

Madras Middle School WEEKLY NOTES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST October 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

October

- 26 - (through the 30th) Red Ribbon Week
- 26 - Art Club Meeting, 3:30-4:30
- 28 - Math Counts Meeting, 3:30-4:30
- 29 - Red Ribbon Week Assembly (during connections)
- 29 - Wear Red Day!
- 30 - Grammarfest

November

- 2 - School Council Meeting, 9:00
- 2 - Art Club Meeting, 3:30-4:30
- 3 - Football Banquet at MMS
- 9 - Chorus Concert, CPVA, 7:00
- 10 - Veterans Day Program, 9:00 a.m.
- 11 - Book Fair Begins (runs through 11/19)
- 16 - Art Club Meeting, 3:30-4:30
- 17 - Parents as Partners (11:00 and 7:00) "Setting Limits"
- 20 - Progress Reports are issued
- 23 - (through 27th) Thanksgiving Break

Eagle Athletics



(All games at 4:30)

- 10/26 - SRMS: Girls at Home; Boys Away
- 10/27 - Evans: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 10/30 - Lee: Girls at Home; Boys Away
- 11/2 - AMS: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 11/6 - ECMS: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 11/9 - SRMS: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 11/13 - Evans: Girls Home; Boys Away
- 11/16 - Lee: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 11/17 - AMS: Girls at Home; Boys Away
- 11/30 - LMS: Girls Away; Boys at Home
- 12/1 - AMS: Girls at Home; Boys Away

Regular Season Tickets: \$4.00
Tournament Tickets: \$5.00

RED RIBBON WEEK



Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was kidnapped, brutally tortured, and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers in February 1985.

Madras 2009 Theme: "Too Smart to Start"

Schedule of Activities:

- ◆ **Morning Announcements:** Each morning during Red Ribbon Week, a brief message regarding the harmful effects of drugs will be announced along with reminders for the week.
- ◆ **Banners:** Art classes will advertise Red Ribbon Week with banners.
- ◆ **Wear Red Day:** Thursday, 10/29, will be "Wear Red Day."
- ◆ **Door Decorating Contest:** Homerooms will participate in the 2009 MMS Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest. Winners will be announced on Monday, 11/2.
- ◆ **Team Display Contest:** Teams and/or departments will create a display or bulletin board on their hall that represents this year's theme.
- ◆ **Student Song/Essay Contest:** (Voluntary) Students can choose to enter either or both contests. Winners will receive an iTunes gift certificate. (one school winner for each category)
 - Essay:** Essay topic: "Too Smart to Start" (essay must not exceed 200 words and can be typed or hand written). All entries are due to the front office by the end of the day October 30th.
 - Rap/Song:** Song can be a rap (but not limited to a rap) and must be the student's original work. Students will perform their songs Thursday morning (10/29) during SKILLS in the media center and will be videotaped. The performances will be shown to the school Friday morning.
- ◆ **Red Ribbon Week Display:** Coach Harris (and her classes) have set up a special display in the main hallway for Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ **Red Ribbons on Front Campus:** Red Ribbons will be tied around the front columns of the school during Red Ribbon Week.
- ◆ **Red Ribbon Assembly:** Guest Speaker, Daryl L. Smith, Senior Executive Director of Metro Atlanta Boys and Girls Club will speak to students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol during their connections block on Thursday, October 29th.

Please Note These Changes



- ◆ **Snack 'n Chat** that was originally scheduled for 10/30 has been rescheduled for 11/20.
- ◆ **The soccer game versus SRMS** that was cancelled due to weather on 10/23 has been rescheduled for 10/26.

Weekly Notes from the Eagles' Nest

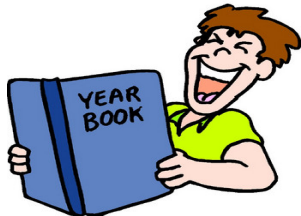
Bus Safety Tips

Last week was National School Bus Safety Week, and there are a number of tips for children and parents to keep in mind.

The greatest risk with school buses is when children are boarding and leaving the bus; that is why motorists should be extra vigilant when sharing the road. The most important tip for drivers is to obey the stop arm signal and red flashing lights outside the bus and do not pass until the signals are turned off. Also, never pass on the right side of a bus where children exit and enter. Students often do not pay attention to the road, so it's important for drivers to keep a close watch when driving in school areas and neighborhoods.

Here are some other tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to consider:

- ◆ Supervise students to make sure they get to the bus stop on time.
- ◆ Make sure they wait on the curb away from the road and avoid rough play.
- ◆ Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. A driver cannot see a child who may bend down to pick something up. Have your child use a backpack or bag to keep loose items contained.
- ◆ Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that may get caught in the handrail or bus door.
- ◆ Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.
- ◆ If you know of a safety concern at the bus stop, talk with your school or transportation office right away.



Yearbooks are on sale now at

www.jostensyearbooks.com

In a partnership with Jostens, our yearbook printer, Madras is offering a program for purchasing yearbooks from the home. Yearbook purchases (Cost is \$40.00) will be made through the mail, Internet or by simply calling a toll free service hotline, 1-866-282-1516. Additionally, a special feature of this program allows parents the option of an installment payment plan. This program has worked very well for us in the past, and we hope with the easy payment plan you will get your yearbook ordered ASAP.

Affidavit Reminder for Parents

To fulfill the requirements of a court order affecting the Coweta County School System, all parents, legal guardians, or other lawful custodians of students attending the Coweta County School System must sign under oath and deliver to the school his or her student is attending:

1. An Affidavit of Residence, AND
2. Two items from the following list for address verification:
 - A. property tax records which indicate the location of the residence
 - B. mortgage documents or a security deed which indicates the location of the residence
 - C. apartment or home lease or rent receipt indicating the current address
 - D. current utility bill for electricity or utility application for electricity showing the current address
 - E. voter precinct identification card or other voter documentation indicating the current address

Letters went home with students September 14th and will be published on our Web site. Notarized affidavits and two listed items will be accepted between September 14 and December 18. Please note that the federal government requires the county to request these documents for several consecutive years which means that even though you submitted this information last year, you must turn in a second notarized affidavit and two current address verifications again this year. We appreciate your assistance in fulfilling this court ordered requirement.

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