James Madison Charter Academy

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Madison Manifesto



Dr. Anne Shearer-Shineman Principal



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 5 Literacy reports go home
- ◆ Feb. 14 Red, White & Pink Theme Day
- ♦ Feb. 15 PTO 6:00
- ◆ Feb. 16 & 19 -NO SCHOOL -President's Day holiday
- ◆ Feb. 20 Literacy reports go home
- ♦ Feb. 20 March
- ◆ Feb. 26 BAAC 4:00
- ◆ Feb. 26 Board 6:00
- ♦ Wednesday is Early Release at 1:00

CMAS testing for grades 3-7 during the month of April. PLEASE ensure you child is at school and on time during this month.

Principal's News

This is a busy quarter! We had spelling bees last week and the District Speech Contest will be March 1. We begin our annual read-a-thon on February 20 in conjunction with our celebration of Dr. Seuss Day on March 2. Be forewarned that we will be having Seuss Character Day on March 2. There are many characters that students may be adorned as on that day. It is probably not too early to remind everyone that the month of April is state testing for students in grades 3-7. We try not to do extra activities during that month so we may concentrate on testing. We request that any appointments, trips, or other happenings that take students out of school during that month be scheduled outside the school day.

Dr. S

Read-a-thon

Have a business you would like to advertise on the Read-a-thon website for all families to see? When you place your advertisement on the site, it is on several pages and viewed by our community as well as friends and supports. We encourage the support of local businesses. For as little as \$100, a local business can get an ad on every page on our Read-a-thon website. Ask your dentist, doctors, realtors and stores to donate today. The website is read-a-thon.co/donate/ and the secret code to use is 17790.

Theme Day

February's theme day will be Red, White and Pink day on February 14. Students may wear any or all of those colors by paying \$1. Dr. S says you may also wear PURPLE

> NO SCHOOL February 16 & 19 President's Day

Proceeds from Bond Issue

All District 3 schools will receive a little over \$31,000 from the recent bond election. We will solicit ideas from students, parents and staff about how we should spend our money. We are to spend it on items that will benefit our students. This can be building improvements, technology or other programs. It may not be spent on curriculum. The BAAC will be responsible for obtaining input and putting forth recommendations. Watch for a survey to come home soon.

Our request for a new fire security system was approved and will be funded over and above the \$31,000. We had also requested parking lot improvements, including regrading and surfacing the dirt area. That project is still being considered.

SPELLING BEES

Our JMCA spelling bee included representatives from each class, grades 4-7. The top spellers were:

4th grade Anthony Washell

5th grade Jack Calabrese

6th grade Aaron Johnson

7th grade Amon Stone

Aaron was our grand champion with Jack second and Anthony third.

Tony represented 4th grade at the District Bee, along with Daniel Rivera and Landen Cummings. Our 5th graders were Jack, Naaman Rios and Natalia Hildebrand.

All the students did a great job. They demonstrated poise, confidence and spoke with loud voices. I was proud of them when they congratulated several of the winners and sponsors of the team when we boarded the bus to return to school. Sponsors of the event also commented to me how wonderful our children were.

Other News Manifesto



Absences

When your child is going to be absent, please call

391-3977 before 9:00

a.m. This allows us to

efficiently. If you know

your child will be absent

an Excused Absence

Request Form at the front office. We

appreciate your cooperation in this

matter.

in advance, please fill out

verify absences

BAAC

PTO NEWS

The next PTO meeting is

Thank you for your support of BAAC projects and fundraising. Please participate in our next event, the Read-A-Thon. This is another opportunity for family, friends and others to pledge money to the school via internet. The next BAAC meeting is

Thursday, February 15

at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

Now that it is really winter, students need to be dressed to go outside at recess. Students may wear boots to school but they are required to change into sneakers when they get inside. Boots may only be worn to and from school and at recess only.

Students who wish to wear long underwear tops must wear long-sleeved polo shirts and only white undershirts are allowed.

Outerwear may not be worn in class, only JMCA sweaters.

Lottery reminder

Don't forget to let us know of any siblings who will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall. Children must reach the age of 5 by October 1. We need a pre-registration form for all prospective kinders by February 9. The lottery will be held on February 13.

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Safety Reminder

Your children's safety is a priority at JMCA. We continue to improve our procedures to ensure children are safe at school. Don't forget that students are not allowed to carry any type of medicine with them at school. This includes over-the-counter items such as aspirin, Pepto-Bismol or ointments.

Board of Directors

The Board's Father-Daughter
Dance/Party is scheduled for
Saturday, February 10. They still need
parent volunteers to assist with
organizing and hosting this event. A
sub-committee began meeting in
December but more parents are
welcome to help.

The next BOD meeting is

Monday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Carpool

Parents are reminded to follow our carpool procedures for student safety and efficiency. PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

SCRIP

Gift cards make a quick and easy gift any time!

If you wish to place an order, just complete the order form and make checks payable to "JMCA".

School Closures

Don't forget that our school closures are posted on our website and local media outlets. We try to post by 6:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, daycare follows the same schedule. No late starts on Wednesdays, only closure due to the short day.

