

Madras Middle School WEEKLY NOTES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8 - SEPTEMBER 11, 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

- 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
- 17 - Madras Family Night at Stevi B's Pizzeria
- 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)

October

- 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
- 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

- 9/10 - 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.)
- 9/9 - EMS @ MMS
 - 9/15 - MMS @ LMS (Played at ECHS)
 - 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.



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

Our second *Parents as Partners* session is next Tuesday, September 8th. Our counseling staff will provide parent tips on how to help students become better organized. The session will be offered twice for your convenience, so join us in the Madras media center at 10:00 a.m. or later in the evening at 7:00 p.m. as we work together to provide *Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!*

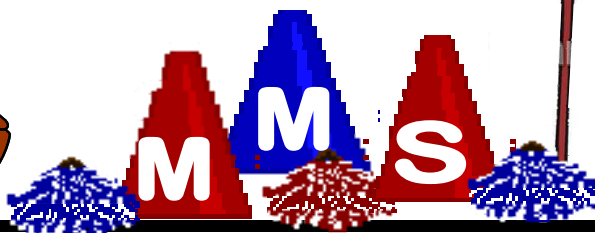
Eagles Football Tailgate Extravaganza

Join us early for game day festivities, sponsored by the MMS PTSO!
Wednesday, September 9th - Tailgating Time: 3:30 Game Time: 5:30

MADRAS EAGLES vs. EVANS COUGARS

We've got spirit; yes we do! We've got spirit; how about you?
Join us Wednesday, September 9th as the Madras Eagles take on the Evans Cougars! Tailgating begins at 3:30 p.m.

- Concessions Available
- Hotdogs, Nachos, Chips, Drinks, Cotton Candy
And more!
- Music and Rock Wall
- Most Spirited Fan Contest



Stevi B's Family Night

Thursday, September 17th is Madras Family Night at Stevi B's Pizza Buffet. A portion of all sales that evening will be donated directly to Madras Middle School. The homeroom with the most participation receives a free Stevi B's Pizza Party! Hope to see you there!

Time:

Place: Stevi B's (1067-D Bullsboro Drive, near Wal-Mart)

Web: <http://www.stevibs.com/>

Weekly Notes from the Eagles' Nest

Parent Quiz

Are you helping your child connect to middle school?

Research shows that students who participate with their schools beyond the academic day feel more connected to school. This helps them do better in school.

Are you encouraging your child to participate and connect to middle school? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

- ___ 1. Have you reviewed the list of school activities with your child so you know what's available?
- ___ 2. Do you encourage your child to participate in a club or activity that matches her interests?
- ___ 3. Are you enthusiastic if your child expresses interest in trying a new club or activity?
- ___ 4. Do you encourage your child to attend activities such as school sporting events or dances?
- ___ 5. Do you urge your child to take advantage of time with teachers after school or homework clubs?

How well are you doing?

Mostly yes answers mean you are helping your child feel like a part of her middle school. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz.

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Safety is Priority

Madras Middle School is and continues to be a safe school. Our safety team meets throughout the year, and we conduct regular fire drills, severe weather drills, code yellow drills, and code blue medical drills. We have two on-site defibrillators located in the front office and in the gym, and we employ a full-time school nurse and school resource office. Sixteen Madras staff members recently spent Saturday completing CPR training so that each grade level/department now has CPR certified staff ready to assist should a medical emergency occur.

As parents, you can help us continue to keep our school safe by reporting or encouraging your child to report incidents of bullying, or information regarding drugs or alcohol, weapons, or any other potentially unsafe situation in school. All calls or concerns should be reported directly to an administrator or to Officer Funderburk, or you may call the state-sponsored toll free, anonymous school safety hotline 1-877-SAY-STOP (1-877-729-7867).

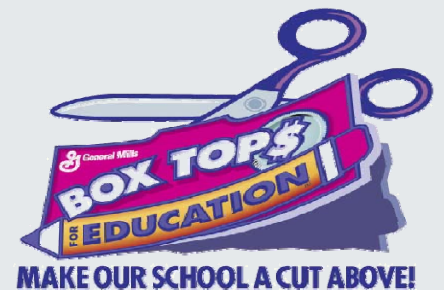
Your call to our school will initiate immediate and appropriate action. Thank you for helping keep our school safe!

Safety Mission: To provide a safe and secure school environment conducive to learning with the cooperation of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and the community.

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 *Calling All Parents*

PTSO Reminder: Even though the August fundraiser has come to a close, you may still order magazines directly online at:

**<http://store.gafundraising.com>
Enter the Madras ID# - 1396514**

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.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Concessions at Sporting Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bake Sales / Snak & Chat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring Fundraiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Teacher Appreciation |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Fairs (during school hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Veterans Day Breakfast (November) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | School Pictures (during school hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book Fairs (during school hours) |