

Madras Middle School WEEKLY NOTES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST

WEEK OF August 24, 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

August

- 24 - Chorus Parents Meeting, 7:00
- 24 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, Thomas Crossroads Chick-Fil-A, 5-8 p.m.
- 26 - Junior Beta Club Informational Meeting, 3:30-4:14, MMS Cafeteria
- 27 - Parents as Partners: Internet Safety 7:00 p.m.
- 31 - School Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

September

- 8 - Parents as Partners: Organizational & Study Skills (10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
- 11 - Dessert/Fruit Bar for Teachers (sponsored by PTSO)
- 16 - Progress Reports Issued
- 17 - Fall Pictures
- 21 - (21-25) ITBS Testing for 8th Grade Students
- 24 - Eighth Grade CRCT Parents Night
- 25 - Pep Rally, 2:30
- 25 - Snack 'n Chat (sponsored by PTSO)

Eagle Athletics

Volleyball

- 8/24 - SRMS @ MMS
- 8/28 - MMS @ EMS
- 9/4 - MMS @ MMS
- 9/10 - MMS @ ECMS
- 9/14 - MMS @ SRMS
- 9/18 - EMS @ MMS
- 9/21 - MMS @ LMS
- 9/25 - AMS @ MMS
- 9/28 - First Round @ LMS

Football

(Practices are every Mon-Thurs from 3:30-5:20.)

- 8/25 - MMS @ ECMS
- 9/1 - MMS @ SRMS
- 9/9 - EMS @ MMS
- 9/15 - MMS @ LMS
- 9/22 - AMS @ MMS
- 9/29 - First Round Playoffs @ NGHS

Check our Web site for regular updates. Dates and times are subject to change per CCMS athletic director.

2009-2010 School Council

Council Members

Michele Aldredge, Parent
 Lorraine Johnson, Principal
 Gerald Kemp, Parent
 Audrey Mallet, Teacher
 Terry Pealor, Parent
 Faith Shiffert, Parent
 Nancy Williams, Teacher

Meeting Dates

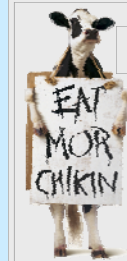
Monday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.
 Monday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.
 Monday, January 25, 9:00 a.m.
 Monday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.

Madras Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

at Thomas Crossroads

August 24

5pm-8pm



10% of sales go to support MMS



Beta Club Informational Meeting

Students interested in joining Junior Beta Club must attend an informational meeting this Wednesday, August 26th from 3:30-4:15 in the cafeteria. Please have your ride pick you up no later than 4:15 in front of the school. Students from all grades are invited to attend and learn about Beta club. If you are interested in working on important service projects in the community and you maintain good grades and exhibit good behavior, please join us to learn more.



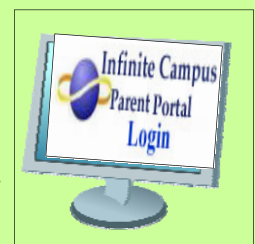
Internet Safety Meeting for Madras Parents Thursday, August 27, 2009



The Internet offers students many opportunities for learning, for constructive entertainment, and for personal growth. At the same time, many parents and educators are concerned about the risks kids face online. Please join us **this Thursday night at 7:00 PM in the Madras cafeteria** as Lt. Steven Crook of the Coweta County Sheriff's Dept. speaks to parents about Internet safety and shares tips on how to use the Internet appropriately and safely.

Parent Portal

Parent Portal Access allows parents to follow their children's daily attendance, grades and other school matters online. If you are new to our school system or you have never been issued an activation key codes, you may come to the front office at Madras any time during school hours (8:00-4:30) to receive your Parent Portal account code. Parents with children at multiple Coweta County schools only need to visit one school, since the activation key is assigned to them uniquely and will access the school records of all children in their household. To maintain security of student information, the passwords will only be given out to custodial parents or guardians when they visit the school in person. Parents should be prepared to show identification and are asked not to share their household's unique code or the password codes that they choose. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 770-254-2744 or visit our Web site at: <http://www.cowetaschools.org/mms>.



Weekly Notes from the Eagles' Nest

Implement four basic steps for a successful year in middle school

Put your middle schooler on the path to school success! To help your child start--and finish--strong this year:



1. **Maintain routines.** You relied on them when your middle schooler was a toddler, so don't abandon them now that your child is nearly a teen. Routines give structure to the day and help him/her stay organized. So develop some commonsense school-year rituals and stick with them. Make sure you establish a morning, after-school and evening routine for your child.
2. **Get involved at school.** It's not always easy to stay connected to the middle-school classroom, but getting involved shows your middle schooler that his/her education matters, so make an effort to participate whenever you can.
3. **Stay informed.** It's easy to miss the fliers or handouts stuffed in your middle schooler's backpack. So ask him every day whether he's brought anything home that you should see. The same goes for schoolwork. Just skimming your child's notes or agenda can fill you in on what's happening in class.
4. **Support your child.** Middle schoolers may act like they're "too cool" to need their parents' love and guidance, but they're not. Never miss a chance to give your child a hug or to let him/her know how much you care.

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Nurse Notes

Please remember if your child brings non-prescription medicine to school, it must be in the original bottle accompanied by a letter or note from the parent or guardian authorizing permission to administer medication at school. This includes cough drops and aspirin or Tylenol. Please contact Nurse Geter at 770-254-2744, ext. 206 or email marie.geter@cowetaschools.org if you have questions.

Earn cash for Madras with Box Tops 4 Education!



You can help earn cash for Madras by clipping box tops. Right now, triple points can be earned. To see a list of products, visit this link at:

<http://www.cowetaschools.net/mms/PTSO/BoxTops.pdf> .

PTSO FUNDRAISER ENDS THIS WEEK

This year's fundraising magazine sales, sponsored by the MMS PTSO, will end this Friday, August 28th. The money raised will go toward the purchase of E-beams (Interactive technology similar to a SmartBoard or Promethean Board) for classrooms. To reach our goal of \$7,500, we need everyone's help. Please make sure to submit your magazine orders by Friday's deadline. You use the order forms that were included in your child's fundraising packets that went home Monday the 17th or you can order directly online at:

<http://store.gafundraising.com/>

Enter the Madras ID# - 1396514

A special thanks to our PTSO officers and parents for their hard work in organizing this year's fundraising campaign!

PTSO OFFICERS

Mary Catherine Weickum, Co-President
Debbie Ferden, Co-President
Cindy Ozbilen, Vice-President; Communications
Karen Braun, Secretary
Cathryn Ray, Treasurer

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:

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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: