

Madras Middle School

WEEKLY NOTES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST

WEEK OF MAY 26, 2009



Our Mission: *Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day*
Our Motto: *Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence*
Our Web Site: <http://www.cowetaschools.org/mms>

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Mark Your Calendar

May

- 26 - CRCT Reading Retake for 8th Grade
- 27 - CRCT Math Retake for 8th grade
- 27 - LA/Lit Exams for 6th and 7th grades
- 28 - Sci/SS Exams for 6th and 7th grades
- 28 - Band Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m., MMS Gym
- 29 - Eighth Grade Year End Celebration & Cookout
- 29 - Math Exam for 6th/7th grades
- 29 - Last Day of School

June

- 2 - Pick up report cards after 1:00 p.m.
- 3 - Summer School Parent Meeting at the Central Education Center, 6:30 p.m.

July

- 20-23 - Pep Squad Camp for 8th Grade Pep Squad Members, 9:00-3:30 at MMS

August

- 3 - First day of Volleyball and Football Practices
- 4 - (4th-6th) Teacher Workdays
- 5 - PTSO Luncheon for Teachers
- 6 - Open House; 10:00-12:00 noon
- 7 - First Day of School
- 14 - Preseason Volleyball Tournament at Lee Middle School
- 18 - Madras Open House, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Volleyball game; ECMS @ MMS
- 21 - Football Preseason Jamboree at ECHS, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 - School Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 - Volleyball game; LMS @ MMS
- 25 - Football game; MMS @ ECMS
- 28 - Volleyball game; MMS@ Evans
- 31 - Volleyball; LMS@MMS

Check Web site for changes or additional details.

Congratulations Honor Students

Madras sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were recognized at their respective Honors Programs last week in front of peers and family. (Photos will be published in the Newnan Times-Herald this summer.) Receiving top honors for the highest averages were:



Clint Garn, 8th Grade (top)
Kaitlyn Seagraves, 6th Grade (left)
Maggie Shiffert, 7th Grade (right)

Volleyball Tryouts for 2009-2010

Any student who is a current sixth or seventh grader and is interested in trying out for the Lady Eagles volleyball team in August must pick up forms in the front office. Paperwork will need to be submitted to assistant principal, Mrs. Smith by May 29th to be eligible for tryouts beginning August 3rd.



Final Report Cards

Final report cards may be picked up in the front office at MMS after 1:00 p.m. beginning June 2nd. All lunch charges, book fines, and library fines must be paid before report cards are released.

If you do not wish to pick up your child's report card at the school this summer, please remember to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to your child's home-room teacher so that the report card can be mailed.

CRCT Scores are Here

Letters were sent home with students Friday, May 15th to provide you with your child's results on the Spring CRCT.

While an official score report will be coming home soon, it is likely that those individual reports will not arrive before students leave school for the summer. We have received a roster version of the scores and wanted to get you this information as soon as possible. CRCT scale scores are as follows:

- *At or Above 850 = Exceeds the Standard*
- *800 to 849 = Meets the Standard*
- *Below 800 = Does Not Meet Standard*

More information about the CRCT, including a detailed Score Interpretation Guide, may be found by visiting the Georgia Department of Education's website at www.gadoe.org. Click on the Curriculum tab, followed by Testing, then CRCT.

We will be sending home the full score report from the state as usual in the coming weeks, we simply wanted to provide this information to you since it is available to us.

NOTICE: Sixth and seventh grade students in the state of Georgia will not receive a score on the Social Studies section of the CRCT this year due to a revision of the state curriculum for social studies. All sixth and seventh grade students statewide participated in the Social Studies CRCT, just as they normally would, but the results will be used at the state level to set new standards for proficiency and check the validity and reliability of the test items as they relate to the revised curriculum. Students in sixth and seventh grade will not receive individual scores for this field test, nor will schools or school systems receive those scores.

Weekly Notes from the Eagles' Nest

Fill your preteen's summer with books to maintain 'word smarts'

No more pencils, no more books? No way! According to research, kids may lose some of their "word smarts" if they don't keep reading over the summer.

So make a point of surrounding your preteen with words this summer. You can:

- Make suggestions. Too hot to go outside? Suggest a few good titles to help your preteen while away the afternoon. What could be nicer than a cold drink and a cool book?
- Browse bookstores. There's no need to rush your preteen through the aisles. Allow time to discover something new.
- Visit the library. Don't make trips to the public library a once-in-a-while occasion. Go often!

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Clinic Notes

All prescription medication must be picked up by parents before the end of the school year. Over the counter medication can be sent home at the end of the day with your child. Medications not picked up by May 29th will be discarded.



Transition to Math I Course Offered

Description: A non-credit course for students who passed 8th grade math but who want to strengthen their math skills in preparation for Math I

Course Dates: June 5 – 30, 2009

Course Location: Central Education Center

Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

Transportation: will not be provided.

Meals: will not be provided.

Cost: There is no cost to attend the classes for Coweta County students.

Limited to 30 participants per course per session; first come, first serve basis

Letters have been sent home with eighth grade students, or you can download a form online at <http://www.cowetaschools.org/mms>. Forms should be returned to your child's math teacher by **Friday, May 29, 2009**.

Middle School Summer School 2009

Summer School Location

Central Educational Center

Dates and Times

Classes will be held weekdays Friday, June 5th through Tuesday, June 30th, 8:00 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Administrators

Andy Clarke, *Assistant Principal at Arnall Middle School*

Jeff Kelly, *Assistant Principal at East Coweta Middle School*

Eligible Students

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who fail two or three subjects are eligible for summer school. Parents will be notified by letter and phone call as soon as final grades are posted.

Cost

The cost for summer school is \$200. No personal checks will be accepted. Payment must be cash, money order, or cashier's check. Payment may be made at the base school beginning Monday, June 1st, or at the parent meeting at the Central Educational Center.

Transportation

Parents must provide transportation for students to and from summer school at the Central Educational Center.

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting to discuss summer school on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Educational Center.

From the Eagles Cafeteria

As we approach the end of another year we would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school meal program.

Please be aware that students may no longer charge a lunch. You can help by making sure your student has cash or enough money on his/her account to purchase meals through May 29th.

Any extra balance on student accounts may remain through the next school year or may be picked up by students before May 29th. All charges must be paid immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Patterson at wendy.patterson@cowetaschools.org or call 770-254-2816.



Garrett Stephens Breaks MMS Track Record!

Eighth grader Garrett Stephens broke the Madras school record at the Middle School Track Championships in the 800 meter run with a time of 2min. 18.28 sec. The old record was 2min 19.30sec. Way to go, Garrett!



PTSO *Calling All Parents*

We are beginning the final countdown to the end of the year, and the Madras PTSO needs you! We are looking for volunteers to serve in various capacities for the coming school year, 2009-2010, and the PTSO is a wonderful way to get to know other parents while helping the faculty and students at MMS.

The Madras PTSO sponsors a variety of activities and works with teachers and administration to help provide funding for extra instructional needs. Our organization also volunteers time in the school and provides "extras" for teachers such as *Wonderful Wednesday*, Teacher Appreciation goodies, dessert bars and more! Please consider helping Madras continue its tradition of excellence by volunteering your time and talents. If you would like to become a member of PTSO, please complete the membership form below, or download a copy from the MMS Web site, and return the school's front office. If you have any questions, please email Cathryn Ray at mattandcatray@hotmail.com for more details.

2009-2010 Madras Middle School PTSO Membership Form

Welcome to Madras!

The purpose of the PTSO at Madras is to help improve our school by combining the efforts of parents, students and teachers. We want teachers and parents to join P.T.S.O. to help make our school a better place to work and learn!

Our fundraising has benefited a variety of projects in the past including school building improvements, teacher classroom requests, technology purchases and sports programs. We ask that each family join PTSO with a \$10.00 contribution (checks should be made payable to Madras PTSO).

We also need your volunteer time! If you are interested in helping in any of the following areas please indicate that on the form below. You will be contacted as the events take place.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Parent Name _____

Student (s) at Madras and grade _____

Home Phone number _____

Email address _____

I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fall 2009 Magazine fundraiser

Concessions at Sporting Events

Bake Sales / Snak & Chat

Spring Fundraiser

Teacher Appreciation

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Agenda Sales - first week of school (during school hours)

Health Fairs (during school hours)

Veterans Day Breakfast (November)

School Pictures (during school hours)

Book Fairs (during school hours)

Other: