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Madison Manifesto



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Principal



Principal's News

Make sure to put your child's conference day and time on your calendar and be on time. We are spending time with each family and scheduling is tight. If you are unable to attend the conference, please call and reschedule.

Dr. S

Fall Fundraiser

Fall fundraiser packets were sent home with children on Friday after our "kick-off" assembly. Sales go through the week of fall break with orders due on Monday, October 16. As with all of our fundraisers, we do not expect students to sell items door-to-door. They can use email and internet to receive orders from friends and relatives. Parents can support the fundraiser by sharing at work.

Coat Drive for Pre-school

Please help us gather new (and very gently used) winter coats for local little tykes. We need sizes 0 - 5T. Our coat drive goes through the month of October and coats may be dropped off at the front office. Let's keep our little ones warm this winter!

Carpool Reminder

When going through carpool, DO NOT block driveways and cul-de-sacs. We need to be good neighbors and let residents out.

Spirit Wear

Sales will be offered during parent conferences for those who were not able to purchase items earlier.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 6 - End of 1st quarter
- ◆ Oct. 7 - Widefield Community Parade
- ◆ Oct. 9-13- NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Oct. 12 & 13 - Parent conferences
- ◆ Oct. 13 & 14 - installation of sprinkler system!!
- ◆ Oct. 16 - 2nd quarter begins
 - After-school activities begin
 - Fall fundraiser due
 - Chick-fil-A calendars go on sale
- ◆ Oct. 18 - 1st quarter assembly 8:15
- ◆ Oct. 19 - PTO 6:00
- ◆ Oct. 30 - 5:30 - Board work session (Strategic Planning)
- ◆ Oct. 30 - 6:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ Nov. 7 - Chick-fil-A night!
- ◆ Wednesday is Early Release at 1:00
- ◆ Wednesday is Formal dress

Report cards change

In keeping with our research-based programming at JMCA, we have made changes in how we report student progress to parents. You have been receiving bi-weekly literacy progress reports already that indicate student progress on our "strands" in literacy. In addition, you will receive monthly reports from the specials teachers on student progress in PE and Music. We put these reports in place and eliminated the midquarter reports because we believe this is a more informational and timely way of keeping you apprised of your child's progress.

Another change is that students in grades K-2 will not receive a traditional report card at the end of each quarter. Instead, they will receive an end-of-quarter report on literacy and numeracy strands. Their attendance is on the Parent Report Card.

Research shows that giving grades to students is detrimental to their growth and performance. That is why we use B, D, and S. Particularly in grades K-8, there is not a need to give grades.

We are concerned about individual growth and performance more than performance compared to other students.



Other News



*WE WANT YOU...
For PTO*

Absences

When your child is going to be absent, please call 391-3977 before 9:00 a.m. This allows us to verify absences efficiently. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please fill out an Excused Absence Request Form at the front office. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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"JMCA inspires children to explore a diverse world through hands-on learning."

PTO NEWS

Committee meetings:

Parade float - Fridays at 5:00 at the home of the Muñoz family.

Fall Festival - October 5 at Christina Hildebrand's house.

Please help with one *or both* of these activities!

Thank you and congratulations to our new PTO Board:

President	Rachel Breaux
Vice President	Jodi Anderson
Secretary	Natasha Garcia
Treasurer	Mariz Brown
Volunteer coordinator	Stephanie Soliz
Fundraiser coordinator	Nora Willard

**Our next meeting is:
Thursday, September 21
at 6:00 p.m.**

** Earn volunteer hours for attending meetings and events!



BAAC

At our last meeting, we reviewed upcoming fall fundraisers:

- October - Chick-fil-A Cow Calendar sales
- November - Chick-fil-A Night
- December - Chipotle Night

We have started a grants committee that meets to seek and develop grant proposals to help the school. We are also working on obtaining media coverage of events at the school.

Our new underground sprinkler system is set to be installed on October 13 and 14. We will need volunteers to assist with this project. Times will be announced when we have them.

**Our next meeting is:
Monday, November 27**

SCRIP

Keep using SCRIP! You don't have to pay tax and JMCA earns a percentage back from the vendor. We take orders every Wednesday and it takes about a week to receive the cards back after we order them.

Manifesto

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 of Directors meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the science/art room. Meetings are public and parents are encouraged to attend. Parents earn **volunteer time** for attending meetings.

For the next few months, the Board will hold work sessions at 5:30 p.m. prior to monthly meetings to develop a strategic plan. These meetings are also public.

**Our next meeting is:
Monday, October 30
at 6:00 p.m.**

JMCA Educational Activity Center

The EAC will be OPEN during fall break! Make your reservation NOW!

The EAC is open before and after school each day, 1:00 on Wednesdays. Services are provided from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. You have flexibility in how often you utilize the EAC for your child(ren). We offer educational activities, snacks and FUN!

