MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEDNESDAY WIRE

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UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

20 – No School
Presidents' Day
24 – Interims Sent Home
29 – Board Meeting 6pm in the HS Library

MARCH

1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
2 – Grade Cards go home
5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
14 – Language Arts Night, 5-7pm

Parents of 6th grade students:
Next year's 7th grade students will need to bring proof that they have had their Tdap shot in order to pick up their schedules in August. Additional information will be sent home next month.

Write to Read Week was a great success! Students pictured here dressed up as their favorite literary character. We had a great deal of participation as we celebrated the importance of reading! The week included an assembly presentation by a couple of authors, peer reading between different grades, and a hot cocoa treat to cap off the week. Madison South will be following up with a Language Arts night on March 14th. Stay tuned for details!

During times of inclement weather, stay tuned to WMAN am1400, and WMFD channel 15 for the latest information regarding school delays, early dismissals, and closings. **As a reminder, when school is on a 2 hour delay, students cannot be dropped off before 10:30, and breakfast is not served at school.** Please plan accordingly so your child eats before they arrive at Madison South Elementary.

Parents,
Please make sure you check in with the office whenever you enter the building. If you would like to meet with a teacher or visit a classroom you must make an appointment prior to your arrival. Thanks for helping us keep our building safe.

Our first grade celebrated the 100th day of school last week! This is a picture of our entire first grade class with their "100 day hats" that have 100 strips of paper attached to them. Activities included making 100 tallies, filling in number grids up to 100, and answering what would I like to eat 100 of. Great job 1st Grade!

Message From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Madison South is geared up to really rock the OAA's this coming April. Teachers are working hard in the classroom and you can help at home with making sure your students read every night. Reading is the most important skill on the test since you can't do math or science without reading the question first. This year we are pleased to announce a reward incentive for the students who pass the tests; a pizza and ice cream party, along with a DJ and lots of fun when the test scores come back in June. We will send each student a personal invitation to the event!

Sincerely,

Chris Scholl

6th Graders Grace Olar and Brooklynn Edwards from Ms. Kerwin's Science class are finding mass, volume, and density of objects. This was a hands on quiz where students had to complete the lab activity to find the answer. Way to go 6th graders!

Officer Hornback from the Mansfield Police Department's K-9 unit visited 3rd some grade classes last week. The service dog is a German Shephard named Astor. He made a great guest and was very well behaved! Students have just finished reading a book entitled "Aero and Officer Mike". The students asked some great questions as a follow up to what they had read.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF MEMBER

Name – Mrs. Thoma
Grade – Intervention Specialist K-2
Years at Madison South – 10
Years in Education – 10
Favorite Color – Pink
Favorite Food – Lasagna
Favorite Movie – Shawshank Redemption
Favorite Music Artist – Rascal Flats

"LANGUAGE ARTS NIGHT", March 14th 5-7pm

March 14 from 5-7pm will be our "Talking Walls" Night at South. All students and families are encouraged to come celebrate literacy! We will have guest readers, a storyteller, open-mic poetry, readers' theater, perpetual story stations, computer stations, book vendors (Holly's Book Rack & Main Street Books), a book swap, refreshments, and more! Hope to see you there!

This past Friday students celebrated Valentine's Day. 2nd Grader Logan Smith shows his Valentine Box Robot that he created. Great effort Logan!

1st Graders are becoming creative writers as they create superhero characters which are meaningful to them. The emphasis is on learning about the differences and similarities characters have and developing a story line. Here is Cameron Hunt and Jillian Enlow displaying their illustrations.

MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to create a safe and nurturing environment that addresses the unique needs of students, while preparing them to make responsible choices as lifelong learners."