



Madison Academy SCHOOLDAZE NEWS



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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

December 14

Winter Fine Arts
Dessert Banquet

6:30pm

December 15

4-7th Girls BB game @
St. Stephen

4:30-6:30pm

December 17

4-7th Girls BB game vs
Academy of Flint

4:30-6:30pm

December 23-Jan. 3

Christmas Vacation



PTO Happenings!

Madison Academy is a donation center for "Toys For Tots" this year. This is our first year helping the Marine Corps, so let's make it a great one! On the news over the past few days it has been stated there are shortages of donation items. Some of the items they mentioned were for girls ages 1-2 and 9-10. Anything is appreciated in our endeavor to help out our community. The "Toys For Tots" donation box is located outside the office door for your convenience. We thank you in advance for your giving!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! We raised about \$1800 to purchase more books for our school. I would like to thank our chairperson, Lisa Willey, for all the time and effort she put into this event to make it a huge success. And, to all our parents who volunteered throughout the week (in a FREEZING hallway!) - You are all greatly appreciated!

Our first pickle Thursday will be on December 17th. An order form will be sent home with all students on Tuesday, December 15th. Our Service Learning Class is coordinating and operating this project. All proceeds from our first pickle sale will be going to pay the artist to airbrush a mural of an eagle and an American Flag on the wall of the main entrance hallway. If you like pickles, they will only be \$1!

Champion Academy will be starting on January 4, 2010. This program is our new after school program and will be replacing our latchkey services. If you have any questions regarding our new program, we will have an information table in the office hallway on December 15, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We are real excited about this new program, so please come and ask a lot of questions!

Science Department

This week in the seventh grade we are working on a few things. We are learning about ionic bonding and we will be in the lab to demonstrate how some ions conduct electricity. We are also making Science games that we can evolve and use throughout the year. We will be making Friday our Friday Fun Day and we will be playing games related to our subject matter.

We are still in need of a parent volunteer to attend the monthly Science committee meetings. Interested parties should contact Mr. Almquist at dalmquist@madison-academy.org

Sincerely,
Mr. Smith
7th Grade Science

Athletic Action

Boys' 7th-8th grade basketball will have their first practice on Friday, December 18, from 3:30p.m.-5:00p.m. For more information please contact Mr. Mills (mmills@madison-academy.org)

Campus Safety

The crisis team will meet Monday, December 14, 2009, at 3:45 p.m. in the art room. Everyone is welcome! Contact Laurie Miller at 655-2949 ext. 120 or by email at lmiller@madison-academy.org

Social Studies Department

This week we will begin work on the map of Michigan in the elementary wing. The map will be used to teach the children about the location of Michigan's major cities, its natural resources, its history, and many other interesting things!!

There will be a Student Council meeting after school on Wednesday, December 16, from 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will meet in the Art Room/8th grade homeroom.

Technology Tidbits

Science fair is fast approaching! Get a head start with some ideas from the following website:

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/poject_ideas.shtml

Language Arts Department

5th Grade Happenings!

Throughout the month of November, the fifth grade was hard at work writing mysteries. The students have been writing their suspenseful stories and we've shared them with each other as we completed the steps of the writing process. Students have started writing the final copy in their book accompanied with illustrations. We will be sharing these wonderful creations with our 1st grade buddies this month in Ms. Olrich's room.

Ask your child to read their exciting adventure to you.

Mrs. Fisher's class participated in a Thanksgiving Share to celebrate Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for. Students brought a dish to pass that has significance to their family on the holidays. We shared written recipes, great food and fun!

Happy Holidays from the 5th Grade!

Service Learning Class

Our Service Learning students will be selling pickles on Thursday, December 17th. Order forms will go out on Tuesday, December 15th. The funds raised will go toward our airbrush mural project. So if you love pickles, purchase yours for only \$1. Thank you.



Music Connection

Greetings from the Music Department!

On December 17th, 1st grade through 6th grade will be participating in this year's Holiday Concert. This concert will take place at the Central Church of the Nazarene on 1261 West Bristol Rd. in Flint at 6:00 p.m. and admission is **free!**

Call time for students to arrive is 5:30 p.m. Concert participation is mandatory; however, if your student is not able to participate, please send a signed note stating the reason. Concert attire for all students is black bottoms with black shoes and a school appropriate red, green, or white top. Any other questions or concerns can be sent to jdelay@madison-academy.org. Please join us on the 17th and support the students!



Elementary Spanish

The 3rd-5th grade Spanish classes have been working hard to create Spanish games over the past couple of weeks. In the morning on December 11th, the 3rd-5th grade students will be accompanying me to demonstrate the games they have created to the Kindergarten - 2nd grade Spanish classes.

On December 18th, I am planning a Holiday fiesta which will include making quesadillas, along with sampling other Mexican favorites. We will also be creating holiday cards for the children in Hurley's Pediatric Unit and Whaley Children's Center here in Flint.

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