

Madison News

August 2018

Back to School!

Fee & Schedule Night

This year, we will have **only one Fee & Schedule Night!** It will take place on **Tuesday, Sept. 4.** 6th graders may come anytime from 4:00-5:30 to pay fees and get schedules. 7th & 8th graders may do the same from 5:30-7:00. If you are paying with credit/debit, you can go into schoolpay.com (or click on the SchoolPay pic) to set up your account and pay your fees at any time! Of course, you can still come to fee night and pay with debit or credit in the office, and for those of you paying with cash or check, you can still do so at the regular fee table. You will also be able to pick up student schedules, along with other important forms. Don't forget to bring and drop off forms that you have already downloaded



from our website, and filled out! Ice cream will be served, we will have information tables set up (BEST, Music & Theater, etc.), and free fridge magnets with Madison contact info, will be available! Lunches may also be purchased, but only with cash or check (you currently cannot pay for lunches on SchoolPay, only on MealTime). There will also be containers to drop your Kleenex boxes in. Call the office if you have any questions about setting up your SchoolPay account. *Note: you do not have to set up a SchoolPay account if you are paying with cash or check, **but do it anyway**, as you will still be able to see all items you've purchased for your student, and we will eventually be putting non-payment items on there also!*

6th Graders!!

6th graders only, will report to school on **Wed., Sept. 5, at 9:00 am!** Wear comfortable shoes and bring your supplies. Buses will run on our regular schedule. From 9:00 am -12:pm, 6th graders will learn more about Madison and participate in some fun WEB activities. Lunch will be served at noon and then from 12:30 - 3:35, you will be meeting in your Focus class to go over schedules, lockers, and behavior tours, along with other activities. School will end at the usual time of 3:35.

“Remind” Texts

While we will still use our dialer system to send out some phone and email messages, we would like to be able to send **short messages & reminders** via **text** messaging. Parents can sign up to receive these texts by texting **@6acb2h** to the number **81010**. You should receive a welcome text from Remind. If you have trouble with **81010**, try texting **@6acb2h** to **(801) 938-7707**. This is a great tool to help parents never miss their student's school events, and to always know what's happening at Madison!.



For easy access to lots of important info, don't forget to bookmark our [Madison website](#), and our [Madison calendar](#), and “like” our [Madison Facebook](#) page!

From the Administrators:

We would like to welcome you to our 2018-2019 school year! Madison is a place where the staff and students always try to **hit homeruns**. We want to create a place everyone feels **safe** and no one is left **out**. Are you tired of the baseball references yet? On another note, we want to send a very special welcome to our incoming 6th grade class and all our new students. We are super excited to have you join the Madison family!

Speaking of family, we'd like to wish a fond goodbye to Senora Macario, Ms. AJ, Chef Miho, and our volunteer guru, Doriann Oravec. They will be missed! Our newest staff members include:

- **Roxanne Winston:** You might remember her from student teaching here at Madison. She fell in love with our Madison students and community, and she will be joining us in our Learning Center, as well as teaching a 6th grade Math class.
- **Tim Wilcox:** Mr. Wilcox is our new-ish band, choir, and theater teacher. He was with us for half of last year, after Mr. Albus returned to Louisiana. Mr. Wilcox is a Madison alumnus, and we couldn't be happier he's on board!
- **Lizette Rodgers:** Mrs. Rodgers will be teaching Spanish and Digital Media. She has worked with students of all ages through various roles. She was most recently the principal at Twin Oaks Elementary, but chose to return to middle school teaching. It takes a special kind of person to have a heart for middle school, and we got her!
- **Heather Kliever:** Joining Ms. Bushnell teaching 8th grade Language Arts, will be Ms. Kliever. She is excited to join the Madison team, and is looking forward to meeting the 8th graders!
- **Rechelle Salgado:** Rechelle joined us at the end of last year, as our new Registrar. You will always be greeted with a warm smile and excellent service. She is a bright addition to the Madison office!



“Put us in, Coach!”

Your Madison staff has another great year planned for you. We will still have Focus class four days a week in the morning (*except Fridays, which are now our early release day*), where we build relationships, teach social/emotional curriculum, get work done, and intervene with struggling students. Another thing Madison is planning this year is a time and place for students to get extra help in both Math and Language Arts, geared for student that are not performing at grade level. We will have these support classes for both Math and Language Arts, for each grade level.

Now's the time to start getting back into our school year routines. It's time to move that bedtime back, get your school supplies, and ready yourselves for the new school year. *Reminder: school still starts at 9:00am, but will now release at 3:35, and Friday early release will be at 2:35!* Take care, and enjoy the rest of your summer. We are excited to see you!

Mr. Barsotti and Mrs. Martindale

PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, September 12**. All students will have their picture taken, **even if they do not purchase pictures**, as this is the picture that will be used for the yearbook, as well as their activity card. Picture retakes will be taken on **Friday, October 26**, along with the 8th grade group picture (for the yearbook). All 8th graders will get individual photos taken again in the spring, along with another group panoramic picture, which they may purchase then. It usually takes about four weeks to receive school pictures from Lifetouch.



ACTIVITY CARDS

Activity cards cost \$5.00, and can be used as an ID card, as well as getting students \$1 off admission to Activity Nights. Lifetouch will send us the finished activity cards at a later date and they will then be distributed to students who have purchased one. A student may come to the office and purchase their activity card **at any time during the school year**.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks cost \$25, and may be purchased **at any time during the school year**. Yearbooks are in full color and will be distributed at year's end to all students who have purchased them. If a student has missing library books, textbooks, or other school owned property, they **may not receive their yearbook until these items have been returned or paid for**.

Cell Phones at School

Cell phones and other electronic devices, are allowed outside before school, or outside after school, but students must have devices **turned off and out of sight during the school day, including during lunch**. If a student is using a device during the school day, 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!**

If you need to communicate something important to your student during the school day, please call the office and we will get a message to them.

Warning: *The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.*



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Supervision Help Wanted!

We are looking for parent/guardians who would be willing to help supervise students before school in the gym, and during lunch times, in the library! If you are willing, contact Audrey Wiltz at 541-790-4313 or wiltz_a@4j.lane.edu

School Supply List

All students must have:

- 3 ring binder, preferably at least 2 inches, recommend zipper closure (**AVID must be 3-4 inches & no zipper binders!**)
- college ruled notebook paper
- 2 packages dividers
- black or blue pens
- # 2 pencils
- 2-3 different colored highlighters
- pencil pouch
- ruler
- colored pencils
- pink eraser
- protractor (7th & 8th Math)
- 1-2 spiral notebooks (7th Math)
- 2 dry erase markers (7th Math)

Some teachers may later request that students bring the following:

- 8 pack markers-**not permanent**
- glue sticks
- hand held pencil sharpener

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 an online system available to locate your student's bus stop.** You can find the link on our website, or on the district's website: go to "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 exact bus stop and bus number. If you have any questions please call Transportation at: [541-790-7474](tel:541-790-7474).

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 Labels/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/Boxtops for Education logo!



We Need Your Email!!

To ensure that you receive important information, along with event & calendar updates, we need your email. Please fill out the email form which you will find at the Fee Nights, *and* in the information packet your student will bring home the first week of school, and return it ASAP! **If you are the parent of a returning student, and your email has not changed, you do not need to turn this form in!**



Your child is important to us, and our school is stronger when they are here! Whenever your student is going to miss school time, no matter the reason, please call the school **Attendance Line at: 541-790-4343**. If you forget, please send a note with your student to the office. The classroom teachers do not handle attendance notifications.

If you are planning an extended vacation, you will want to contact both the office AND teachers. Homework may be requested after a student has been absent for 3 consecutive days, and isn't expected to return for 4 or more days. Students are to check in with their teachers regarding their policies for missed work and how to make it up. All of our teachers are available by voice mail or email, and many hold office hours before or after school to assist students.

We all understand family emergencies, and are sympathetic and supportive of student absences during those times. Whenever possible, please avoid taking trips or vacations during the school year. There is a strong relationship between school attendance and student learning. In order to be successful academically, students must actively participate in their learning. Students missing as little as one day per month, for any reason, are statistically less likely to graduate with their peers. Let us partner with you on this, and let us know how we can help.

School Lunch

This year, lunch prices remain the same, and breakfast is still free for **all** students.

- Breakfast: FREE for all students!
- Lunch: \$3.15

You will find this year's Free & Reduced Lunch form in the district's back-to-school mailing, at our Fee & Schedule night, and in the school office. ***You can also apply online (preferred); look for the link on our website or the district website. A new form must be filled out every year so get yours completed and turned in ASAP!*** If you think you might qualify, but don't think your student will want school lunch, ***you should still fill out and submit the form***, as it is a great backup for when your student may forget their lunch at home, or suddenly have a yen for something being served that day!

Your student must memorize their 6 digit ID #, which they will enter in the terminal key pad when they go through the line to purchase their lunch each day. 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.

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 inability to pay**. 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 (academic support, a meal, enrichment classes, and transportation home). Enrichment classes provide students a variety of choices, and may include activities with cooking, wood shop, science, dance, music, PE, art, and more. BEST also provides several fun field trip options.

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 like for the 2018-2019 school year.

Volunteer Corner

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Fee/Schedule Nights:** Collect fees & write receipts, help serve ice cream (Sept. 4, 4:00-7:00pm)
- **School Pictures:** Help with picture day (Sept. 12, 8:45 am-3 pm)
- **River Walk:** Walk with and supervise students; *we need lots of volunteers for this event!* (Oct. 5, 9 am - noon)
- **Activity Night:** Help sell bracelets for Fall Activity Night *during all three lunches* and/or chaperone the event (Oct. 25 & 26)

New Volunteer Coordinator

Miss Audrey (Wiltz) has now added this title to her many duties here at Madison! If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, or to see if you are a cleared volunteer, contact Audrey at 541-790-4313, or wiltz_a@4j.lane.edu

Year Long Opportunities

- **PBIS Celebrations:** Chaperone or help as needed
- **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:** Pop corn for our Friday popcorn and cookie days
- **Supervision:** Help supervise students before school and/or during lunches

Reminder: All volunteer sign-up and background checks are done online. There is a link on our website or you can click on it here:

<http://helpcounter.net/eugene>

Open House

If you'd like to get a glimpse of your student's school day, this is your chance! Come meet their teachers, check out their classrooms, and see what their day at Madison looks like! Join us for our **annual Open House on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6:00 p.m.** Here is what you will experience at our Open House:

- ◆ Check out your student's classrooms.
- ◆ Meet your student's teachers.
- ◆ Meet our administrators.
- ◆ Network with other parents.
- ◆ Learn how to use ParentVue and SchoolPay.
- ◆ Learn about our programs, including our after-school BEST program.

Studies show the more parent involvement, the more positive student outcomes, especially in middle school. Come get involved ...you'll learn something new and have a great time!

River Walk!

Coming **Friday, Oct. 5**, is our one big fundraiser for the year, our annual River Walk! Last year we raised over \$18,000 and set a new record! The kick-off assembly is on Sept. 20, then students will have 2 weeks to collect donations. During the River Walk, we will walk 4 miles along the beautiful Willamette bike path to Alton Baker Park. What happens after that is still to be determined, so stay tuned. We will also have an assembly later on, to "reward" students for their hard work raising money. Staff will do all kinds of wild and crazy things (last year we taped Mr. Barsotti to the wall, and had exploding watermelons!). We guarantee laughs for all! All funds raised during the River Walk *are spent on students* to offset the cost of the end-of-year field trips and other activities. It's gonna be a BLAST!



Communication

Communication tool:	Info you will see:	How to get it:
<p>Madison website (Click on the "Subscribe" button to get a notification when there are front page updates!)</p>	<p>Forms, handbooks, quick links Calendar Info & updates on events & activities Staff info/contacts</p>	<p>Visit and <u>bookmark</u> our site at: http://www.madison.4j.lane.edu/</p>
<p>Text messages/notifications (Remind.com)</p>	<p>Reminders about school activities & events</p>	<p>See front page of this newsletter!</p>
<p>Madison Facebook page</p>	<p>Reminders Pictures (no student names used) Some website posts</p>	<p>"Like" us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/Madison-Middle-School-110779025651688</p>
<p>School calendar</p>	<p>Month at a glance Events for students & parents (parent attendance events are in BLUE)</p>	<p>View and <u>bookmark</u> the calendar at: http://schools.4j.lane.edu/madison/studentparent-resources/event-calendar</p>
<p>Auto-Dialer (School Messenger)</p>	<p>Voicemails and/or emails, about: Tardies & absences Special reminders & info about events</p>	<p>All parent/guardians are automatically entered into the dialer system by the district.</p>

Madison Fees

General School Support: \$50 (This is tax deductible)

We ask for \$50 for General Support per family, but we accept & appreciate any amount! Parent funding support is needed to maintain a strong instructional program for our students. This money is used to maintain instructional technology (including iPads & MyAccess writing program), to help lower the cost of field trips, for classroom supply costs that exceed our general district funding, and for student planners. The student planner is used to help teach organizational and time management skills, as well as a communication device between school and home. Students will receive a new planner each trimester. We ask that all families pay this if/as they are able, and we thank you for your support!

Misc. Fees:

PE Shirt	\$5
Band Fee	\$50
Activity Card	\$5
Yearbook	\$25



Helpful hint: Yearbooks can be purchased at anytime all year long, and we have never run out, so you can always purchase a yearbook at a later date, if needed.