Welcome Back!!

6th Graders
Attention all 6th graders: you will be reporting to school on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 9:00 am! Wear comfortable shoes and bring your supplies. Buses will run on their regular schedule. From 9:00 am -12:00 pm, 6th graders will learn more about Madison and participate in a number of WEB activities. Lunch will be served at noon and then from 12:30 - 2:26, you will be meeting in your Focus class to go over schedules, lockers, behavior tours, etc. School will end at the usual Wednesday early release time of 2:26 pm.

“Calling” All 6th Graders!!
All 6th graders will be getting a phone call from their 8th grade WEB leader between September 3rd-8th! WEB leaders are there to help 6th graders navigate the transition into middle school. Your leaders can answer any questions you may have and will be a great resource throughout the year for all 6th graders. Madison is a school Where Everyone Belongs!!

Open House
Would you like to see what goes on during your student’s school day? Well this is your chance to come meet their teachers, check out their classrooms, and see what their Madison day looks like. We will hold our annual Open House here at Madison on Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 pm. Come meet staff, network with other parents, and invest in your child’s education!!

7th & 8th Graders:
7th and 8th graders will join the 6th graders on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 9:00 am. to report for their first day of school. Parents, please note that we have a new ending time this year: 9:00am-3:30pm (Weds. are still early release: 9:00am-2:26pm)

Fee & Schedule Nights
On Thursday, Sept. 3, all 6th graders, and/or their parents, can come to Madison from 4-6 pm to pay fees, pick up schedules and locker assignments, purchase yearbooks and/or lunch tickets, and tour the building. Parents, you will also be able to view our iPad video, & sign the technology care & use form. Ice cream will be served and we will have information tables set up. There will also be free fridge magnets with our contact info for every family! Credit/debit cards can be used to pay fees and purchase yearbooks, but lunch tickets must be purchased with cash or a check. There will also be containers to collect Kleenex and donated school supplies! 7th & 8th graders will do the same on Tues., Sept. 8, from 4-6 pm. See you all there!

For easy access to lots of important info, don’t forget to bookmark our Madison website at http://schools.4j.lane.edu/madison/,
From the Administrators:

WELCOME BACK!!!!

The Madison staff has another exciting year planned for you. We want to send a very special welcome to our incoming 6th grade class. We are super excited to have you join the Madison team. You won’t be the only new kids on the block, though. There will be a few new 7th and 8th graders joining us along with a number of new staff members.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Marie Scull to our 7th grade team. She will be teaching Language Arts for our retired Mrs. Loftin. Also joining the 7th grade team is Ms. M.E. Dunlap teaching Science for our retired Mrs. Fryer. And teaching Art this year will be Ms. Kim Hanson! Not new, but in a permanent full-time position is Mr. Matt Goodban taking the lead in our Cognitive Learning Center! Also in a new position, Mrs. Nancy Collie will be our Records and Scheduling Secretary, and Ms. Doriann Oravec is our new Volunteer & Event Coordinator/Family Liaison! These are all amazing and positive additions/changes that we are very excited about!

Back, by popular request, is the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:30 p.m. release time. Wednesdays, as always, will still end at 2:26 p.m. We have, also, moved Focus to the beginning of the day. This time will be used to teach College & Career Readiness/Social Emotional lessons as well as provide time to make sure students are ready for the day to come (i.e. homework is complete & supplies/binders ready to go.)

Save the date: September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The Madison Parent Organization (MPO) has a new mission this year. Parents, community and staff are going to come together to strengthen our climate. Middle school-aged children are faced with all sorts of life shaping influences; social, emotional, environmental and academic. The MPO will be learning about forces such as friendships, dating, bullying, intimidation, harassment, drugs, etc., that shape our children’s social, emotional and academic wellbeing. We will be working collaboratively to look at ways to proactively support our children through these challenging times. Please plan to attend the September 23rd meeting and be part of a team working to make Madison the safest and most supportive it can be for our students.

You might also be interested that we will be continuing our work around Proficiency Based Teaching and Learning this year. We will be working on calibration and consistency across our classrooms. “Proficient” should mean the same thing across all content areas, and policies & routines for reaching proficiency should be similar as well.

We hope you have been keeping up on your reading and enjoying the weather, friends, and family. Enjoy the rest of the summer and know we can’t wait to see you.

Take care,

Mr. Marsh and Mrs. Martindale

Positive Family Support Program and Center

The Positive Family Support Program promotes parents’ use of positive reinforcement to improve student attendance, behavior at school, and completion of academic tasks. The cornerstone of a successful Positive Family Support program is that parents’ efforts are coordinated with those of school staff. Many ways to achieve coordinated support in both the school and the home will be available. This approach is tightly linked with research and has shown clear benefits over many areas of students’ school life. Come into the front office and check out our parent center, featuring a warm and cozy atmosphere with a couch and chairs, lamps, a computer and desk for parent use, and other cool stuff. Take advantage of this wonderful resource….it’s there for YOU!
**Important Forms**

The last few pages of this newsletter are forms that can be torn off and filled out to be returned to the school at Fee & Schedule Nights, or to the office. These forms give your student permission to be involved in several activities and classroom learning opportunities.

- **Excursion /Permissions Form (please fill out both sides)**
- **Google Permission Form**
- **Family Resource Parent Survey Form**

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### Student Fees

- **Tech/Consumables Fee $45:** covers iPad/technology, planner, vocab book, supplies & special projects for Science & Enrichment classes.
- **PE Shirts $5:** all students in PE are required to wear a Madison PE t-shirt (previous year’s shirts may be worn).
- **Activity Card (optional) $5:** this card supports student body activities, and provides ID
- **Yearbook (optional) $21:** if purchased with an Activity Card, $25 if purchased alone.

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### Attendance Procedures

Whenever your student is going to miss any school time, for any reason, please remember to call the school Attendance Line at:

**541-790-4343**

If you forget to call the attendance line, please send a note & make sure it comes to the office in the morning...do not send notes to your student’s teachers as all attendance is handled through the office. If you are planning an extended vacation, you will need to notify the teachers as well as the office; we have a form in the front office that your student can take around to his/her teachers.

Homework may be requested after a student has been absent for 3 full days and expects to continue that absence for 4 or more days. Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers regarding missed school work and how it will be made up.

Please read your Student/Parent Handbook regarding our complete attendance procedures!

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**Picture Day!!**

School pictures will be taken on Friday, Sept. 18. All students will get their picture taken, even if they are not purchasing pictures as this will be their Activity card picture! Students who want to purchase photos will need to bring their picture envelopes with payment inside, on the day of pictures (envelopes will be in the packet your student brings home the first week of school), OR you may order on-line before picture day by going to: mylifetouch.com

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Electronic devices are not allowed during the school day from 8:55 am - 3:30 pm, except during lunch time or at a teacher’s discretion during class! Students must have devices turned off and stored out of sight during passing times & class time. If a student is using a device during unauthorized times, their device will be confiscated and the consequences are as follows:

- 1st offense: device to office & student can pick it up at the end of the day.
- 2nd offense: device to office & parent is called to come pick it up at their leisure.
- 3rd offense: student is banned from having device at school for the rest of the school year!

Warning: the school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices!! See Parent/Student Handbook for more info.
Attention 6th Grade Parents!!

Madison’s Site Council needs a 6th grade parent representative. Please call Mr. Marsh at 541-790-4300 if you are interested. We need YOU!

MPO

Studies show that the more involved parents are in their child’s school/education, the more successful their student is! Here is a great opportunity to get involved: Madison Parent Organization (MPO) will have their first meeting Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 pm in the Madison library.

The MPO has a new mission this year. Parents, community and staff are going to come together to strengthen our climate. Middle school-aged children are faced with all sorts of life shaping influences; social, emotional, environmental and academic. The MPO will be learning about forces such as friendships, dating, bullying, intimidation, harassment, drugs, etc., that shape our children’s social, emotional and academic well-being. We will be working collaboratively to look at ways to proactively support our children through these challenging times. Please plan to attend the September 23rd meeting and be part of a team working to make Madison the safest and most supportive it can be for our students.

The MPO is also involved in the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program, which helps implement several positive rewards such as the PBIS celebrations, as well as our Lion Loot and Golden Ticket incentives. MPO also supports, and helps plan and organize Madison’s Family Fun Night, a fun filled evening for the whole family!

Money for Madison!!

- **Fred Meyers & E-Scrip:** Donate to Madison while you shop, by signing up for Fred Meyer Rewards and/or E-Scrip. **For Fred Meyers:** link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Madison Middle School at: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 83797. **For E-Scrip:** visit their website at www.escrip.com and choose Madison ID 8564360. Register your credit/debit cards and your Safeway card (this website is secure and will not sell your information). Register relatives too!
- **EEF:** You can make a one time donation OR a monthly donation, online, via credit, debit, or PayPal account. Just go to this website and follow the directions: http://eeflane.org/donate_now/online_giving/
- **Box Tops:** Start clipping Box Tops for Education! You probably have a ton in your pantry, freezer, or fridge, and they can make a world of difference to our school. For every box top you clip, Madison will receive 10 cents, so don’t throw that box or can away until you have cut or torn off the Labels for Education logo!

Riding the School Bus

In order to ride the school bus, students must live 1.5 miles or more from the school by the most direct route. **Transportation has a new online system available to locate your students bus stop.** From the district website www.4j.lane.edu, go to the departments drop down menu & from there pick Transportation. On the right side of the Transportation homepage you will find a link, “Find My Bus Stop”; click on the link and enter your address to find out your students exact bus stop and bus number. If you have any questions please call Transportation at 541-790-7474.
School Supply List

**Must have:**
- Binder or organizer, at least 2 inch (3 inch for AVID students)
- College rule notebook paper
- 2 pkgs. dividers
- 3 rolls scotch tape
- Black/blue pens
- Pencils or mechanical pencils with *extra* lead
- Erasers
- Pencil pouch
- Ruler with inches & centimeters
- Spiral notebooks

**May also need:**
- Colored pencils & markers (not permanent)
- 3 color highlighters
- 3 x 5 note cards
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Scissors (at least 5”)
- Glue sticks
- Hand-held pencil sharpener

*Please bring 2 boxes of Kleenex & drop off at the office or at Fee & Schedule nights!*

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School Lunch

Lunch and breakfast prices **remain the same** this year, with breakfast costing $1.65 and lunch $3.15. If your student is on Free/Reduced, breakfast is free and lunch is $.40 or free. **Reminder:** a new form must be filled out every year so get yours completed and turned in **ASAP**! You will find this year’s lunch form in the district’s back-to-school mailing, at our Fee & Schedule nights, and in the school office.

All students have a 6 digit number to remember (this is their student I.D. number found on the top of their class schedule) which they will enter in the terminal key pad when they go through the line to purchase their lunch each day. Please help your student memorize their number. We will let your student know when their account is low on money, but we do not send out notices. **Students are responsible to let parents know when they have a low balance or are out of lunch money in their lunch account.**

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**BEST After-School Program**

We are excited to have another year of the BEST Afterschool Program at Madison Middle School! BEST is offered Monday through Thursday directly after school until 5:30pm. BEST costs $50 per trimester on a sliding scale; no student will be denied for lack of payment. BEST is open to all Madison students and is filled on a first come basis. Registration packets will be available in the front office starting the second week of school.

BEST offers four key components (homework help, a meal, enrichment classes, and transportation home). Enrichment classes provide students a variety of classes including teen chef, wood shop, science, dance, music, physical education, art, and so much more. BEST also provides several field trip options all planned by the BEST student government class.

**BEST officially begins mid October. A family orientation night will be held in September with information on how you can support your student during homework time and what BEST will look for the 2015-2016 school year.**

BEST is a lot of fun and we hope your student can join us for an exciting year. BEST is offered as a 4j program on a grant for the past 14 years. Madison BEST is funded through the Oregon Community Foundation and partners with the City of Eugene, School Garden Project, Lane Arts, and University of Oregon. Please contact Kristin Larsen for more details. BEST is a great way for your student to have more time in their building, to work with their teachers on assignments, spend time with friends, and learn new skills.

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*Some of our 14/15 BEST leaders!*
WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!!!! We are looking forward to the new school year and would like to invite all of you to join us by becoming a Madison parent volunteer. To all of you who so willingly and generously gave your time in the past, thank you, and please join us again! We are always in need of new parent volunteers and there is no time like the present to get involved. Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be highlighted on the Volunteer link on Madison's website. We welcome any time you have available to help on upcoming events, as well as classroom help. Whether you have helped in the past or are a first time volunteer, we look forward to working with you. You can contact our volunteer coordinator at 790-4313. Below are a few upcoming events/activities that we need your help with.

**Upcoming Opportunities**

- **Fee/Schedule Nights:** Collect fees/write receipts or help serve ice cream (Sept. 3 & Sept. 8, 3:45-6:15 pm)
- **Office:** Help collect fees and write receipts (Sept. 10-11, 8:30-9:05 am)
- **School Pictures:** Help with picture day (Sept. 18, 8:30 am-3 pm)
- **Distribute PE Shirts:** Help distribute PE shirts (Sept. - AM)
- **River Walk:** Help with setup at Alton Baker Park, walk with the students, supervision, and clean up; *we need lots of volunteers for this event!* (Oct. 2, 9 am - 1:00 pm)
- **Picture Retakes:** Help with picture retakes (October 23, 8:30 am -12 pm)
- **Activity Night:** Help sell bracelets for Activity Night during all three lunches & chaperone (Oct. 29-30)

**Year Long Opportunities**

- **PBIS Celebrations:** Chaperone or make popcorn
- **Classroom Help:** Contact individual teachers or Volunteer Coordinator
- **Display Cases:** Help create/decorate our hall display cases
- **8th Grade Promotion Celebration:** Help plan the end of year grad party (meeting times and dates TBA)
- **Library:** Help in the Library
- **PBIS Popcorn:** Popcorn for our Friday popcorn and cookie days

**School Supply Donations**

We would love to help out students who are unable to purchase school supplies. If you are able to donate extra supplies, there will be a collection container at the Fee Nights, or you may drop them off at the front office. Thanks!!!

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**Calling all 7th & 8th Graders!**

Are you creative, like to take pictures, or just looking to get involved? Look no further, because we have the perfect opportunity for you: join the yearbook staff!! We will meet one morning each week in the Library, to help create another fabulous Madison book of memories. It’s lots of fun, and you will learn some valuable skills!! If you are interested, you can pick up an application in the front office from Miss Audrey.
Dear Parent,

Madison students have periodic opportunities to take trips sponsored by Madison Middle School. These trips are planned so the students may learn under the direct supervision of the teacher and other adults who accompany students. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the safety of our students.

Only students with properly signed permission forms are allowed to take school sponsored trips. The staff would like to have on file one trip permission slip to cover this year’s trips. This will decrease the time taken from instruction to collect and keep track of the slips each time a trip is taken.

We will keep you informed about upcoming trips through the dialer calls and emails. If you do not want your student to participate on a specific trip, please call the office and the proper staff member in charge will be informed. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to chaperone a special event.

Sincerely,

Scott Marsh
Principal

YEARYL EXCURSION PERMISSION
2015/2016

My approval is hereby given for ____________________________ Grade ______
to go on Madison Middle School planned trips during the 2015/2016 school year.

I understand that if I do not want my student to participate in a particular trip, I will call the school office.

__________________________  ____________________________
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)         (Date)

Please complete and sign both sides of this form and return to the office!

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More Permissions……..

Please circle your answer, sign, date, and return to the office.

● MOVIES: At times during the school year, PG and PG13 rated films may be shown in classrooms to augment curriculum. Students will be responsible for bringing home a note identifying the movie at least 2 days prior to the showing. Students who are excluded will be provided an alternative education activity. Parents may also request the right to preview a PG or PG13 movie.

Yes  No   I give permission for my student to view BOTH PG and PG13 rated movies.

Yes  No   I give permission for my student to view ONLY PG rated movies.

● PHOTOS/VIDEO/WEBSITE: Madison has an internet web site which includes information about our school, similar to what might be included in a school newspaper or yearbook. Student’s picture or artwork, could appear on this site. Pictures are mostly group photos and generally are not displayed with names of students. Written permission is being requested because the nature of the internet allows for worldwide access to the Madison web site: http://schools.4j.lane.edu/madison/

Yes  No   I give permission for my student’s photo and/or work to be included in the Madison web site.

Yes  No   I give permission for my student to be videotaped or photographed for school related projects.

Yes  No   I give permission for my student’s photo to be included in the Madison year book.

● HIV/AIDS INSTRUCTION: The goals, objective and time allocations for HIV/AIDS instruction are consistent with the state requirements and district recommended health curriculum. There will be a written note sent home with your student prior to any planned instructional unit. If you would like more information on the curriculum or would like to schedule a time to review the curriculum, please feel free to call the office at 790-4300. An alternative education activity will be provided for an excluded student.

Yes  No   I give permission for my student to be included in such instructional units.

MENTOR PROGRAM: My student has permission to participate in a mentor program that pairs students with community members for a weekly lunch at school. I will receive more information if/before my student begins this program.

Yes  No

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ___________
Eugene School District 4J is actively integrating 21st century educational technology tools into the curriculum through a suite of secure online applications called Google Apps for Education. These tools will better engage students in developing their literacy skills by making it easier for students to work together online for projects, access their files outside of the classroom, and communicate at both the local and global level.

The National Educational Technology Standards for students (NETS*S) in grades K-12 stress the importance of this type of learning environment in order to demonstrate mastery of those standards. (www.iste.org/standards.aspx). However, middle school students require written permission from a parent or legal guardian to gain access to Google Apps in Education via their 4J email account.* This document explains the specific tools available and includes a form for you to give (or withhold) permission for your student to use these tools.

What is Google Apps for Education?
Google Apps for Education is a free web-based suite of applications for schools to use. Students and staff can easily create, share, and store documents online to collaborate on projects and turn in assignments electronically. All of the Google Apps for Education tools can be accessed from any Internet connection at school, home, smart phones, etc. Eugene 4J will support the main three Google applications: Calendars, Docs, and Sites.

Google Calendar:
- Maintain multiple calendars for all your needs, e.g. homework, activities, etc.
- Keep calendars private, or share them with others as you determine.

Google Docs (includes the following programs):
- Google Documents - a word processor similar to Microsoft Word
- Google Presentations - a multimedia presentation tool similar to Microsoft PowerPoint
- Google Spreadsheets - a spreadsheet program similar to Microsoft Excel
- Google Drawings - a graphic design program
- Google Forms - a tool to create online surveys or polls and automatically collate the responses into a spreadsheet

Google Sites
- Google Sites – create and edit simple websites

*Access to a student Eugene School District 4J Google Apps for Education account requires an active 4J email account. Student in grades 6-12 automatically have their 4J email accounts activated unless a parent fills out a "denial of email account" form.
Please fill out the form below and return to the school office.

**Parent/Guardian:**

_____ I **give** permission for my child to have a 4J Google Apps for Education account using their Eugene School District 4J email account.

_____ I **do NOT give** permission for my child to have a 4J Google Apps for Education account.

Student Name: (Print) ________________________________________________________________

School: ___________________________________________ Grade: ____________

**Student:**

I agree to adhere to the guidelines stated in the *District Technology Acceptable Use Guidelines* for use of my *Google Apps for Education* account.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________
**School Readiness Check-In**

Welcome to the new school year! We’re checking in with you to learn about your student’s strengths and needs for support at school. By answering these questions, you can help us start the year off right!

Please rate your student in the following areas:

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Madison now has a Family Resource Center as well as Family Support Team that is able to help provide additional support for students and their parents! Would you like to be contacted by someone about additional support available through our school? □ Yes □ No

Student Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Parent Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Grade: 6 7 8
Advisory Teacher: ___________________________ (Return to the Office)
Coming October 2 is our one and only fundraiser for the year: the super fun, 8th annual River Walk! Last year we raised over $15,000, which resulted in all kinds of fun things happening in our celebration assembly, like staff getting “slimed”, and some teachers sumo wrestling in blow-up suits. We will have a kick-off assembly, then students will have 2 weeks to collect donations. On the big day, we will walk about 4 miles along the beautiful Willamette bike path to Alton Baker Park, where a delicious BBQ lunch is served. Students are then bused back to school where a slew of fun activities await them. The more money each student brings in, the more activities they are eligible to participate in! We have giant inflatable toys, field games, a dunk tank, delectable treats, music, and lots of good old fashioned FUN!! All funds raised during the River Walk are spent on students for activities, and to offset the cost of the end-of-year field trips!