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THE MADISON MONTHLY

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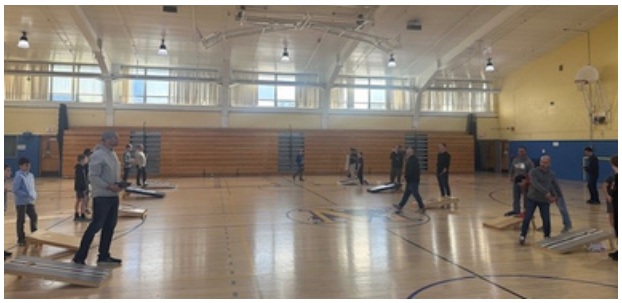
HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

March can sometimes feel like the longest month and we never know if we will be stuck in winter or be treated to an early Spring. Regardless of the weather, Madison students were busy participating in SAVE's Say Something Week and enjoying World Language Week. Many families attended the fabulous production of Charlotte's Web, the PTA hosted a Cornhole Tournament and Online Auction, and it was also nice to see parents interacting with their kids for Student Led Conferences. We started welcoming visits from our rising 5th grade students and Trimester III is in full swing. With under 60 days left in the school year it is important to stay healthy and maintain consistent attendance. April events include grade level field trips to the Hillcrest Planetarium and Bridgeport Islanders, as well as some virtual visits by several authors. Once students return from Spring Recess, it always feels like a sprint to the end of the year, but teachers always do their best to balance curricular obligations with positive energy and engaging experiences. We are busy planning for Social-Emotional Wellness Week and the PTA sponsored Health Fair, as well as the Spring Dance at the end of the Month. Continue to stay involved and encourage your child to participate in after-school activities and events.

A WINDOW INTO THE STUDENT'S WORLD



(above) Students in Mrs. Teixeira's 8th Grade Spanish class rotate through the line, practicing their language speaking and listening skills using vocabulary words.





(above) The PTA hosted its 2nd annual Cornhole Tournament. There was pizza, snacks, and friendly competition!

(left) Ms. Exantus and Mr. Coppola join Daniel D. to celebrate his selection as Student of the Month by the Rotary Club of Trumbull!

(below) Ms. Dwyer announced three winners of the the Learning Commons' March Madness Book Tournament. All participants were sure to find opportunities to explore new titles!



RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS

CMEA Western Regionals

Students Andriana E., Diana C., Alisha M., Andrew S., and Ben L. performed this past month with the Western Region Honors Orchestra and Band. This is quite an accomplishment for these students and our music program!

PTA Reflections

Two Madison students, Grace G. (visual arts) and Zoe H. (literature) were named State level winners in the PTSA Reflections contest!

Rockin' Crazy Socks

Students and adults brought out their snazzy socks to raise awareness during World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. Thank you Panther Pals for the promotion!

String Ensemble Role Models

The String Ensemble performed at Jane Ryan and Tashua, inspiring our Elementary students to rise to the next level at MMS!

Debate League Member

Well done, Ishika G., for her participation in the Bridgeport Debate League. She was at the State Capitol and debated in front of an audience of legislators on the theme of media and gender stereotypes.

Broadway Set Designers

Thank you to all that donated your time, materials, and skills (especially Mr. Amore, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Ellyson). The set of Charlotte's Web was just amazing!

World Language Celebrations

Thank you to the entire World Language department for filling the school with energy and celebration around culture and language!

SLC Success

Kudos to students that engaged parents in student led conferences. This is an opportunity, in a structured way, to celebrate progress, skills, and accomplishments from the year.

Paraprofessional Appreciation

April 3 is Paraprofessional's Day and a time to recognize all of the support, kindness, and efforts of our paras. They are at the core of education at MMS!





(above and left) The cast and crew of Charlotte's Web gave audiences a memorable performance!

(below) The 8th Grade class picture allowed for some silliness AFTER the more formal pic was captured!





(above and below) Highlights from World Language Week include dancing with Ms. Matthews and cultural Kahoot!





(above) Baby ducks have arrived in time for Spring and Ms. Baillargeon's Science Club has been keeping them warm and well fed!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL

The April calendar showers us with school and student events, from start to finish! The initial week is a calm before Spring Recess and we have two virtual author talks for students. The talk on April 10th invites the author of a novel, read by all 7th graders, to interact with Madison students and answer any questions students may have. 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 The literary Magazine Club, 3D Printing Club, Madison Make-Over Club, Dungeons and Dragons, Period 8 Lounge, Puzzle Club (to name a few). Learn more by checking the **Daily Notice** on the MMS Website. When students return, they will be treated to a "Social Emotional Wellness Week" which looks to focus on helping students better understand their emotions in relation to their academic enviornment. This will culminate with the PTA sponsored health fair and Spring Dance! We value your input and also want to remind all parents/guardians to complete the school climate surveys. MMS PTA will host a two restaurant nights (April 8th - Mex on Main, and April 22nd - Trumbull Pizza Company). The next PTA meeting will be held on April 9th. Connect with the **PTA** and **PTAC** for public meeting dates and participation!

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April 2 - 6th Grade Field Trip to Islanders Game
April 3 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

April 8 - Author Book Talk (Starfish by Lisa Fipps)
April 9 - PTA Meeting
April 10 - 7th Grade Author Talk (I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Aliferenka)

April 14-18 - School Closed for Spring Recess

April 21-25 - Social Emotional Wellness Week
April 25 - PTA Sponsored Health Fair
- Spring Dance

FEATURED CLUB/ACTIVITY:
Read and Roar

Read and Roar, Madison's book club, is a student club that meets in the Learning Commons during lunch. Students enjoy this space and time to come together and read books, share their favorite books, or select a book to read together and publish reviews on the club's website. Read and Roar is always open to new members and any interested students should contact Ms. Dwyer, Library Media Specialist, for more information.

PTA
MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

(above) Thank you to PTA parent, Mr. Songer, for lending his design expertise in the development of the new MMS PTA Logo!

SHOUT OUT OF THE MONTH...

Shout Out: 8th Grader Daniel D. was nominated and selected by his teachers as the Trumbull Rotary Madison Middle Schooler of the Year. He is universally respected by his peers and teachers and shows great promise with engineering and architectural design!
Want to submit a shout-out for staff, students, parents, or community members? Email Mr. Coppola!

GRADE LEVEL, TEAM, OR TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we celebrate Grade 7, Team 2 and Ms. Baillargeon's creative leadership around a "mini-theme week" connected to the 7th grade field trip to the planetarium. The teachers and students were busy connecting with themes which included NASA, the constellations, Mars and the Solar System, mysterious black holes, and other related science topics. This built deeper meaning and student fascination around the curriculum.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Our Student Government and Student Council Reps have outlined a list of Spring events, which include the outdoor dance, 6th & 7th grade movie night, 8th Grade Lock-in, and others that keep our students active and busy right through the end of the year. Student leaders guide much of the logistical work and registering of students, helping teachers during Homeroom.