



# Madison Messenger

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## ~ From the Principal ~ Mr. Juan Gaona ~

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

Madison is simply awesome! It has been a great first month of learning and fun! Here are some highlights:

- Biliteracy – Students in all grades are receiving literacy instruction in both Spanish and English every day. This new instructional framework provides students with more equal time learning literacy in both languages and practicing the languages.
- Staff completed a book study and attended a 2-day workshop on this new Framework to better serve students in dual language.
- The children's author Katherine Pryor visited our school to read books to K – 2 grade and talk with 3 – 5 grade students about the importance of writing.
- For the safety of all students, students must freeze when the whistle is blown at the end of recess, wait for a signal and walk to their line. This will help eliminate students running into each other and getting hurt.
- The new E. Division school, where we will be moving for one year, is on track to be completed on time.
- The PTO had an amazing first of the year meeting in September. They have Many ideas on how to support students and staff. I encourage you to attend and be an active member

### Parent Conferences

Teachers are connecting with families to schedule a 20 minute conference time. It is an important time to learn about classroom expectations and curriculum, as well as how your child is performing during his/her first 6 weeks of school.

### Reading Homework

Students are required to read a minimum of 20 minutes per day, a minimum of 5 days per week and get a signature from a family member.

### Important Information

The Week at a Glance will continue to come home on Thursday with the important Dates and information for the next week. Please note that every Friday the dismissal time is 1:30PM.

If you should ever have questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail. Madison's website <http://madison.mountvernonschools.org/> is a resource and I encourage you to take a look at it when you have the chance.

If you are interested in seeing the progress of the state, district or building on the state assessments, I encourage you to go to the OSPI website and look up 'report card.'

## School Events

### October

- 5 Fall Catalog Fundraiser Ends
- 6 Early Release 1:30 PM
- 13 Early Release 1:30 PM
- 16-20 Book Fair
- 18 Evening Parent Conferences- 4pm-7pm
- 19 Evening Parent Conferences- 4pm-7pm
- 20 Early Release 1:30 PM  
Afternoon Parent  
Conferences-1:40pm-4:00pm
- 27 Early Release 1:30 PM
- 27 Fall Festival – 6-8 PM
- Oct 27 – Dec 1 Family Food Drive

### November

- 3 Early Release-1:30 PM
- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 9 Veterans Day Assembly
- 10 Veterans Day Observed-No School
- 13 Non-Student Day
- 14 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 Early Release-1:30 PM
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Break  
No School
- Nov 27 – Dec 8 Giving Tree
- Nov 27 – Dec 8 Adopt a Family
- 29 Picture Retakes

For the safety of all students, parents must sign into the office as a visitor if they are on campus during school hours. Parents are not permitted on the playground during recesses and dismissals.

# Transportation

Please be considerate of cars and busses when transporting your student to and from school. Do not park in the Bus Zone nor in front of the school on Fir St.

## Riding the Bus

Please remind your child(ren) that for their safety they must follow expectations on the bus. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion and keep the noise level to a minimum.

## Car Pick Up

Dismissal time is at 3:30. Students may not arrive until 3:33 to 3:35. You may want to consider coming from 3:40 to 3:45 to avoid the congestion. For safety reasons, please form one line. Once your child is in your car, you may exit the line and leave. Please do not pull around another vehicle and attempt to get back in line. All students must be picked up by 3:50 or they will be escorted to the office.

## Walkers

Students who walk to and from school should do so as safely as possible. Children should stay on the sidewalk at all times, cross the street at crosswalks after checking for cars, and never talk to strangers.

## Bike Riders

Students who ride their bike to school should always wear a helmet and walk their bike across marked crosswalks.

## Morning drop off

For safety reasons please do not leave your student(s) at school unaccompanied before 8:30 AM. There is no supervision for your child(ren) before this time.

Drop off students in the East parking lot. For the safety of your child(ren) please do not let them out of the car on Fir Street and form one line only against the curb. Please do not park by the curb, but find a parking spot.

## Student Health Insurance

Student Accident and Sickness Coverage School Health Insurance Policy information is available in the office. Please stop by anytime if you are interested.

## From the Library

~Mrs. Linderman

The book fair is coming October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> during conference week! The book fair will be open October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> in the morning before school from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and in the evenings October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> until 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and purchase some books!



Friday, October 27

6 pm - 8pm



Join us for a night of family fun!!!

There will be fun activities that include:

Tossing Games, Plinko, Musical Chairs, Duck Pond, Pumpkin Bowling, Lollipop Tree, Guess How Many, Raffles, Haunted Hallway, Fun Fall Family Photos, Cake Walk, The Mystery Door, The Jail, Putt Putt Golf, and More!

Skip the line!

You can pre-purchase tickets

10/25, 10/26, & 10/27

from

8:30am - 9:00am



## Highly Qualified Teacher Notice

At the beginning of each school year, any parent who has a child attending any school receiving Title 1 funds may request and receive, in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers. In addition, the parents may also ask whether the child is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications.

At Madison Elementary, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact the school.