

Tiger Tales

Madison Elementary School
510 N. Palmetto Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449



October 2020

From the Desk of Mrs. Scheer

Happy October! It sure feels like time is flying. The students have been adjusting well to the new routines at school. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and flexibility during the start of school. I have seen so many students working so hard both here in person and virtually and that makes me really proud of our students. Keep up the great work! I look forward to working with you all as partners in your child's education. You can contact me at any time by calling the school or emailing me

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Madison Elementary is on Instagram

Follow us @madisonelemmarshfield on Instagram to see the latest activities and happenings! Tag us with the hashtags #madisonfamily & #madisonproud
Scan the QR code or name tag to get started!



Madison Elementary is on YouTube



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLq6EC5jFuVDOP9a7O08P5g>

Madison Happenings & Events

October 1: Reinforcement Day – No In-Person Instruction
October 2: Custodian Appreciation Day
October 6 & 8: Fall Conferences – Virtual
October 13: Virtual PTO Meeting 6PM Click on the Link to Join meet.google.com/xzc-wyvg-pnr
October 14: Reinforcement Day – No In-Person Instruction
October 14: School Board Meeting
October 22: Picture Retake Day
October 28 - October 30: PTO Pumpkin Decorating Contest
October 30: End of 1st Quarter

Congratulations!!!! PBIS Monthly Winners

Super Tiger: Student of the Month – Will & Madi – Grade 6

Tidy Tiger: Cleanest Room – Mrs. DJ's Class

Fire Drill Heroes: Best Fire Drill Behavior – Mrs. Christensen's Kindergarten & Ms. Gramborts's 1st Grade

Golden Spoon: Respectful Cafeteria Behavior – 1st Grade



New Staff

Madison School is excited to have some new staff members this year! Please take a minute to welcome the following individuals to our Madison family.

Health Aide: Shelbi Hoefs

Teacher Assistant: Amanda Niles

Lost & Found

Please have your students check the lost & found in the front hallway of the school. There are many jackets, sweatshirts, hats, and lunchboxes looking for their owners! If you are missing something, please have your student stop by and check for their missing items.

Madison PTO

A great way to get involved at Madison School is to become part of our parent teacher organization (PTO). We have an active and supportive PTO to which we are truly thankful. Look for our PTO on Facebook or email them at madisonpto510@gmail.com

The PTO will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00PM. Please click on the link to join the meeting via Google Meets. meet.google.com/xzc-wyvg-pnr

Before School Drop Off

Madison doors will open at 7:35AM each day. There is no supervision provided at the school until 7:30AM. Students (plus siblings) in grades 4K-2 can be dropped off in the front of the school off Palmetto Ave. Students (plus siblings) in grades 3-6 can be dropped off in the back of the school upper parking lot off Apple Ave. This is a one way drop off. There will be staff members situated at each door to greet your students. Parents will not be allowed in the building and cannot walk their students to class due to the new COVID-19 safety procedures we have implemented across the district.

After School Pick Up

School is dismissed at 2:50PM each day. Grades 4K-2 will be brought out into the front of the school and will wait with their teachers. Families can pull through the line and your student will come to the car, please do not exit the vehicle. Remember there is no parking or stopping in the left lane and please do not block the entrance to the parking lot. If you need to park, please park in a designated space, and if you need to exit the vehicle you must wear a face mask. Grades 3-6 will be brought out to the upper parking lot and wait with teachers. Families will pull through and students will be brought to the vehicle. Please do not exit the vehicle.

Attendance

School starts at **7:45**. If your child will be absent or late please call the school office 715.384.8181 as soon as possible. If your child is not called in they will receive an unexcused absence. If you arrive to school tardy you will need to sign in at the office. In addition, if you are picking your student up early before the **2:50** dismissal, you will need to sign the child out in the school office as well. Any tardies, absences, or instances your child leaves early will be marked. Thank you for your cooperation with these policies.



Snack Policy

Students will have the ability to have a snack in their classroom sometime during the day if the teacher permits it. Due to the rising number of dangerous food allergies and intolerances in our student population as well as many families expressing that their students do not need a snack during the day, we will not have classroom snack schedules this year. If students choose to have a snack, they may bring a simple healthy snack for just themselves. If there is a peanut allergy in your classroom snacks will need to be peanut free. Families will be informed of these allergies by the classroom teacher.

We understand that students like to celebrate birthdays at school with their friends. With this being said, please discuss this ahead of time with the classroom teacher. We encourage non-food items to be shared in order to maintain safety for all students. Only pre-packaged items from the store may be shared, no store or homemade bakery items are allowed. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in order to keep all of our students safe and healthy.

School Drills

Students at Madison will be participating in unannounced monthly fire drills. In addition, students will practice lockdown drills and medical emergency drills four times a year. Students will also participate in annual tornado drills during severe weather awareness month. Please contact the school if you have any questions about these drills.

Growth Mindset Monthly News

October: My Brain is Like a Muscle That Grows!

This month we will focus on how our brains can grow and change in incredible ways when pushed. To do this we will learn about our brain's plasticity. Learning about brain plasticity can help students put aside destructive ideas like those that people are born stupid, average, or smart, and embrace challenge as an integral and natural part of learning (Brock & Hundley, 2016, p. 62).

Breakfast

Breakfast at Madison will be grab-and-go this year. Upon arrival to the school, students will enter the building and head to the front hall to pick up a bag of breakfast and take it to their classroom to eat. The exterior gym doors will not be used for breakfast this year, they will not be open.

Breakfast and lunch menus are available on the district website

<https://marshfieldschools.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Remember all breakfast and lunch is free for all students until December 23!

Lunch

We have set up our cafeteria socially distanced with space for two classes to eat at once. Students will be assigned a seat and will be required to sit in the same place each day with their classroom. While eating students will be able to remove their face coverings. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing lanyards for our students to keep track of their face coverings while eating.

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From the District Nurses

Flu season is around the corner!

Protect yourself and your family this season with an annual flu vaccine for everyone in your family who is 6 months of age and older. While the timing of flu season is unpredictable, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and last as late as May. CDC recommends that people get vaccinated by the end of October, if possible. This year, more than ever, receiving the flu vaccine is highly recommended. The impact of both influenza & COVID is likely to bring a significant rise in the number of respiratory illnesses this year. If you have questions about whether your child should receive the flu shot please discuss this with your health care provider.

Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs. Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If your child becomes sick keep them home until they are free of fever or other symptoms for at least 24 hours without use of medication. Remind children to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue if they cough or sneeze and wash their hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Have your child vaccinated today! It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against influenza virus infection.

If you think your child has the flu, contact your medical provider. Prescription medicine called antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time length of illness. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

You have the power to protect your family against flu this season. Get yourself and your family a flu vaccine.

The Importance of Childhood Immunizations in Disease Prevention

Disease prevention is the key to public health. It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it. Vaccines prevent disease in the people who receive them and protect those who come into contact with unvaccinated individuals. Vaccines help prevent infectious diseases and save lives.

Parents are constantly concerned about the health and safety of their children and take many steps to protect them. These steps range from child-proof door latches to child safety seats. In the same way, vaccines work to protect children from illnesses and death caused by infectious diseases. While the U.S. currently has a record low number of cases of vaccine-preventable diseases, the viruses and bacteria that cause them still exist. Even diseases that have been eliminated in this country, such as polio, are only a plane ride away. Vaccine-preventable diseases have a costly impact, resulting in doctor's visits, hospitalizations, and premature deaths. Sick children can miss school time and also cause parents to lose time from work.

Before vaccines, many children died from diseases that vaccines now prevent. Those same germs exist today, but children are now protected by vaccines, so we do not see these diseases as often. Immunizing children also helps to protect the health of our community and schools. Immunizations slow down or stops disease outbreaks which are very important in a school setting.



SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

ENTRANCE TO GRADE K-12

- 4 – DTP, DTaP, DT, Td
- 1 – Tdap for grades 6-12 (or Td booster in past 5 years)
- 4 – Polio
- 2 – MMR
- 3 – Hepatitis B
- 2 – Varicella (or history of Chickenpox disease)

All vaccines given in the U.S. have been studied very carefully and are safe. They may cause mild side effects, like soreness or redness in the part of the arm where the shot was given. It is a good idea to ask your child's medical provider at every visit if there are any vaccines that he/she needs.

For more information visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.

You can also contact Wood County Health Department at 715-387-8646 or 715-421-8911 to see if your child qualifies for free or low cost vaccines.

Referendum Information

The School District of Marshfield is asking taxpayers to support a \$3.5 million recurring referendum to sustain its current programs and offerings. This will be the sixth time the school district has gone to referendum in the past 18 years. Tight budgets, increased operational expenses, and unfunded or underfunded mandates continue to drive the need to seek additional financial support. The school board recognizes these are exceptionally challenging times for families. However, to continue to sustain the academic excellence and opportunities for our students that the community has come to expect, these additional funds are necessary. You can find additional information regarding the purpose for this referendum and what is at stake by accessing the links below, or by viewing the information in this newsletter.

Informational Referendum Flyer: <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/994>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/995>

Proposed Budget Reduction List: <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/991>

Additionally, there is a referendum community listening session scheduled for Monday, October 5th, 6:00PM, at the Marshfield Middle School gymnasium.

