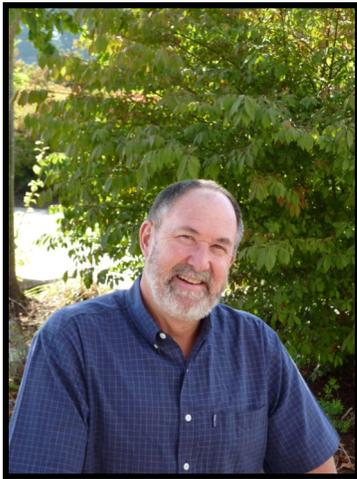


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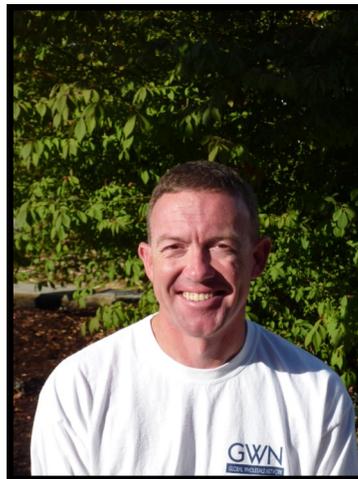
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REMINDER: 12:30 ER on Fri., Oct.5 & NO SCHOOL on Fri., Oct. 12!

Principal's Letter:

What an AWESOME start! Our grade level teams are in place and up and running, I've been spending every available moment in the classrooms seeing the awesome work teachers and students are doing and using that time to get to know your wonderful children. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the 6th, 7th and 8th graders new to our school. What a great group of young people! I have heard more "Please" and "Thank you's" in the first month of school than I heard all of last year. The way they treat each other and take care of each other is a testament to their upbringing.

As always, our focus is on improving student achievement. One key factor in this is work completion. We are working from several directions to assure students are completing class work and homework. Almost all of our teachers are using Jupiter Grades. This is an on-line service that is being used by teachers, students, and parents to keep abreast of student progress. Every child has an account and every parent has the ability to check their students' grades from the comfort of home. If you don't have access to a computer, please come in and use the computer in our Positive Family Support room. At our October MPO meeting we will be showing folks how to access Jupiter Grades and the Positive Family Support room. We are also continuing our PRIDE program. PRIDE stands for Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort. We make almost daily announcement reminding kids about this program. Each nine weeks we reward the students that are doing what it takes to be a successful student by taking them to places like the movies, Putters, Splash, and Skate World. A student is showing PRIDE by completing all their work (doesn't have to be A's and B's, but it does have to be completed), no discipline referrals, no more than three tardies and has all textbooks/fines taken care of. Please, help us support your child by reminding them about PRIDE and by making use of Jupiter Grades.

Once again, my door is always open if you have any questions, suggestions, concerns or compliments. Call, email, or come and see me. I want to hear them.



Scott Marsh

Important Reminder!

Parents, please remind your students to **wear a helmet** if they are biking, skateboarding, or rollerblading to and from school. It's the law!!!

BE SAFE!!!



Volunteer Opportunities!!

Check out these upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Collie if you have any questions: 514-790-4313 or collie_n@4j.lane.edu

Current volunteer opportunities include:

- **River Walk:** We need parents to walk with the students, help set up and cleanup, and supervision during the reward fun time afterward, on Oct. 11, 9 am-3:30 pm
- **Activity Night:** Chaperone the Fall Activity Night on Oct. 26 from 6:45 - 9 pm

When volunteering at Madison, please remember to sign in and out in the front office and pick up a volunteer badge! Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with fee nights, picture day, passing out PE shirts, passing out schedules, and manning the office counters/phones!

YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!!!!

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on **Friday, October 19**. Students should plan on getting photographed if they weren't here on the last picture day or if they want retakes (they must return their entire first packet to the photographer if getting retakes). Picture envelopes will be available in the office the week before.

SAY CHEESE!!

**MADISON
PARENT
ORGANIZATION**
**MPO will meet Tuesday,
October 9 @ 7:00 pm!!!**

Parents, this is YOUR organization and we want you to be involved! MPO is totally organized and run by Madison parents, and to succeed, we need your input! In the past, MPO has hosted concessions for Activity Nights, raised money for field trips, and helped plan and implement our amazing Family Fun Night to raise awareness for our PBIS program. Come one, come all!!!

River Walk is Coming!

Our one BIG fundraiser of the year is about to arrive! On Oct. 11, ALL students will go on the River Walk. Students will walk approximately 4-5 miles along the river bike path, to Alton Baker Park. Then they will relax, play, and have a BBQ lunch, before being bussed back to Madison. After arriving back at Madison, students who have raised **\$25 or more** will get to have their rewards, while all others will go to classes. The Limo Lunch reward and the special assembly will take place on a later date. Following is the reward structure:

- **\$25+ Students get cotton candy, DJ fun, and organized games with prizes, outside on the fields**
- **\$35+ Students get the above plus the dunk tank**
- **\$50+ Students get all of the above plus the inflatable obstacle course and slide**
- **\$100+ Students get all of the above plus the Limo Lunch**

Also, the Advisory class that brings in the most money gets \$100 and the Advisory class that has the highest percentage of students who bring in money, gets \$100! If we raise \$10,000, our fearless student supervisor, General Wiltz (Ms. Audrey), will spend a whole day with her mouth duct taped. If we raise \$12,000, Ms. Loftin will get her head shaved during the assembly. If we raise \$14,000, on Civil War game day, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Stead (our most ardent Beaver fans) will wear Duck gear, and Mr. Erickson will wear Beaver gear for a day; on top of that, Mr. Marsh will be in the front display case during passing times, for students' viewing pleasure.

GET THOSE DONATIONS IN!!!

8th Grade Parents:

As one of the most influential people in your child's life, now is a critical time to make sure your child is prepared to take that next step after graduation, whether that means starting college or starting a career. Monitoring college and career readiness is important to your child's future so we have decided to administer EXPLORE®. EXPLORE is curriculum-based educational and career planning program for 8th and 9th graders that measures achievement in English, math, reading, and science. The assessment is based on the major areas of high school and postsecondary instructional programs and measures the skills and knowledge needed for college success.

EXPLORE is designed to help eighth and ninth graders explore a broad range of options for their future. Additionally, EXPLORE includes a career exploration component that stimulates students' thinking about future plans and relates personal characteristics to career

options. Assessing students before high school also helps them build rigorous high school coursework plans to get, or stay, on track for their educational and career goals.

We will be administering the EXPLORE assessment on October 17th, 2012. Visit www.explorestudent.org for more information. Together we will prepare your student to be college and career ready.

When the Flu Strikes

- **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand cleansers also are effective. Avoid other ways viruses can be easily transmitted, such as sharing personal items (e.g. drinks, food, utensils).
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- **Keep children at home if they are sick with flu-like illness.** Stay home for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Symptoms of the flu are a fever (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit) along with symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. A little sniffle is not a reason to stay home, but influenza is! Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
- **Get your family vaccinated.** Seasonal flu vaccines are available now, and H1N1 flu vaccines are expected to be available to priority groups beginning in October. Watch for flu clinics at your doctor's office, clinic, pharmacy or elsewhere, and take advantage of them as soon as available. If you are not sure about whether or not you should get the vaccine, call your healthcare provider for advice.
- Other recommended steps to prepare for the possibility of flu include: **update your emergency contact information** at your schools; **plan for child care at home** if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed; and **identify if you have family members who are at higher risk** of serious disease from the flu and talk to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season.

Fall Activity Night: Monster Bash!!

Friday, October 26, 7:00-9:00 pm
Madison and Kelly Students
\$4.00 with Activity Card or \$5.00 without Activity Card

Madison's first Activity Night of the year is coming soon! There are many fun activities planned for this evening and attending is a fun and easy way for students to meet and make new friends. This year's will be a combined event, with Kelly MS students joining us! Students are welcome to dress up in costumes, although no masks are allowed (your face must be identifiable). Also, you may not have weapons (even though they may be fake). There will be dancing (with Kelly kids DJing), open gym, karaoke, and several other fun activities, along with yummy concessions for sale. **There will also be a free Photo Booth!!** Fast Entry bracelets will be sold during both lunches on Thursday & Friday, Oct. 25-26. These are prepaid bracelets that allow you to enter quickly with no standing in line! Students can also pay at the door.

Reminder: you must have your Activity Card with you during purchase, to receive the discount.

Activity Night expectations are as follows:

- Only Madison and Kelly students may attend.
- Students must arrive before 7:30 pm to be admitted, unless previous arrangements have been made with the office. If a student needs to leave early, he/she must inform an administrator and call for a parent to pick them up. The parent must come to the front entrance to pick up the student. Once a student leaves, he/she may not return to the Activity Night. *Note for parents picking up early: you may only pick up your own student!*
- All appropriate school behavior expectations apply; students are to enter and leave through the main entrance.
- Students who have a **level III referral or a suspension between Activity Nights will not be allowed to attend.** Students will be notified by the office if they are unable to attend due to referrals or suspensions.
- All students need to be picked up at 9:00 pm .

