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WELCOME

#### September 2025

# From the desk of Dr. scheer

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! Welcome to all our new families, we are so glad you are here! We have been working hard to get everything prepared for the school year. We hope to have a wonderful school year full of engaging opportunities and brand-new learning experiences. At Madison, the learners come first, and each student will receive the best of every staff member here. I look forward to working with you all as partners in your child's education. If you need to contact me, please call the school 715-384-8181 or send me an email <a href="mailto:scheer@marshfieldschools.org">scheer@marshfieldschools.org</a>. Welcome back, I'm happy you will be part of our Madison family!

#### Madison Elementary is on Instagram

Follow us @madisonelemmarshfield on Instagram to see the latest activities and happenings! Scan the QR code to get started!



# **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Please check the following link on the district website, there are multiple flyers for community activities, sports, and happenings! <u>E-Flyers</u>

#### Madison Happenings & Events

**August 26:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School **September 1:** No School **September 11:** Picture Day

#### **New Staff**

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

Emma Wendt – Kindergarten Holly Davidson – 4K/ Early Childhood Amy Hopfer – DHH Interpreter Shaya Brockhaus – Special Education Assistant Andrea Zwicker – Kindergarten Brandi Kulkas – Special Education Assistant Thomas Bjoraker – Music

#### 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 for which we are truly thankful. Look for our PTO on Facebook or email them at <a href="mailto:ma

# BEFORE SCHOOL Drop OFF/ AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Madison doors will open at 7:40 AM each day. 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.

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. Grades 3-6 will be brought out to the upper parking lot and wait with teachers. Families will pull through and students will walk to the vehicle. Please do not exit the vehicle.

Parking at Madison fills up quickly. If you want to walk your student into school, you will need to park in the front parking lot or the side streets and enter the front doors. There is NO PARKING along the sidewalk, that is for drive-through drop-off only. There is also NO PARKING along the left-hand side of the driveway as this is the through lane. Please do not drop your student off in the left lane, this is a safety issue as people do not always watch when pulling away from the curb. You may need to park on neighborhood streets. All visitors to Madison will need to sign in, even at drop-off, and receive a visitor hand stamp. Visitors may only enter through the front doors.

#### Breakfast/ Lunch

Breakfast doors will open at 7:30. Students may enter and eat in the gym. Please fill out the free/ reduced lunch application that was sent home during meet and greet or head to the district website. Breakfast and lunch menus are available on the district website. <a href="https://www.marshfieldschools.org/departments/food-service">https://www.marshfieldschools.org/departments/food-service</a>

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom, please talk to the teacher. All volunteers will need to have an approved background check with the school district. Please let the secretary know if you need a volunteer background check.

#### **OFFICE**

If your child forgets something or you need to drop something off in the office, you may enter the front doors of Madison School. Ring the intercom bell by the door and the secretary will assist you.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Sometimes students will have appointments during the day. Please make sure you call the office and send a note to your child's teacher. When you come to pick your student up, please enter the front doors and ring the intercom bell. The secretary will assist you.

#### **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 in grades one and up. 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. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in order to keep all of our students safe and healthy. Any food sent into the classroom for parties or events must be store bought.

# 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.

#### safety patrol

Safety Patrol members are available to assist students on Palmetto & Doege, Apple & Doege, and Apple & Becker before and after school starting the second week of school.

#### STUDENT BULLYING

Parents and students are encouraged to read the full text of the Board of Education policy governing Bullying 5517.01 available on the district web site. Bullying resources can also be found through the family page on the district website.

#### Nondiscrimination

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\*Parents and students are encouraged to read the full text of Board policy 2260, Nondiscrimination, available on the District website or by contacting the school main office.

The Board is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District.

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs including curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

It is the policy of the Schools that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability in any of its student program and activities.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Marshfield Public Schools.

#### STUDENT RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

The School District of Marshfield will provide reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements.

#### **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. Thank you for your cooperation with these policies.





# Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

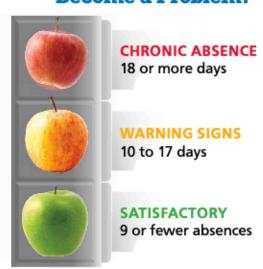
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- . Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- · Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- · Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- · Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.
   Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

# When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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