



Madison Academy

SCHOOлдаZE NEWS



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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

February 8-12

Winter Recess
No School

February 17

Crisis Team Meeting
3:45pm

February 26

Sadie Hawkins Dance
for 8th-10th grades



From The Office

“The rule prohibiting the chewing of gum applies to all chewable candy. No candy is permitted at any time unless prior permission is given by a staff member and that permission is only in effect during the supervision of that staff member. Mints are allowable only by teacher permission and only if they are not chewable.”

Mr. Heflin

Students assigned to Saturday School may no longer bring a book for independent reading unless the book has been assigned by a teacher for a specific assignment that is reflected in their lesson plans. If students cannot bring enough schoolwork to keep them busy throughout Saturday School, additional assignments will be given by Staff. These assignments **MUST** be completed and turned in to the supervising staff member regardless of whether or not they are finished when Saturday School is over.

Social Studies Department

Census 2010 is now underway. During the month of February, the U.S. Postal Service will deliver advance letters to rural areas and Indian Reservations. The advance letters will encourage recipients to be on the lookout for their 2010 census questionnaire. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Your child has been learning about the census...ask them about it!!

Number Crunching

Madison Academy's 5th-10th graders will be going to University of Michigan Flint to watch "Eureka!", on April 29th. We are collecting permission slips and money for the field trip (\$19.00 covers admission and transportation). They are due no later than February 19. Unfortunately, if we do not raise enough money, we will not be able to go. If you can donate toward the cost of student tickets, please see Mr. Kelly or the school office.

Eureka! Focuses on a seventh-grader names Sara, who is struggling with math on the night before a test, when she receives some unexpected help from Albert Einstein, Blaise Pascal, Lady Ada Lovelace, and Pythagoras.

In the course of 60 funny and imaginative minutes, Wainwright-Branigan manages to work in explanations of number theory, order of operations, probability, prime numbers, the Fibonacci sequence, the origins of the calculator and computer, Pascal's triangle, and the golden ratio. The play has been on the road since its premiere in Atlanta on Oct. 29, and Sirkin says the response has been phenomenal (portions of this were taken liberally from www.chambertheatre.com).

For the 7th, 9th, and 10th Grade-The Math books are now available online and students will be sent home with an information letter explaining how to access the book. The online Math book allows your student to work from home without his/her book. They can also take practice tests or quizzes to help with those test day jitters.

Last Week's Question: If it takes 6 men 6 days to dig 6 holes, how long does it take one man to dig half a hole?

Last Week's Answer: There is no such thing as half a hole, a hole is a hole.

This Week's Question: If there are five apples and you take two of them, how many do you have?

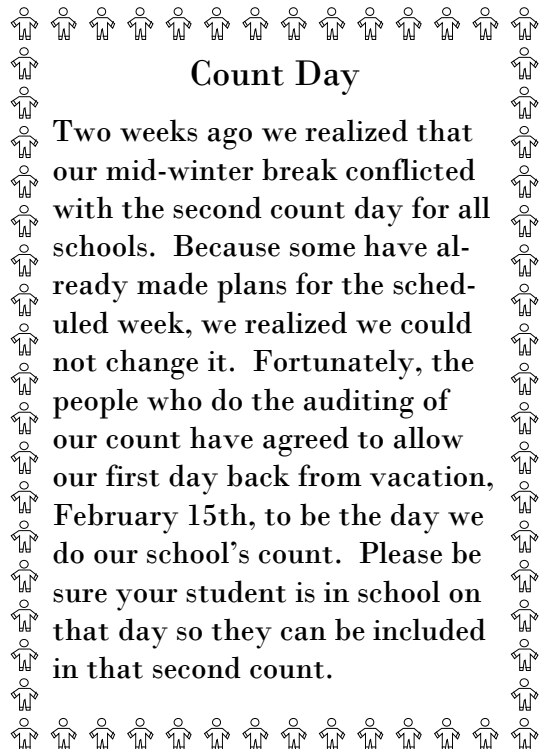
Dress Code

Please make sure your child is in Madison Academy dress code according to the handbook.

A reminder to our parents:

- * When a shirt is worn under the Madison polo it must be plain, free of writing, and in the solid uniform colors of maroon, navy, or white for elementary and red, black, grey for middle and high school and must be tucked in at all times.
- * The Madison Academy hoodie is the ONLY hoodie allowed at Madison.
- * No stretch pants or sweat pants will be allowed.
- * Nail polish remover will no longer be available in the office, parents will be required to come in and correct this violation.

Thank you in advance for your support in this area.



Count Day

Two weeks ago we realized that our mid-winter break conflicted with the second count day for all schools. Because some have already made plans for the scheduled week, we realized we could not change it. Fortunately, the people who do the auditing of our count have agreed to allow our first day back from vacation, February 15th, to be the day we do our school's count. Please be sure your student is in school on that day so they can be included in that second count.

Re-enrollment/Open Enrollment

Two events are approaching rapidly in our school year. The first is the re-enrollment for the next school year. Each family will fill one of these out indicating whether or not their children are returning for the 2010-2011 school year. We will hold seats only for those families who have turned in one of these forms. The final day for turning in will be March 12, 2010. After that we will use those forms to list how many openings we will have available for the open enrollment week which begins March 18th. These forms will be included in a letter mailed to you next week.

Open enrollment, which is for families enrolling for the first time in the 2010-2011 school year, will be from March 18th - April 1st. If you know any families interested in enrolling students for next year, please give these dates to them.

PTO Happenings

We are currently in need of parent volunteers to run the school store Monday-Friday mornings from 7:30am - 9:00am and afternoons from 3:00pm - 3:45pm. If you can volunteer for one or more of these times, please contact one of the school officers. Thank you so much for your help!!!

Following are email addresses for PTO officers:

President - Karla Sloan - ksloan@madison-academy.org

Co Vice Pres – Velvet Arnold - varnold@madison-academy.org

Co Vice Pres - Tiffany Holland - tholland@madison-academy.org

Treasurer - Correen Morones - cmorones@madison-academy.org

Feel free to contact any of us if you need to or if you would like to help in any way!

****PLEASE REMEMBER****

Our Sadie Hawkins dance for 8th-10th grade is right around the corner on February 26th! The tickets are \$15 each and this is SEMI-FORMAL! Sunday-wear is appropriate! This event will be a catered dinner by Elegant Catering! **THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 17TH.** If we do not sell enough tickets for this dance, it will be cancelled! This will be a fun time so make sure you get your tickets soon! If you are able to help decorate at 3pm that day, please contact Tiffany Holland at tholland@madison-academy.org.

If you would like to get the latest PTO news and volunteer lists, please leave your email address with the office. Check out our updated PTO news website also!

Campus Safety

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in Mrs. Schwerin's room at 3:45p.m. Our regularly scheduled meetings, however, are on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Laurie Miller at 810-655-2949 ext. 120 or lmiller@madison-academy.org