



MED-GRAM



OCTOBER 15, 2013

MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Extraordinary Learning for All

Dear Meadows Families,

The current government shut-down is likely impacting everyone in some fashion or another. News stories include everything from people being shut out of their homes (those on federal land) and families who cannot afford the basic necessities of life to those whose wedding plans and birthday plans have had to be canceled. Some people are inconvenienced and others are truly in dire straits. Whatever one's politics may be, the current situation is a frustrating one and many Americans are fed up with the politicians elected to represent them.

When people are unhappy they can and do make their voices heard. There is nothing wrong with this. However, we seem less likely to speak up when we are pleased with political leadership and support. Perhaps we are too busy to write a letter or email; perhaps we do not know if our message will be received. Nevertheless, those politicians who support us need to know the voters are paying attention.

The Madison School District will be providing an opportunity for all stakeholders in our district to recognize the efforts of local politicians who have supported education in our state. These politicians have been invited to attend the **November 19** Governing Board Meeting in the Madison District Office at 6:00 PM to be recognized for their efforts on behalf of our district, staff, and students. If you appreciate those lawmakers who support education and would like to attend, you will be welcome.

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| <i>Eric Meyer</i> | <i>Kate Brophy-McGee</i> | <i>Adam Driggs</i> |
| <i>Bob Robson</i> | <i>Bob Worsley</i> | <i>Doris Goodale (Chair Educ Cte)</i> |
| <i>Doug Coleman</i> | <i>Ethan Orr</i> | <i>Frank Pratt</i> |
| <i>Heather Carter</i> | <i>Jeff Dial</i> | <i>John McComish</i> |
| <i>Steve Pierce</i> | <i>T J Shope</i> | |

We also hope you are able to attend Parent/Teacher conferences which are held Monday through Wednesday, October 14-16. A partnership between school and home is a crucial element to student growth and success. We appreciate the partnership we enjoy with Meadows families. Enjoy the fall break!

With Ram Pride,

Susan Doyle, Meadows Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- Half Day (@12:05) **Oct 16**
- Parent Teacher Conference **Oct 15-16**
- Fall Break No School **Oct 17 and 18**
- Gold Canyon Sales Orders due **Oct 22**
- Box Tops due **Oct 23**
- Boo Gram due **Oct 25**
- Tasting Tour **Oct 28**

November

- 8th Grade baby pics yearbook due **Nov 1**
- Let it Roll Fundraiser **Nov 2 @6p -8:30p**
- Winter Sports Tryouts **Nov 4th week**
- Reach Open house **Nov 6**
- PTM Meeting **Nov 13 @6pm**
- District Board Meeting **Nov 19 @6pm**

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1. Who are your sports heroes and what do you admire most about them? I've had many sports heroes over the years. Some players, some coaches. When I was kid I liked guys like Bart Starr (Green Bay QB) and Roger Staubach (Dallas QB). I liked coaches like Vince Lombardi, John Wooden and Bo Schembechler. Recently I would have to say Kurt Warner is one of my favorites athletes. I think they all cared about the "team" more than themselves.

2. What do all good coaches have in common? Who was your favorite coach, and why? Good coaches care about their players first and they have a special gift that can motivate and inspire people to be better. My favorite coach has to be my high school wrestling coach. When I was young and I didn't have a clue...he gave me a purpose.



*Coach Vibber
Athletic Director*

3. When did you first get interested in sports? What sports did you play? What is your favorite sport to watch? I've loved sports for as long as I can remember. I tried everything. Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Baseball, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field and Hockey. But most of all Wrestling, that's what really captured me from the time I was about 13 yrs. old.

4. Have you ever had any serious injuries? How did you deal with these and overcome the obstacles? I've been pretty lucky. Nothing real serious. I broke my nose wrestling in

college. It ended my season right before the JUCO National Tournament. So, I guess it made me work that much harder to prepare for the next year.

5. If you have ever disagreed with an official, how did you handle it? Probably more as a coach. When I first started coaching I think I argued with referees more. I thought I could change their minds. But as I got older I argued less. I put myself in their shoes. It's a tough job. They do the best they can.

6. What is your favorite food? Steak, Steak and Steak!

7. What words of advice or encouragement do you have to share with younger athletes? If you are into sports for the right reasons it will teach you a lot about life. Hard work, determination, setting goals, teamwork, sportsmanship and respecting others.

8. What is your favorite sports team? Sometimes it depends on the sport. I like the Michigan Wolverines in Football, but I'm a Sun Devil fan!

9. If you could meet any person in time, who would it be and why? (from Mrs. Webb) Wow! There is such a long list! I would want to meet Jesus Christ.

10. If you could pose any question for next month's interviewee, what would it be? What was the happiest day of your life?



PTM

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Message from your PTM President

Appreciation for all you do!

THANK YOU! I would like to thank Lynda Teague for heading up Vision & Hearing Screening and Debbie Hinds for leading this year's Fall Fundraiser. We value the time and efforts both you ladies put into these important events at Meadows! Also, a big thank you to Paula Gualtiere for her work on the Directory. PTM Members can look for their copy coming home with their child very soon!

Upcoming Needs: As we enter the second quarter, we will have many opportunities for parents to help PTM. Whether you can assist one hour or head up a committee – we need you! Please consider volunteering in the snack shack, signing up for a shift at the Book Fair, or help us get donations for the Spring Auction/

Raffle. We need parents, ALL parents, to commit to helping in some way! Attending PTM Meetings is a great way to “get your feet wet” with PTM, and meet other parents (plus get valuable information from Mrs Doyle in her Principal's report). Our next meeting is Wednesday, **November 13** at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Chris Goodfarb

chris@meadowsptm.org

**PTM Meetings
Media Center
6:00PM**

(Wednesday)

November 13

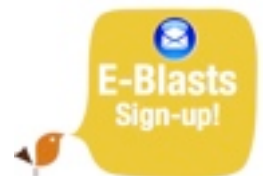
December 18

January 29

March 26

April 23

**VOLUNTEERS
Wanted!**



http://meadowsptm.org/ptm_home/e-blast-sign-up/

Sign up to receive important announcements. Stay connected!

CONNECT



http://meadowsptm.org/ptm_home/meadows-calendar-2/

did you know?

The PTM has spent **\$12,500** this year for teacher stipends and over **\$6,400** for teacher requests!

Here is a sample of the wonderful things we've been able to purchase SO FAR this year! From music to science, art, athletics and more, your PTM dollars are hard at work supporting Meadows students. The District expressed a huge thank you to all of Madison District's PTMs since not every Arizona school is fortunate to have PTM support.

Green Screen Video Lighting Kit With Softbox Light Kit



Purchased by PTM to support Mr. Murphy

1. Green Screen Video Lighting Kit
2. Track and Field Items
3. Homework Club Sponsorship
4. Overnight at the Zoo
5. Guest speaker on Civil War
6. Genealogy Project
7. Athletic Conference Fees - Volleyball
8. Science Lab equipment/experiment supplies
9. Music & flip folders
10. Time for Kids magazine
11. Science World Magazine
12. Story Works Magazine
13. Spanish Class Ceramic Skulls for Day of the Dead
14. Lamination repairs



Marching Band Flip-Folder



7 Team Sports
Medic First Aid
Kits for Athletic
Coaches



Congratulations
to all the new fall inductees of
National Junior Honor
Society

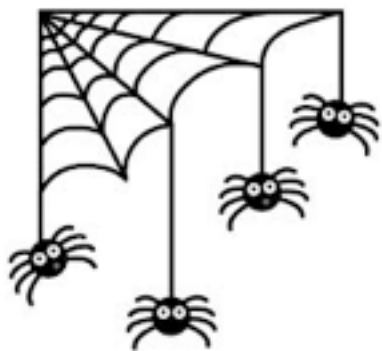
The students were inducted in a special ceremony on September 26. A huge thanks to Mr. Giordano for allowing us to use his classroom to conduct our ceremony!

Sophie Beaugrand
Alex Bligh
Jonah Brownell
Breanna Cooper
Diana Dudurkaev
Noah Gorman
Noah Heekin
TJ Hinds

Ariana Kelley
Maegan Koonce
Zephy Lopez
Jacob McIvor
Tory Morentin
Hayley Ramirez
Joshua Weisbly

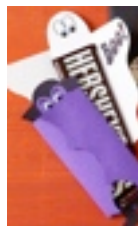
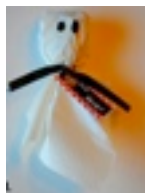
Boo Grams for Sale!

Send your friends a **FRIGHT!** This year the Meadows NJHS is introducing Boo Grams. Boo Grams send a message and a sweet treat with choices ranging from .50¢ to \$2.00.



Lollipop .50¢

Candy Bar \$2



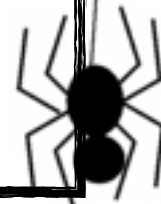
This fundraiser helps the NJHS raise money for ICM Food and Clothing Bank. ICM is a food and clothing bank for the working poor.

Boo Grams are on now on sale !

NJHS will be selling in the morning by the snack shack (beginning October 21st) and during lunch hour on the stage.

Sales end Friday, October 25th

All Boo Grams will be delivered on Halloween day to the student's Homeroom



THE 2013 FALL FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS!

Meadows parents and students raised over **\$22,000** towards the beneficial enrichments that improve our wonderful students here at our middle school. Many thanks to all the volunteers who were able to sign up and help from order turn in to the grade parties! Thank you, Joyanna Band, Lynda Teague, Cindy Ribar, Elysia Zamarripa, Chris Goodfarb, Jennifer Funke, Lori Nelson, Lisa Otto, Staci and Chuck Csizmadia, Sheila Flennory, Jonathan Thompson (striped shirt), Veronica M. Vazquez, Jennifer Grunewald, Jerry Esquivel (cafeteria, gates), Linda Nolan (freezer space), Mr. Murphy (technology support for video blurbs), Ms. Charity for all her help with students, Miss Heidi for getting announcements and messages for morning announcements, Emma Jensen and Claire Pishko for informing students of fundraiser information with announcements!

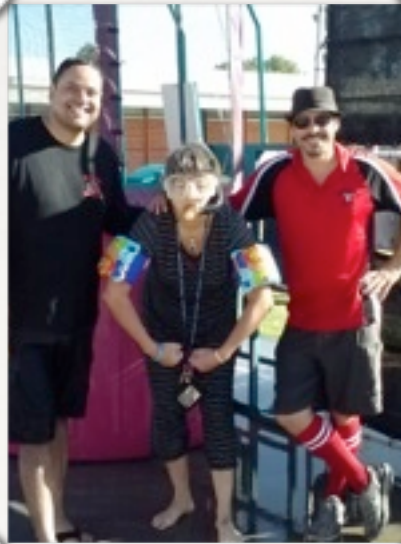
The 5/6 grade party had fun with DJ Rich Steele – the kids danced and did all kinds of neat dance games!
The 7/8 graders had a special treat of Mike Fisher's comedy and magic!

Lots of thanks to our three wonderful teachers who were secretly nominated in the dunk tank!! Ms. Bloom, Mr. Amos and Mr. Gonzalez ! You three were fabulous and the students loved it! It was a lot of fun!!

Ms. Doyle and Ms. Webb – thank you for your support as always!!

A special thank you to BLUE ORTHODONTICS for generously donated ALL the water and huge popsicles for both parties!!!
Another special thank you to PARTY PROFESSIONALS for donating their time and dunk tank for that Friday morning!!
Thank you Joseph!!

Leah Dines and Debbie Hinds – the fall fundraiser committee team.



Awesome Teachers with school spirit. From left to right. Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Bloom and Mr. Amos who let the kids dunk them for the Fall Fundraiser!



Magician and Comedian, Mike Fisher



Mr. Gonzalez, ready for a splash!

thank you!



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Date: Oct 8-22

Gold Canyon Candle Sale



HELP SUPPORT CAMP FRIENDLY PINES .
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perfect time to purchase gifts for friends, family, teachers, hair stylists, mail carriers, etc.

Proceeds benefit : the 5th grade trip to

CAMP FRIENDLY PINES

general fund & scholarships. All

orders will be COLLECTED, Tuesday

October 22nd. Delivery—on or around

November 12th. Parents MUST pick

up orders at school.

Contact:
Staci Cszmadia
scoorwick@cox.net
602-486-6161

With any questions

Check payable to :
Meadows PTM/CFP



Let It Roll Bowl - Meadows Cosmic Bowling Event

8925 North 12th Street Phoenix, AZ 85020-3044 602-944-4401

Saturday, November 2nd - 6:00PM - 8:30PM.

\$10/person includes shoes and 2.5 hours of bowling, benefiting Camp Friendly Pines.

Come dressed in costume.

There will be a Challenge 5th Grade Teachers if you Dare and 50/50 Raffle - purchase at event or online



Safeway 10% Back to School Receipt Collection Volunteers.

Special thank you to Molly Mayfield, Carrie Lifshitz, Theresa Faultner, Leeann Spangler, Brigitte Rapatz, Angel, Travis Benton and Lisa Jaramillo

Over **\$1,100** was raised from Safeway receipts to support Meadows Performing Arts 7th and 8th graders on their journey to Disneyland!



SAFEWAY 

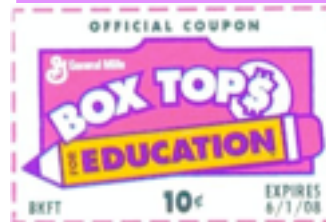


Turn in your trimmed (unexpired) Box Tops to your homeroom teachers by **October 23!**



Winning teacher gets a restaurant gift card and the class gets snack shack tickets

Thank you
Angie Gulick



Charitable Acts Committee News Need community service hours? Sign up for these upcoming CAC events:

A Message from Charitable Acts Committee... Thank you to those who came out Tuesday, October 8 to Feed My Starving Children. The next CAC event will be Saturday, October 26 at Grow Together Garden – 101 E. Glendale – 8:00am. We will be tending to the Madison Meadows beds that were planted on October 12. Contact Britton Sanchez for more information – britton@meadowsptm.org.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities outside of the CAC events, check out the following:

- UMOM Read to Me Tuesday Nights www.umom.org
- Feed My Starving Children Tempe – www.fmcs.org
- Grow Together Garden <http://growingtogetherphx.org/help-us-grow/>

britton@meadowsptm.org | Britton Sanchez

Charitable Acts Committee

Thank you Meadows families for serving our community.

~ Britton Sanchez CAC Chair

GIVES!





NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

NURSE SHARON



HEALTH

ITEM OF THE MONTH:
Please help us offset the high cost of supplies by donating feminine products and hand sanitizer.

IMMUNIZATIONS: All 6th graders need to have the Tdap and Meningitis shot when they turn 11 yrs. old. Please check your records and bring in proof of the shot to the Health Office.

FLU SHOTS: Get Your Flu Shots!! Contact your Primary care provider and get protected for the flu season, especially those with Chronic illnesses or suppressed immune systems

LICE: YUCK!!! We are entering the high time of getting Lice and spreading it to family and friends. Please periodically check your child's head and remind them not to share combs, hair bands, ties and especially hats. A natural alternative for treating Lice is TLC (Total Lice Control) available at some Walgreens and Rosey's Pharmacy.

MEDICATION: Students **can not** carry any medication with them. All medication must stay in the Health Office and a parent must sign a permission slip. Inhalers must be labeled or in a labeled box.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING: Re-screening will start the end of Oct. If your child brings home a referral slip, please take the slip with you to the Doctor. The screening was done in 4 days and a BIG thanks to Linda Teague, chairperson for H/V screening, for a job well done. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SCREENING.

Thank you to all the Vision & Hearing Volunteers

The week of September 23rd was dedicated to Vision and Hearing. 39 volunteers helped almost 800 students get checked in, do height, weight, vision testing, hearing testing, and brought snacks and water. What a week! Nurse Sharon and I could not have done this incredible undertaking without all these wonderful volunteers. There were several people who came for more than one shift. Many vision screeners worked two machines. Parent involvement is what makes Meadows so special. So thank you and I hope to see you again next year.



Special thanks to all these terrific volunteers:

Sheila Flenory, Becky Bell, Rhonda Bannard, Danielle Hanson, Rosanne Burbank, Maria Rowell, Mike Meza, Jordel Graef, Jasmine Hyatt, Karla Motsenbocker, Renee Howard, Diane Krenn, Julie Sloan, Julie Peterson, Nancy Stouffer, Robyn Kellner, Yvette Moran, Sarah Speer, Janice Dunnigan, Joe Dunnigan, Aimee Vincent, Belinda Spellman, Cecilia Day, Cristina Guevara, Vanessa Lee, Chris Goodfarb, Malissa Geer, Pam Kasovac, Darrylee Cohen, Mishelle Mackle, Brigitte Rapatz, Vanessa Gunter, Julie Smith, Michele Lingenfelter, Diana Drotzmann, Lisa Gurule, Farina McKenzie, and Holly Keebel.

Thanks again,
Lynda Teague
Vision & Hearing Chair

MEADOWS ATHLETICS

DAVID VIBBER

Athletic Director

Valley Athletic Conference Play offs for the Fall season are just around the corner. Our teams complete their regular season schedules next week.

It looks like our Varsity Girls Volleyball team is headed into the 1st round versus the Central Division Champions and at this point it's Atkinson leading that Division. Our JV volleyball team is currently undefeated needing 2 more wins in the regular season to win the East Division and the opportunity to host the 1st round play off game.

Our Soccer teams have improved steadily all season. Despite our records and not making the play offs this season, those who have watched these team know that every week and every game has been a fight and they have improved so much!!

With a couple more games in the regular season we continue to support them and respect their determination.

Cross Country has had 3 practice meets and although a team score is not kept it looks like a lot of Meadows Red jerseys are crossing the finish line in the top 20 for the boys and girls teams. More details about the play off picture to come.

Winter Sports tryouts: The week of **November 4th** will be the Winter Sports Tryout week. Details about times and dates will be in the school announcements, the next Med-o-Gram and a Meadows email Blast. Winter Sports are...

Boys and Girls Varsity and JV Basketball, Flag Football, Wrestling and Cheer.

If you are interested in participating on one of these teams then pick up a Student Athlete Handbook in the front office or download it off the school website - Athletics and choose the link.

Friendly Reminder: Madison Meadows requires all students that participate on an athletic team pay an athletic fee of \$100 to offset the cost of operating our athletic program. The fee pays for coaches, referees, conference dues, transportation, uniforms and equipment. The fee is "given back" in the way of a Tax Credit for the same amount.

Please pay the \$100 athletic fee online:

www.ms38.org

- Click "Tax Credit" on the top right hand side. Scroll down and click "Donate Online".
- Forward the tax credit confirmation email to dvibber@ms38.org and include player's name and sport.
- Credit card payments also accepted in the office.

Meadows has not turned away a student who meets the academic and behavioral criteria from playing a sport due to financial circumstances. If a student/family is in need of a financial consideration; volunteer assistance to our school and/or athletic program may be considered instead of the \$100 payment. If the student meets all of the academic and behavioral requirements, then we will consider providing a waiver that will enable him/her to participate.

Thank you for supporting your son and daughter by encouraging them to participate in our athletic program. We truly believe that the investment will enrich their lives from the experience they have in practice and games.

Sincerely,
David Vibber
Meadows Athletic Director



Meadows Staff was triumphant over MTA at the Staff Volleyball Game! High five!!!

GO RAMS!

ATHLETICS

MADISON Meadows Schedule

2013 RAMS BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

| Date | Site/Address | Host | Time |
|--------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tues, Oct 15 | @ Granada Park / 6505 N. 20 th St. 85016 | <u>Meadows</u> | 4:30pm |
| Wed, Oct 23 | @ Grand Canal Linear Park / 91 st Ave & Bethany Home Park off Bethany Home & 79 th Ave. | Desert Sands | 4:30pm (ONLY 10 Boys / 10 Girls) |



VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (VAC) MEET

Tues, Oct 30 @ Trevor Browne H.S., 7402 W. Catalina Drive 85033 (ONLY 7 Boys / 7 Girls) 4:30pm

2013 RAMS BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER



VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - 5A PLAY-OFFS

Week of Oct 21st. 1st Round of VAC Playoffs: East Division Champion plays the Central Division Runner-up; East Division Runner-up plays the Central Division Champion. Host Site - Division Champion School.

Week of Oct. 28th SEMI FINALS @ Isaac M.S. and FINALS @ Isaac M.S. (TBA)

2013 RAMS JR. VARSITY / VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



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Fri 10/25 **SEMIS & FINALS / ALL 4A, 5A & JV** @ SIERRA LINDA H.S., 3434 S. 67th Ave., Phoenix, AZ



On October 15th, the teacher appreciation committee will provide a dinner catered by Streets of New York. This will allow the teachers to have a hot meal before parent/teacher conferences. On October 16th, a grab and go snack will be provided as a convenience and token of appreciation.

A special thank you to our bakers and snack providers:

Jeni DeBenedetti, Shannon Burke, Kari Blakley, Suzie Cons, Suzy Noren, Staci Csizmadia, Lisa Otto, and Debbie Diaz.



www.thekidzprovideducation.com



8TH GRADE GRADUATION!

Support Class of 2013!

Designate your 2013 tax credit dollars toward Meadows 8th Grade Graduation. Allocate \$400 (couples filing jointly) or \$200 (individual) tax credit dollars. Tell Grandparents, friends, and relatives about the way to donate.

We need your help! This is our last time for our eight grade parents to consider earmarking your 2013 tax credit dollars toward our Eighth Grade Graduation. These funds will go a long way in providing your child with the best graduation experience possible.

If you can allocate all \$400 (couples filing jointly) or \$200 (individual) tax credit dollars toward 8th Grade Graduation, that would be fantastic! And remember, any amount would be appreciated. Grandparents, friends, and relatives may also contribute their tax credit dollars. Contributors will be named in the commencement program.

Ways to donate:

- Online www.madisonaz.org
-Click where it says "Tax Credit" on the top right hand side -Scroll down and click where it says "Donate Online" -School: Madison Meadows; Activity: General – general
- Come in to Madison Meadows Office. Donations can be made by credit card or debit card in the office.
- PTM Website – Donations through the PTM Web site will not qualify for the tax credit but are automatically tagged for graduation so may be an easier way to donate. Visit www.meadowsptm.org and select Donate to the PTM on the right side.

Forward the tax credit confirmation email, Office donation or PTM donation information to jdebenedetti@cox.net. Your name will be listed in the Commencement Program as a contributor.

We are already putting exciting graduation ideas and plans in motion and would greatly appreciate receiving the contributions as quickly as possible. For more information on graduation or to volunteer visit the graduation page at www.meadowsptm.org under "What's Happening."

Thank you for your support!

Jeni DeBenedetti & Kim Wickey Graduation Fundraising Co-Chairs



Attention 8th Graders

Were you a beautiful baby, or did you have a face only a mother could love? Either way, the Meadows' Yearbook wants your picture for the 2013-2014 Yearbook!



To get your baby picture in this year's book, simply bring your picture to either Mr. Murphy or the office. The deadline for pictures is November 1st, 2013. Please place your photo in an envelope marked with your name and your homeroom teacher. Pictures will be scanned and returned by Thanksgiving break. You may also submit your picture via email by sending it to jmurphy@madisoned.org. If you do send an electronic image, please make sure it's high resolution: 240 dpi or higher. As always, please contact Mr. Murphy at 602-664-7628 with any questions.

REMEMBER: THE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2013!



The Meadows Snack Shack is open after school and during RAMMS sporting events on campus (some nights & Saturdays). Groups on campus can "sponsor" the snack shack for the month and proceeds for that month will help your group! Parents (with student helpers) are needed to staff the snack shack. Student helpers gain community service time. Fun and easy!

Every Friday

Enjoy a Sweet Treat & Support a Great Cause!

Stay cool with a discounted ZOYO Frozen Treat – \$3. Every Friday after school at the Snack Shack. Meadows receives 20% of all sales!

Check out the online schedule and submit your time on line. Contact Snack Shack Coordinator Theresa at MeadowsSnackShack@yahoo.com to learn more!

http://meadowsptm.org/ptm_home/fundraising/snack-shack/



Tuesday's "After School Art" Program

On Tuesdays from 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm, the art room will be open for "after school art." This **FREE after school** program is open to all students, regardless if they are in art class. This will be a time for any Meadows student to come into the art room and work on projects of their choice or continue on projects that have already been started. The only requirement is a *note from a parent or guardian* indicating how the student will be transported home (walking, riding a bike, parent pick-up, etc.).

The next "after school art" meeting will be October 15 and will continue every Tuesday until May 2014. Any additional information and updates can be found at www.mistervoss.com. If there are any questions, please contact Scott Voss at svoss@madisoned.org.

Book Illustration Contest

The Jeremy Jackrabbit illustration contest is taking place through the Phoenix Public Library during the month of October. All students in grades K-8 are encouraged to submit artwork that will illustrate the story, *Jeremy Jackrabbit Captures the Sun*, by Sasha and Rodney Glassman. <http://www.jeremyjackrabbit.com/who-is-jeremy-jackrabbit/>



Each student is allowed to enter up to two drawings in the contest and may choose their own materials to color their drawings (crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.) with the largest paper size allowed being 11" x 17". Illustrations of desert creatures, desert scenes and Phoenix landmarks are encouraged. Color backgrounds are preferred. Submissions can be dropped off at any Phoenix Public Library location and the deadline for the contest is **5 pm, Thursday, October 31, 2013**.

For additional information on the contest and submission forms, please go to:

www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids



Mrs. Sasha Glassman, Author



Phoenix and Delilah, 2013 Student Illustrators



Glassman's and Jack the Rabbit

Please consider being an **Art Masterpiece** **Guide!**



Each 5th & 6th grade class will have six presentations from late January to early May for the Art Masterpiece program. An art background is not necessary as training is provided for all volunteers. The Phoenix Art Museum will host their annual District **Orientation/Training on Saturday, January 11th (2014!) from 9-11:30am.** This opportunity is especially helpful for newer art guides, but I've been to the training a number of times and

learn something new each time. More details to follow!

All materials are provided to the volunteer. At a later date we will schedule an AM orientation to answer any questions you may have after we find guides for all the 5th & 6th grades.

Nancy Stouffer Art Masterpiece
Committee Chair nbstouffer@cox.net |
[602-770-8724](tel:602-770-8724) cell

We still needs guides for the following teachers and class periods:

5th Grade

Ms. Cohen 1st Period 830-940am

Ms. Cohen 5th Period 12:16-130pm

Ms. Cohen 6th Period 1:23-227pm

Mr. Gonzalez 1st Period 830-940am

Mr. Gonzalez 2nd Period 943-1047am

Ms. Kuhlman 6th Period 1:23-227pm

6th Grade

Mr. Bates 5th Period Social Studies 12:16-1:30pm

Ms. Kelley 1st Period 8:30-9:40am

Ms. Kelley 5th Period 12:16-1:30pm



If you are interested in being an AM guide, please contact Nancy Stouffer. I hope you'll want to be part of this great program!



Madison Tasting Tour

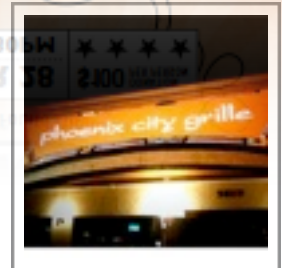
All aboard for the Madison

Tasting Tour! Enjoy this exciting dining spree while supporting music and the arts in the Madison schools.



October 28
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Join other foodies aboard a yellow Madison school bus to "taste" several of North Central Phoenix's best-loved dining destinations: **Otro Cafe, St. Francis, and Phoenix City Grille**. Wine tastings will be served at each location by Quench Fine Wines.



Seating for the Madison Tasting Tour is limited to 100 guests total. Two groups of 50 each will depart at 5:00 and 5:30 p.m., respectively, from the Madison District Offices - 5601 North 16th Street.

A donation of \$100 per person benefits the Madison Education Foundation, which supports music and the arts in our local Madison district schools.

BOOK YOUR TOUR TODAY! TICKETS ARE LIMITED. Buy your tickets online for the MADISON TASTING TOUR. <http://www.razoo.com/story/MadisonTastingTour2013>

For more information, please go to www.madisoneducationfoundation.org

P.S Save the date! Tuesday, November 12 – Madison Alumni Mixer at the Yard. Please check the MEF website for further updates and tickets.

IB CORNER OF THE WORLD

Hello, Meadows' families,

There are many changes on the horizon coming with the newly revised IB MYP program. I was fortunate to attend a Category 2 IB MYP Workshop in Alexandria, Virginia this past weekend. I learned many new things about the updated program from unit planners to inquiry to assessment and resources. This new information will be shared with staff at future grade level meetings and a TCT in October. What an exciting time it is as we roll out the updated MYP with teachers, students, and parents. Other core area teachers will also be attending future IB MYP workshops this month and into November. We are lucky to be on-board with implementing the new changes from IB just as we are beginning our journey into becoming an IB MYP school.



Our attribute of the month for October is "thinkers." Teachers encourage students to work on acquiring each of the Learner Profile attributes daily, but will especially focus on how they can be "thinkers" in class, at home, in the community, etc. Albert Einstein was quite the "thinker." One of his famous quotes is:



"I think and think for months and years. Ninety-nine times, the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right."

Please discuss with your child what Albert Einstein was referring to in his quote as being a thinker and how your child can be a thinker, too.

Meadows' staff has revised and rewritten our mission statement to coincide more with the official IB mission statement. Here is our updated mission statement:

Madison Meadows Mission Statement:

- We will build a safe and accepting learning community where respect is displayed for human differences of all kinds.
- We will operate as a professional learning community which supports each other and takes collective responsibility for the success of every student in an ever-changing global environment.
- We will ensure that all students experience success supported by a rigorous curriculum, differentiated core instruction, multiple forms of assessment and tiered intervention.

Thank you for your support of IB MYP at Madison Meadows Middle School. I hope everyone has a wonderful fall break.

Judy Stropky

IB Coordinator

Madison Meadows Middle School

"I THINK, THEREFORE IB".



Madison Meadows Homework Club has been established to provide a consistent opportunity to complete daily homework with staff available to encourage and assist. Mr. Lee Meyer, 7th Grade Social Studies teacher is the coordinator.

SCHEDULE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
(No homework club on TCT or early release days.)

3:40 Dismissal

3:45-4:45 Homework Club in Media Center

4:50 Bus departs from the front of the school

GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

1. Attendance will be taken each day.
2. Students are expected to be on time and prepared to work.
3. Students will read quietly once his/her work is completed.
4. Planners should have specific assignments listed for each subject area.
5. Student will not leave the media center during Homework Club.
6. Students may not leave homework club early unless parent/guardian provides written consent or picks them up from front office.

PAYMENT

\$20 weekly payment is expected on the Monday of the week of attendance. If payment is not received by Tuesday of the week of attendance, the student may not attend Homework Club until payment is received.

Please pay your Homework Club fee online by going to: www.madisonaz.org

Click "Tax Credit" on the top right hand side. Scroll down and click where it says "Donate Online"

School: Madison Meadows: Activity: General – general. Forward the tax credit confirmation email to lmeyer@msd38.org
(Include student's name and specify Homework Club.)

Parents and students please sign and return form to the school office.

I would like my student, who is in grade _____ to be enrolled in the Meadows' Homework Club. My child's homeroom teacher is _____. I understand that Homework Club will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:45 to 4:45pm. The charge is \$20 per week and if my student is a bus rider, transportation will be provided.

_____ My student will need bus transportation.

His/her regular stop is _____

_____ My student will not need transportation.

Please indicate mode of transportation. _____

Between 3:45 and 4:45pm, I can be reached at: _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



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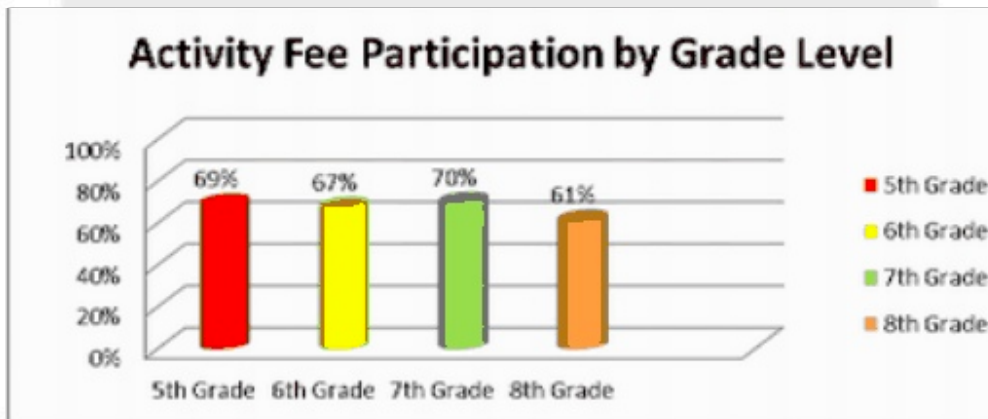
PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL

Every school year our teachers plan fun and educational field trips for your child to enjoy. Some of this school year's field trips include the Arizona Science Center, SkateLand, the Herberger Theater, Mesa Center for the Arts, and the Musical Instrument Museum.

These field trips can cost upwards of \$4,000. This comes out of our tax credit budget. Tax credit is a tax deductible donation to Meadows. An individual filing singly can donate a maximum of \$200.00; for married couples, filing jointly, a maximum contribution of \$400.00 is allowed.

In order to offset a portion of the field trip and transportation costs we require each family to donate a minimum one-time \$50.00 tax deductible ACTIVITY FEE per student. *We request, however, that you consider donating up to the maximum (\$200 or \$400) to support Meadows' many programs.*

Please help us meet your grade level's goal of 100% participation.



Donations may be made online by going to the district website (www.madisonaz.org) and clicking on the "Tax Credit" tab, and following prompts. Choose Meadows as your school and General as your activity. **Please also make sure to email your tax credit receipt to hconevera@msd38.org** and include your student's name and grade level in the email so that the payment can be logged.

Thank you,

Susan Doyle

[Susan Doyle](#)

This payment is eligible for the Arizona State income tax credit as allowed by A.R.S. 43-1089-01

* Fee dollars may offset your Arizona tax dollars owed, up to the maximum contribution allowed. Please consult with your personal tax preparer to determine the application of this credit. No Refunds.

Thank you for your support!

REACH



OPEN HOUSE & INFORMATION NIGHT

NOVEMBER 6 6-7PM
MADISON No. 1 LIBRARY
5525 N. 16th STREET

We are hosting an informal evening at Madison No. 1 to give kindergarten through seventh grade parents of highly gifted children information about the REACH Program and the admissions process.

This informative gathering is open to all parents of highly gifted students, both inside and outside of the Madison School District. The open house format will provide parents a sneak peek at the classes and opportunities for students in the REACH Program at Madison School District. Teachers, administrators, and students will be available to answer any questions.

The Rigorous, Enriched, Accelerated Curriculum for the Highly Gifted (REACH-I) maintains the highest admission standards in the state. REACH offers a tuition-free, top-tier high school and college preparatory education to highly gifted students.

Consider becoming part of the REACH community –
a Madison tradition since 1999.

Questions? Contact:

Terrie Barnes, Administrator for Curriculum & Instruction

Phone: 602.664.7925

Challenge. Inspire. Reach.

THE REACH PROGRAM – MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT



Parents, Teachers, Staff and Students

Do you have a Meadows community story to share? Contact us with suggestions for articles, announcements, photos, or community updates.

contact lisa@meadowsptm.org

