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THE MADISON MONTHLY

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HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

While February may be the shortest month of the year, it certainly provides action-packed experiences for all of our students that continue to remain involved and engaged in all that Madison has to offer. We continue to appreciate our entire Guidance Department, even beyond National School Counselors Week, as they continue to facilitate conversations with our 8th graders about course planning for next year and support all of our students at every grade level. We honored our SRO, Officer Bartosik, and are continually grateful that he is as much a "student first" educator at heart as he is a licensed public safety officer. We have a PTA Ski Club, which is more popular than ever, and several grade levels have enjoyed field trips to places such as Klein Auditorium and the Hillcrest Planetarium. Perhaps the busiest students (and faculty advisors) of all have been our Broadway Babies, with actors and crew prepping for a sure-to-be entertaining on stage performance of "Charlotte's Web". We also open March by thanking Mrs. Barton during School Social Worker Appreciation Week. The first week of March also coincides with SAVE Promise Say Something Week and our crew this year has planned some wonderful climate events to continue to bring our Madison family together. Coming in like a lion, March also prepares us for our Student Led Conferences, World Language Week, a PTA tournament and fundraiser, and the beginning of Trimester III. Continue to stay involved and connected to all that Madison has to offer.

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A WINDOW INTO THE STUDENT'S WORLD

(below) Broadway Babies have created a promotional advertisement in one of our cases. We are excited for the stage production on March 12th and 13th!



(right) Students had quite a bit of fun during Panther Pals' spirit week, with these two students really getting into the "students dress as teachers, teachers dress as students" day!





(below) On some of the coldest mornings, we are thankful for the WROR crew, waking and warming us up with Homeroom announcements!

(left and below) Panther Play Day this year was another success, with students connecting with adults in the building around over 50 different activities. The Lego build, superheroes, and chess activities are always popular options!







RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS

ACE Foundation

Thank you to the Trumbull ACE Foundation for their sponsorship of our MathCounts students and the regional competition. We are fortunate for all the organization supports!

MathCounts

Congratulations to our Mathletes and their convincing performance at Fairfield University for this year's Southwest CT Regionals. Madison had several students qualify for State's!

Panthers Read!

Ms. Dwyer in the Learning Commons reports that 1,679 books have been checked out to date, surpassing all of last year's total! Kids want to find that next adventure in a novel!

Norwalk Symphony Orchestra

Our very own Mr. Elkins was a featured cellist, recently performing with the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra this Winter!

VFW Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Cranston, Middle School Teacher of the Year, honored by VFW Post 10059 and our Board of Education.

Crosstown Showdown

We thank our PTA and all athletes, fans, singers, and musicians that were part of a wonderful community building event at Trumbull High School.

Panther Pals Spirit Week

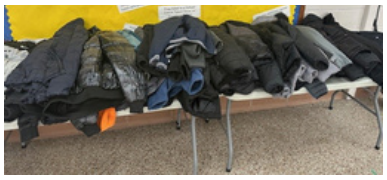
Our Panther Pals Club held a spirit week with themes which highlight the importance of friendship and empathy.

NJHS and ImpacTrumbull

NJHS Members came together for a good community cause, running a toiletry drive to help fill "blessing bags" and "care caddies" for those in need. All NJHS students fulfill a required number of service hours.

iReady Gains

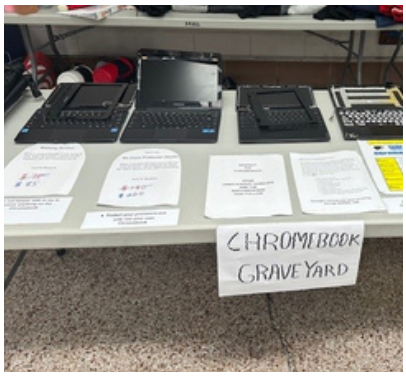
Students completed their 2nd of 3 iReady progress-monitoring assessments in Math and Reading. Students are measured by personal growth and annual goals.

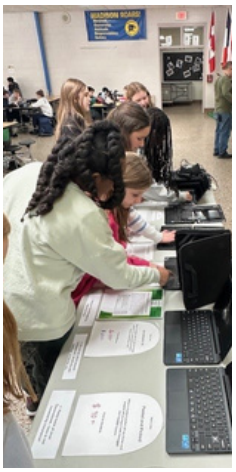




(above) The Lost and Found in the Cafeteria is full of coats, sweatshirts, and water bottles. Many announcements encourage students to find items.

(below and right) Student view the "Chromebook Graveyard" and learn about proper tech care from past mishaps.







(above) The Girls Basketball Team held an after-school celebration and also enjoyed making posters for the Crosstown Showdown.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

The March calendar is full of events that include clubs and activities, spirit and theme weeks, and schoolwide events. Extracurriculars continue to keep students afterschool on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays when the Late Bus is available. Students should always be encouraged to stay after and check out one of the **growing number of clubs** that are meeting in the immediate after school hours, including Pokemon Club, KARE, Read & ROAR, Period 8 Lounge, Sports Club (Volleyball), Chess Club, and Madison Makeover Club (to name a few). Learn more by checking the **Daily Notice** on the MMS Website. SAVE Promise is sponsoring "Say Something Week" in the first week of the month and "World Language Week" takes place a few weeks later. March 6th also marks the end of Trimester II, with Trimester III beginning Friday, March 7th. Design Thinking Competition is offered to 8th Graders and everyone is excited for "Charlotte's Web" when Broadway Babies take the stage. Teachers and students are also preparing for Student Led Conferences, which is an event to showcase many of the projects tied to "Vision of the Graduate" that students have completed in classes this year. MMS PTA will host a "Cornhole Tournament" and will also be running an online fundraiser. The next PTA meeting will be held on March 19th. Connect with the **PTA** and **PTAC** for public meeting dates and participation!

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March 3-7 - SAVE Say Something Week
March 6 - End of Trimester II
March 7 - Start of Trimester III

March 11 - Legal Day-Student Led Conferences
March 12-13- Broadway Babies - Charlotte's Web
March 13-14 -7th Grade Planetarium Field Trips

March 17 - No School, Teacher PD
March 18-21- World Language Week
March 19 - PTA Meeting
March 21 - PTA Cornhole Tournament

FEATURED CLUB/ACTIVITY: Broadway Babies

Broadway Babies is in full swing and it's almost showtime! This year's production is Charlotte's Web, based on the book by E.B. White. This is a timeless tale of friendship, courage, and self-sacrifice. It is a family-friendly show, suitable for all ages. We have almost 90 students participating in the cast and crew, and they have working very hard to make this year's show a success! Tickets are on sale now through the IC portal for $10 each (general admission), or by using the QR code (see poster to the right). Show dates are Wednesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 13th. The curtain opens at 6:30pm. All students who attend the show must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you at the show! Contact Mrs. Cerulli or Ms. Saunders for more information.



(above) Purchase your tickets for Charlotte's Web through the link and QR Code!

SHOUT OUT OF THE MONTH...

Shout Out: 8th Grader Gavin I., founder and owner of System Maven, will be presenting to the Bridgeport Regional Business Council "Coffee and Connections" Event on March 5th. We are so proud of his innovative and entrepreneurial spirit. Read more about the event and his accomplishments **HERE**!
Want to submit a shout-out for staff, students, parents, or community members? Email Mr. Coppola!

GRADE LEVEL, TEAM, OR TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Through the Learning Commons, Panther readers will participate in a March Madness book tournament for students to engage with books and find new favorites! Registration has been extended to March 21st as we compete with Hillcrest. See Ms. Dwyer with any questions. Bracket sheets will be available in grade level Google Classrooms and in the Learning Commons. Students will decide through voting which books advance!

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Our Student Government and Student Council Homeroom Reps completed a successful Toys for Tots campaign in December and now turn towards many Spring events, including grade level movie nights, an outdoor dance, and all of the 8th grade activities! We want to give a shout-out to Yelitza M. and Mia L., two homeroom reps that go above and beyond in their charge to bring information and leadership to their classmates. 8th Grade Families: stay tuned as the calendar is set for 8th grade Stepping Forth, the THS Dance, Lock-in, and Holiday Hill!