1</p>	<p>Boys Soccer Mon, 9/9 vs Western Valley Tues, 9/10 @ Estrella Mon, 9/16 vs Desert Sands Thurs, 9/19 @ Raul Castro Tues, 9/24 vs MTA Thurs, 9/26 vs Osborn Mon, 9/30 @ #1 Tues, 10/1 @ MTA Tues, 10/14 @ Osborn Thurs, 10/17 vs Madison #1</p>	

NOTE: Boys JV Volleyball & Co-Ed JV Soccer play inter-squad games only. Schedules can be found on SportsYou.
 Cross Country meet information can be found at vacaz.org

Support Meadows Athletics by becoming a Sponsor! Sponsors get a banner, social media and website exposure for 12 months!

[Click here for form & information](#)

If interested, email our Athletics Secretary cgoodfarb@madisoned.org



MEADOWS ATHLETICS BANNER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Single Banner: \$350
 Two Banners: \$500

A 3'x5' Banner can be displayed inside the gym or outside at the fields. The sponsor logo will also be posted on the Meadows Athletics website and social media pages.

If interested, email the athletic director at nbutler@madisoned.org

4 v 4 Volleyball Tournament
 Fri, Sept 27th
 Students: Watch for Sign Ups around campus!



@MeadowsAthletics

DID YOU KNOW?



GET TO KNOW YOUR RAMS FAM! THIS MONTH: CRYSTAL MACLEOD, NURSE



Q: Are you married?

A: No.

Q: Do you have any children?

A: Yes. My daughter Isla is 12.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes, a golden retriever named Razor who is the best boy ever.

Q: What part of the valley do you live in?

A: PV Mall Area

Q: What was your childhood like?

A: I grew up in a tiny town in Minnesota with a population of about 500 people and graduated in a class of only 36 students. We were surrounded by corn fields and small dairy farms and everyone knew each other.

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

A: I've worked in different areas of nursing including med-surg, long term care, hospice, medical rehabilitation, home health, and medical aesthetics. Nursing is my second career. I also have a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and worked in HR and Accounting for several years.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I have four total degrees, three are different levels of nursing and all of them from universities and colleges in Minnesota.

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: I can draw and paint, kind of.



Q: What would your last meal be?

A: Lasagna, garlic bread and cheesecake!



Q: What is your favorite thing about working at Meadows?

A: School nursing is my favorite job I've had. I enjoy forming relationships with students and being able to help to make their day a little bit better.

Do you have a teacher you'd like interviewed or a question you'd like asked in our next issue?

Email meadowsoffice@madisoned.org and let us know!



General Meeting & Welcome Back Dinner

Wed, September 4
6:30pm

PURCHASE A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON THE BIG MEADOWS MARQUEE!

BIRTHDAY, CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU & MORE!

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\$25 Weekly
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PTM PRESENTS

BINGO NIGHT

WED SEPT 25
6:00 PM

MEADOWS CAFETERIA
PIZZA, PRIZES, RAFFLES & MORE!

It's gonna be OUT OF THIS WORLD!

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Attention 5TH GRADERS

CAMP FRIENDLY PINES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Friday, September 20, 2024

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For More Information: cpd@popsmadisoned.org (Chedy Phillips)

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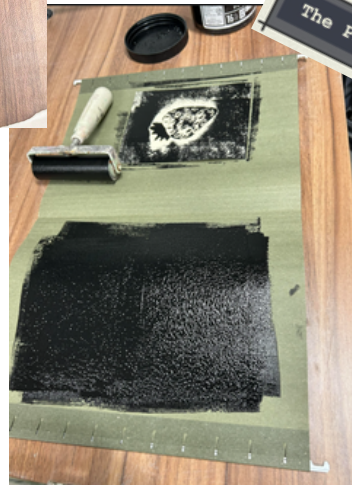
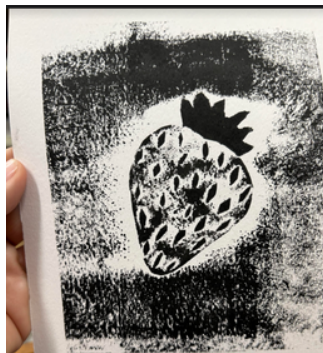
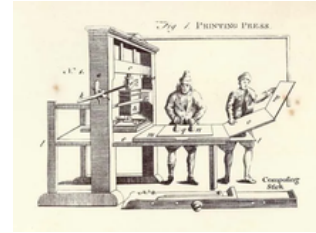
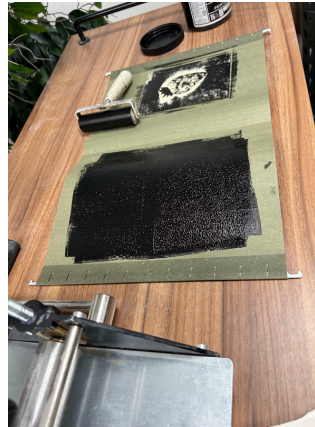
PARENTS: Did you know your student can buy snacks with their lunch account?!
You may want to check periodically to see what they're purchasing! It's become a trend to buy for friends!

Food Deliveries are NOT allowed on campus during the instructional day. Students may bring a lunch or pick up their meal in the cafeteria.



7TH GRADE HUMANITIES

7th Grade Humanities students learned about Guttenberg's printing press and then made their own printing plates. Ms. Tracy and Ms. Vacanti ran the plates through the ink press in the art room.



Thursday, September 12th during lunch

BEST BUDDIES

at Meadows

Interested in joining Best Buddies? Join us in Mrs. Robuck's classroom (C147) either during 5/6 or 7/8 lunch for more information. Email Mrs. Robuck for questions (irobuck@madisoned.org)

¡Hola Amigo!

AFTER-SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB AT MADISON MEADOWS

WHAT IS THE CLUB?
The club is a small group led by Profe. Saxon the 7/8 Spanish teacher, for dedicated Spanish practice!

We will read a chapter from a book and discuss how it relates to our lives. (100% in Spanish!)

BENEFITS:
Students show growth and confidence in listening and speaking, and often place at an intermediate level in placement tests for high school World Language Courses.

LITERACY SKILLS:
The group develops reading and comprehension skills to improve students' academic performance in all content areas.

BOOKS WE WILL READ:

- DON QUIJOTE BY CERVANTES ADAPTED BY MCWILLIAMS**
A classic book made comprehensible at the novice proficiency level!
- CUYES EN CRISIS**
This loveable tale of guinea pigs in crisis gets us talking about the real meaning of friendship!

HOW TO SIGN UP!
Email Profe. Saxon for pricing and to arrange an afternoon session.
Nsaxon@madisoned.org
Sessions are typically from 4-5pm after school. Student may request to join our existing group on Friday afternoons.

NO HOMEWORK, NO QUIZZES, JUST CONVERSATION PRACTICE

Sign-up by emailing: nsaxon@madisoned.org

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS!

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Class Information

School Name:	Madison Meadows Middle School
Dates:	09/13, 09/20, 09/27, 10/18, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15, 11/22, 12/06, 12/13
Class Day and Time:	Fridays 3:40 - 4:40PM
NO CLASS ON:	10/04, 10/11, 10/25 and 11/29
Total # of Classes:	10
Location:	Classroom/Space TBA
Price:	\$243
Notes:	



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Junior Assembly invites your current **6th Grader** to the 84th season of Dances and Instruction in Ballroom Dancing and Etiquette.

Registration Steps, Location, Full Schedule, & Dress Code can be found on our website.

Juniorassemblyaz.com

Art Masterpiece Fall Workshop
All Volunteers Invited!

Saturday, September 7, 2024
9 AM - 11:15 AM
Doors open for breakfast and coffee at 8:30

Madison District Office - Board Room
5601 N. 16th Street

RSVP/Questions:
Lspangler@madisoned.org



**2024-2025
PTM
CALENDAR**

Questions/Comments:

- pres@meadowptm.org
- www.meadowptm.org
- www.facebook.com/MeadowsPTM



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July

- 24 - Student Walk Thru & Supply Drop Off - 11am-4pm
- 25 - Student Walk Thru & Supply Drop Off - 7am-11am

August

- 1 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 5 - New to Meadows Parent Night 5:15-6pm
- 6 - Student First Day of School
- 15 - Curriculum Night 5:30-7pm
- 19-20 - District MAP Testing
- 19 - Mandatory 5th Gr Camp Parent Meeting
- 22 - Picture Day
- TBD - Vision & Hearing Testing Begins

September

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- TBD - Vision & Hearing Testing Ends
- 2 - Labor Day - No School
- 4 - PTM Welcome Dinner & General Meeting 6:30pm
- 9 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 18-20 Camp Friendly Pines 5th Graders
- 25 - Bingo Night 6pm-8pm
- 23-27 Books for Africa Drive

October

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- TBD - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 4 - No school - Teacher Planning Day
- 7-11 Fall Break - No School
- 15 - Parent Talk
- 17 - Picture Retakes
- 22 - Fall Fundraiser Kick-off
- 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 24 - Half Day - 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 25 - Half Day - 12:05 Release P/T Conferences

November

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 11 - Veterans' Day - No School
- 18-22 - Fall Book Fair
- 15 - Family Fall Fest - 6pm - 8pm
- TBD - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 19 - Fall Fundraiser Day of Awesomeness
- 27-20 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- TBD - Simis/Meadows Holiday Party
- 9 - District MAP Testing
- 9 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- TBD - Future 5th Grader FYI
- 20 - No School, Teacher Planning Day
- 23-31 - Winter Break - No School

January

- 1-3 - Winter Break - No School
- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 6 - School Resumes
- 13 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 13-18 - School Play - Shrek the Musical
- 20 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 23 - Paint Along Night 6pm - 8pm
- 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 30 - Half Day - 12:05 Release P/T Conferences
- 31 - Half Day - 12:05 Release P/T Conferences

February

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 10 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 17 - Presidents' Day - School Closed
- TBD - Student Social 6pm - 8pm

March

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 3 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 6 - Meadows Got Talent & Art Show
- 7 - Teacher Planning Day - No School
- 10-14 - Spring Break - No School
- 17-21 - Spring Book Fair
- 24-28 - State Testing and/or Make Up

April

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 14 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- TBD - 2025-26 Slate Announced
- TBD - Adult Social Fundraiser
- 1-17 - State Testing and/or Make Up
- 18 - Spring Holiday - No School

May

- 1 - Med-O-Gram Publication
- 6 - PTM Executive Board Meeting
- 2 - Future 5th Grader Field Trip Day
- 5-9 - District MAP Testing
- 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- TBD - PTM General Meeting and Election
- TBD - 6th Grade Field Trip
- TBD - 8th Grade Promotion Activities
- 21 - Last Day Half Day, 12:05pm

[Click here for District Calendar](#)

JOKES AND FUN!

Know the answer to this month's joke(s)? Email meadowoffice@madisoned.org for a chance to win a prize!

1

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ACID WITH AN ATTITUDE??

2

HOW DO YOU MEASURE HOW HEAVY A RED HOT CHILI PEPPER IS? ?

ANSWERS TO AUGUST:

WHY IS YOUR NOSE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR FACE? BECAUSE IT'S A "SCENTER"!

WHAT DOES A CLOCK DO WHEN IT'S HUNGRY? IT GOES BACK FOUR SECONDS!