

Madison Campus Elementary Update

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WELCOME BACK!

We trust everyone had a fun and restful Christmas break and are ready to work hard and make this a successful 2nd semester.

SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

Please take note that school closings will be reported on the following radio and T.V. stations:



Radio

WJXA 92.9 FM
WSM 95.9 FM
WSM 650 AM

Television

WKRN 2
WSMV 4
WTVF 5
FOX 17

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The assembly for our annual Geography Bee will be held in the school gym this Friday, January 6 at 8:00 A.M. Students in grades 4-8 will be participating in this. The teachers are doing preliminary rounds in the classrooms this week, and the two top winners from each room will participate in the assembly Friday. Parents are invited to join us.



TRAFFIC FLOW REMINDER

Our drop-off and pick-up procedures have gotten better, however; there are still some areas that could be improved. Some are forgetting about not dropping off children from the left lane. Please wait until you can safely get into the right lane to drop off your child. We do not want children walking in between vehicles. Also, please park in the parking lot provided if you need to come into the school. If you are one of the first vehicles to arrive at dismissal time, please pull all the way up to the end to allow for more vehicles to get into the school pick-up area. Thanks for your cooperation!

DRESS CODE

Just to remind you...our staff has noticed a problem in three different areas:

All students in grades 3-8 are required to wear belts to school.

All students are required to tuck in their shirts.

The dress policy in our handbook states that socks are to be white or navy, any style.

Thanks for remembering to follow the school dress code!



HOT LUNCH ORDERS

All hot lunch orders must be placed by 9:15 a.m. We have several students a day who decide at 11:00 a.m. they are eating hot lunch that day. Please remind your child that our cook must have an accurate count by 9:15 a.m. If orders come in later that that, there may not enough food prepared. If you know your child is going to arrive later than 9:15, please call the school and let us know if they need hot lunch that day. Thank you!

CHEERLEADING PRACTICE

Will resume on Monday January 9th at 5:00 p.m.

NEW GRADEBOOK TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE SOON

Dear Parents,

In an effort to help parents more fully manage their child's progress, and to promote greater student ownership over their success in school, MCE has recently purchased gradebook software for our teachers, and a subscription to Edline, a grade and assignment reporting Web site that will allow parents to log in and view their child's progress. These two tools will allow teachers more flexibility in providing information for parents and students both, and we hope all of you are able to take advantage of them. These tools will be implemented throughout the next few weeks and more information will follow soon.

Our desire was to introduce these tools during the second semester to give teachers sufficient time to become familiar with their features before the start of the next school year. For this reason we ask for your patience as we come up-to-speed with this new technology and as we work through issues that may arise. An information packet will be distributed to all parents soon which will contain the answers to many of your questions. In the meantime however, should you have any concerns or questions about the direction MCE is taking with this technology, please direct them to our technology coordinator, Richard Thomason (rthomason@madisoncampus.org), or our interim principals Larry Bogar or Ted Hewlett, by calling the school. Thank you for your support as we move forward with technology in our school.

PE NEWS

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! The focus of the first few weeks of the semester will be on fitness activities (in case your vacation was fairly sedentary ☺). Each of the grades will be learning age-appropriate advanced jump rope skills— fancy footwork like the “skier”, jumping jacks, “helicopter” and “bell”. Students will also learn to jump at 3 different partner skills using one or two ropes in addition to individual jump rope skills. Eventually, we hope to put some of these skills in a sequence to form short jump rope routines. We also will be playing a variety of tag games in class. Students can write down their choices of tag games and bring them to class for future use.

HIGHLAND ACROFEST “06”**Attention all acrosport, and tumbling enthusiasts—grade 5 and above!**

Highland Academy is having a clinic January 19-21 featuring the Southern Adventist University Gym Masters as clinicians. Registration and the first sessions are Thursday evening, January 19. Friday is a full day of learning ending with vespers and Sabbath will be a fun day featuring our own Sabbath School, church service and afternoon religious activities. The clinic will end with an Acrofest show on Saturday night. The cost for housing, 6 meals and a t-shirt is \$35. Registration/consent forms are available in the school office. Checks should be made out to Highland Academy, listing “Acrofest” in the memo section. The deadline for pre-registration is January 14. Please turn in your checks and paper work to the office as soon as possible. Dr. Morgan will make arrangements for transportation once she knows the number of students intending to participate. A male sponsor/chaperone is needed that would be available to spend Thursday and Friday night at Highland Academy with the boys who are attending from MCE. Dr. Morgan will be in charge of the entire group during the day, but will need the extra assistance at night. If you can help, please contact the school office, or get in touch with Dr. Morgan (754-9067). **This clinic is for all students that want to come, grade 5 and above, even if you have not had a lot of training, but are interested in learning.**

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GYMNASTICS

There will be a gymnastics class this coming Monday, January 9, 3:45 P.M. at the Madison Academy Gym. Please have your January payment turned in before class that day.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Metro Health Department came by the school to audit our records today. There are several students who will be receiving letters regarding missing vaccinations. If you receive one of those, please see your pediatrician's office, and have the written proof turned in to the school office by Monday, February 6th. Thanks



MUSIC NOTES



- ALL band students will be auditioning for chair placements (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd chairs, etc.) and for section leaders beginning on Wednesday, Jan 18 during class. This is also a playing test grade. Please encourage your child to practice at home.
- DVD's of MCE's Christmas Program are still available. Each child's family is given 1 copy free by the school. Please contact Mrs. Beth Davis or the MCE Office for details.
- The concert Band will be performing on Sabbath morning, January 28 at Nashville First Church. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you, students, parents, teachers & staff for helping to make the Christmas Program such a success. GREAT JOB!

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Island & Sea: Deadline March 3

March 10, 2006 - 8 p.m.

March 11, 2006 - 8 p.m.

Sarah Chang, violin

Russian Masters: Deadline March 24

March 31, 2006 - 8 p.m.

April 1, 2006 - 8 p.m.

Victor Yampolsky, conductor

Frank Huang, violin

Mahler's Resurrection: Deadline April 21

April 28, 2006 - 8 p.m.

April 29, 2006 - 8 p.m.

George Mabry, chorus director

Rogé Plays Ravel: Deadline May 5

May 12, 2006 - 8 p.m.

May 13, 2006 - 8 p.m.

David Stahl, conductor

Pascal Rogé, piano

The Farewell Symphony: Deadline May 19

May 26, 2006 - 8 p.m.

May 27, 2006 - 8 p.m.

Anne Akiko Meyers, violin

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

2005—2006 MCE CHOIR

Mr. Wensell, our new choir director for this year, has completed auditions and chosen his choir members. There will be a Tuesday group and a Thursday group, they meet from 2:50 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. So you can plan your pick-up schedule, they are as follows:

Tuesday 2:50 P.M. 3 Parts Choir:

Sopranos

Nikki Ross

Altos

Amanda Stover

Tenors

Ethan Prow

PE NEWS

The major focus of all the PE classes during the first few weeks of school has been physical fitness development. This year the PE Department purchased over 60 jump ropes in various lengths to accommodate all the students from Kindergarten up through 8th grade. The students have been practicing running the length of the gym while jumping rope, and stationary jumping. They are counting to see how many times they can jump within a specified time period (speed jumping), and how many jumps in a row they can do without a miss (accuracy jumping). The fitness portion of the grade for the 1st 9 weeks will include a jump rope timing (30 seconds for grades K-2, 1 minute for 3rd & 4th, and 2 minutes for 5-8.) If you have jump ropes at home, please encourage your child to practice these skills. It would be a worthwhile investment to purchase a rope since jumping rope is an excellent aerobic activity! We have also been working on developing the proper body position and technique for pushups, and have been practicing various exercises that develop abdominal strength. (Ask your student to demonstrate “V” sits, “let downs”, and “6 inches”). We also have been practicing different ways to do sit-ups.

The PE Department needs your empty Clorox bottles and 2 liter soda bottles. The Clorox bottles will be cut to fashion scoops which the lower grades will use to catch yarn balls. The soda bottles half filled with water are transformed into excellent “bowling pins”. Please drop off your empties at the office or the gym.

Keep Sunday, September 25, open on your calendars for our Fall Picnic. We need about 2 dozen parent volunteers on that day to keep events running smoothly. Please call Mrs. Morgan at 754-9067 if you can help. THANK YOU!!

