

Madras Middle School WEEKLY NOTES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25, 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

September

- 21 - (21-25) ITBS Testing for 8th Grade Students
- 24 - Eighth Grade CRCT Parents Night
- 25 - Pep Rally, 2:30

October

- 2 - Snack 'n Chat (sponsored by PTSO)
- 7 - Exams (Literature and Language Arts)
- 8 - Exams (Science and Social Studies)
- 9 - Exams (Math)
- 9 - Last Day of Nine Weeks
- 9 - After School Dance (3:30-5:30) at MMS
- 9 - Muffins/Fruit Bar for Teachers (Sponsored by PTSO)
- 12 - Eagle Pride Awards, 9:00 a.m. in Media Center
- 15 - Report Cards Issued
- 15 - MMS Family Night at Stevi B.'s (4-8 pm)
- 16 - Fall Holiday (No school)
- 19 - Fall Holiday (No School)
- 19 - (Through 23rd) School Bus Safety Week
- 22 - Fall Pictures Retake Day (For students who were absent)
- 26 - (through the 30th) Red Ribbon Week
- 30 - Snack 'n Chat (Sponsored by PTSO)

Eagle Athletics

Volleyball

- 9/21 - MMS @ LMS
- 9/25 - AMS @ MMS
- 9/28 - First Round @ LMS

Football

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

- 9/29 - AMS @ MMS, 5:30 (Please note date change.)**
First Round Playoffs @ NGHS TBA

Good Luck EAGLES!

Attention All Madras Parents: New Affidavit of Residency Required for 2009-2010

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.

Eighth Grade to Take ITBS Week of September 21-25

Eighth grade students will take the *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)* this week, September 21-25, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m. each day. This is a norm referenced achievement test that will assess the student's academic achievement thus far in his school career. Information regarding how the performance of Georgia students compares with that of students in a national sample will be obtained and utilized in planning instructional programs. Your support and encouragement play an important role in student success. The following are recommendations to help your child during the week of testing:

- **Make sure your child is present at school and on time each day.** Students do much better when they are tested with their class than being tested apart from their peers. Students who are tardy will not be allowed to disrupt the test administration.
- **Please do not check out your child from school during the testing period.** Unless there is an emergency, we will not disrupt classes that are testing.
- **Please do not schedule orthodontist, dental, or other appointments during testing dates and times.**
- **Encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast each morning.**
- **Make sure that your child has two sharpened #2 wood pencils for testing.**

Score reports will be sent home after they become available. There will be explanatory information as to how to read and interpret your child's scores. Please remember that these scores and other standardized test scores will not be used in isolation to make important decisions about your child's education. They are only one component of the total assessment.

Thank you for your support and interest in helping your child to do his very best on this test.

Physical Education Tip of the Week *from Coach Lowery*



Drink lots of water. Not drinking enough water can lead to dehydration which can cause a reduction in performance, tiredness, upset stomach, cramps, or even heat exhaustion. Aim for staying hydrated by drinking water and including other sources of water in your diet, such as certain foods and beverages.

Weekly Notes from the Eagles' Nest



Make a Note of
these Date Changes!

Snack 'n Chat: is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd. Students will have a short afternoon break and will be able to purchase snacks sponsored by PTSO. All proceeds will go to the FERST Literacy Foundation, a system-wide fundraiser to promote early literacy in Coweta County. (Originally scheduled for this Friday)

Football Game (Madras vs. Arnall): has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at 5:30 due to weather. (Originally scheduled for September 22nd)

2009 Soccer Tryouts

Any seventh or eighth grade student who would like to tryout for the Madras soccer team should see Coach Isaac Strickland (girls' coach) or Coach George Wilkerson (boys' coach) to sign up and to pick up forms.

Boys tryouts begin Oct. 1st.
Girls tryouts begin Oct. 2nd.



Parents as Partners: Session Three
"Eighth Grade CRCT Math Night"
Thursday, September 24th
(Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the Madras Cafeteria)

Our third *Parents as Partners* session is Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Madras cafeteria. Our administration and eighth grade math teachers will provide eighth grade parents with CRCT information (administered in April) including general information regarding the state test and the eighth grade math curriculum along with how parents can help support their students at home.

Football Game Day - Tues., Sept. 29 MADRAS EAGLES vs. ARNALL KNIGHTS Tailgating Extravaganza

Come to the game early and join us for pre-game food and fun! Game time is 5:30, but buy your ticket early and enjoy music, food, & tons of fun! Cost of admission is \$4.00. Drinks, snacks, and food will be sold.

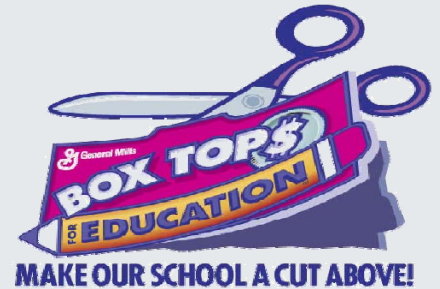
- Rock Climbing Wall (\$5.00)
- Hotdogs, Drinks, Chips, Candy, & Cotton Candy
- Music by our very own DJ, Mr. Betts!

Football Game begins at 5:30

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 Needs You! (Co-Presidents: Mary Catherine Weickum & Debbie Ferden)

We are off to a great start and Madras PTSO needs you! We are looking for volunteers to serve in various capacities for the 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.

