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Mrs. Martha Hanna, Principal

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Sunday, Aug. 30
Prayer Walk 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Meet the Teacher

Sept. 3, 8, 10

Blue Day: Students with last names beginning with A-L report to school.

Monday, Sept. 7
Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 8
School pictures for students with last names A-L.

Sept. 4, 9, 11
Orange Day: Students with last names beginning with M-Z report to school.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
School pictures for students with last names M-Z.

Monday, Sept. 14
All students report to MSE. Parent orientation video will be sent.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Parent orientation virtual Q&A

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Fall fundraiser begins.

Friday, Sept. 18
Summer packets due.

Wednesday, Sept. 30
Fall fundraiser ends.

For a complete list of upcoming events:
madisonstation.com



Dear Madison Station Families,



We are only days away from the start of our 2020-2021 school year. In only a few short days, you will

bring your children to meet their new teacher. Soon, our hallways will be filled once again with the sounds of tiny voices and shuffling feet.

Teachers are busy working in classrooms to make them perfect for the arrival of students. Everyone is focused on putting the finishing touches on our beautiful building and classrooms. While the start of this school year may look a little different, this virus will not steal the excitement we feel about the start of a new year and the new opportunities we will have at MSE to touch the lives of our children and their families. Thank you for entrusting us with your precious children. We are going to have a great year!

With lots of love and excitement,

Mrs. Hanna
MSE Principal



Welcome back to another school year at Madison Station, and a special welcome to our new MSE families! This school year might look a little different, but I am so confident in our administrators and educators and their ability to make it special for our little ones. Our kids have had a long break, and I know mine are ready to see friends and be back at Madison Station. The teachers, staff, and administrators have been working hard to get everything ready for the start of school, and the PTO is excited to work alongside them to make this a great year at MSE.

As we begin a new school year, I'd like to ask for your support. With your membership, we are able to provide a wide range of programs needed for our school. I encourage you to not only join the PTO, but to get involved as well. You can join the PTO in person at Meet the Teacher on September 1, or you can join by visiting our website: msepto.com. The website is a great place to learn about PTO events, pay your membership dues, and order your back-to-school T-shirts!

I am truly honored to serve as your PTO President. I look forward to working with our dedicated executive board and PTO committee members to make sure your children have a great year. We can't wait for you to join us! If you have any questions or concerns, please email them to ptomadisonstation@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Henry
PTO President

2020-2021 MSE Visitor Protocols



In alignment with our COVID-19 Return to School Plan, visitor access to our campus will be largely restricted as we kick off the 2020-2021 year.



Attention: New Students

On the first day of school, we are making the following adjustment: kindergarten students may be walked to class by one parent.

All new and returning students will be welcomed by a large presence of support staff to help find exactly where to go. All new Madison Station students will be provided a nametag, with teacher assignment detailed, during Meet the Teacher to wear on the first day of school.

MSE is easy to remember the color way! Take a few moments to remind your child to look for the hallway by color.

Kindergarten Hall	Yellow
1st Grade Hall	Orange
2nd Grade Hall	Red
3rd Grade Hall	Purple
4th Grade Hall	Blue
5th Grade Hall	Green

We look forward to welcoming all your children back to school.



Visitor Protocol for Dropping Off an Item for a Student

- The visitor should phone the office and inform personnel of the student and item being dropped off.
- The visitor should enter into the foyer.
- The visitor should label the item with student name and teacher name.
- The visitor will place the item on the table in the foyer and depart the building.
- An employee will retrieve the item on the table and deliver it to the student.
- NOTE: At no time is the parent/visitor to enter the building. This is due to safety protocol.

Visitor Protocol for a Scheduled Meeting with School Personnel

Routine conferences and meetings should be held by an online meeting platform if at all possible. For meetings that should occur in person:

- The visitor should ring the bell for entrance into the school office.
- Office personnel will grant entrance based on social-distancing guidelines.
- The visitor will be allowed in the school and will have temperature taken and recorded. Visitors with a temperature above 100.4° F will not be allowed to stay. The meeting will be rescheduled.

Visitor Protocol for Picking Up a Student Prior to Dismissal



- The adult should call the school, 601-856-6246, and let the office personnel know name and teacher of child to be checked out.
- The adult should ring the bell for entrance into the school office.
- Once the child has arrived to the office, personnel will grant entrance.
- Office personnel will grant entrance based on social-distancing guidelines.
- Adult credentials will be verified, and the adult will sign the student out.



Important Student Dismissal Update

In an effort to provide adequate social distancing during afternoon dismissal, changes to our typical dismissal pattern have been made. Please note the following dismissal times:

- 1:45 p.m. Car Rider Dismissal for Students with Last Names A-L**
- 2:00 p.m. First Round of Buses Load and Depart**
- 2:15 p.m. Second Round of Buses Load and Depart**
- 2:30 p.m. Car Rider Dismissal for Students with Last Names M-Z**
- 2:30 p.m. Daycares Dismissed on Arrival**

If your family chooses to transport your student home after school, please carefully review the above listed times. We will be unable to load students with last names M-Z prior to 2:30.


Our partnering bus company, Durham School Services, provides a free app available from the App Store and Google Play. You may also access Durham Bus Tracker from any computer: m.durhambustracker.com. Durham Bus Tracker allows you to view your student’s school bus location. Information about the route, in near real time, including scheduled and estimated arrival times to your stop.

Service Center Location 3095
 Student ID Number Located on 3-5 report cards. Parents may call school to obtain this number if needed.

Students are required to wear face coverings during student dismissal.

Please be patient as we work through our new system during the first weeks of school.

MADISON STATION
Return to School

BLUE Day LAST NAMES A-L		orange Day LAST NAMES M-Z
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

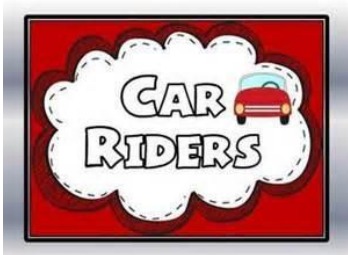
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
 ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO MSE

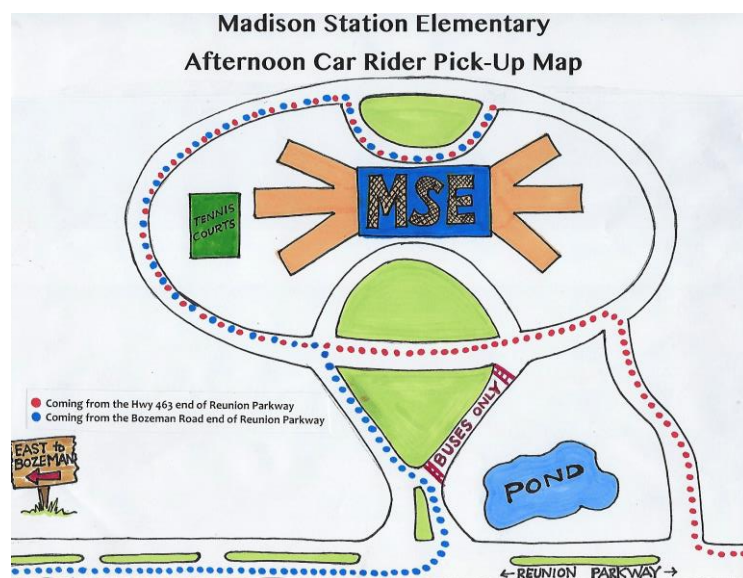
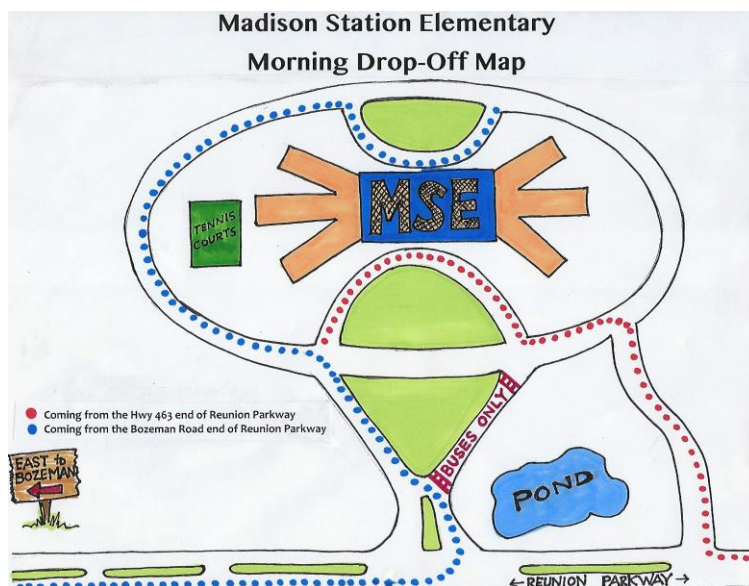


For the safety of all families, please adhere to the following procedures when entering our campus for drop-off or pick-up.

If you enter Reunion Parkway from Bozeman Road, please stay in the left lane, and get in line behind the last car. Please do not pass waiting cars and then break in line. Please follow the line to the back of the school, and drop off your child in the cafeteria loop. You will not be allowed to go to the front of the building. In the afternoons, please follow the same procedure.

If you enter Reunion Parkway from Highway 463, please use the entrance closest to the pond, not the main entrance. You will follow the line and drop off at the front of the school. In the afternoons, please follow the same procedure, except you will follow the line to the back of the school.

Please see the maps to the right.



EduKit Distribution

This year, the MSE EduKit school supply distribution will not be happening during Meet the Teacher. Instead, the school supply boxes will be placed in your child's classroom prior to this event.

At Meet the Teacher, we will have committee representatives set up on both the upper and lower elementary wings with the EduKit checklist for any parent supply order discrepancies or questions.

Questions about EduKit orders? Contact Tatia Kiser at tatia.kiser@gmail.com or (601) 262-8397.



Charlotte Meadows

Each month, as part of its commitment to supporting the arts, MSE partners with one local artist. The artist's work, which is available to purchase, is displayed in the front of the school for the month. A portion of the proceeds benefit MSE.

"I have loved drawing since I was very young, drawing barns, trees, and copying cartoons in the summers at my grandparents'. I had fabulous art teachers in junior high while living in Texas that made me want to continue the pursuit of art through my life. I studied art and interior design while at Ole Miss before marrying and raising three boys here in Madison. As they were older, I took several Plein Aire workshops under some colorists like Guido Frick, Camille Przewodek, some figure drawing and painting from Jerrod Partridge, as well as several

courses at Belhaven. I mostly do oil and watercolor, as well as draw portraits, continuing to grow with different mediums, such as ink. I sell my work on Instagram, my website and do several shows each year. I enjoy teaching children after school, diving deep into art history and artists- past and present- and giving them opportunities to draw and create using many mediums. I also do four weeks of art camps in the summertime. Children are my heart, and I love to create art with them!"

For more information about the artist, please visit www.charlottemeadowsart.com.

Nurse's Notes

Hi everyone,

My name is Shanda Walenta, and I am starting my 7th year as the nurse at Madison Station Elementary. I have been a nurse for over 26 years now and have experience in Pediatric Intensive Care, General Pediatrics, Pediatric Nephrology and Newborn Medicine. I cannot tell you how happy I am that we will be together again in school soon. I sure have missed my friends.

As we start the 2020-21 school year, it is amazing how different our school days look from just a few months ago. However, even though things “look” different, one thing is the same: We are all here working diligently as a team to provide the safest environment for your children. Our goal is to help them remain healthy and feel loved and secure, therefore creating a scenario for them to reach their full potential, which includes an incredible education.

Right now, the #1 concern with most parents is COVID-19. Madison County Schools is following the guidelines set by the CDC to insure we are providing the best environment for your children. We also need your help in watching your child for signs and symptoms of sickness at home. The CDC informs us that COVID-19 can present differently in different people. However, the most common symptoms are fever, sore throat, GI upset and/or having difficulty breathing.

Let's work together to follow these everyday preventative actions and tips to help our Madison Station children stay healthy while in school and at home.

- Clean hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid people who are sick (coughing or sneezing).
- Socially distance (staying 6 feet away from others who are not part of your immediate family who live in your home, as much as possible).
- Always wear a mask over your nose and mouth while in public and at school.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily (tables, hard-backed chairs, door knobs, light switches, desks, toilets and sinks).
- Make sure your child is up-to-date on their well-child visits and immunizations.
- **Be sure to keep your child home if they do not feel well or are running a temperature of 100.4 or greater without the use of temperature-lowering medication, like Tylenol or Ibuprofen.**

Remember everyone, keep smiling! We will get through this together.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Let's all continue to stay healthy and safe. Can't wait to see my Madison Station family.



Sincerely,

Shanda L. Walenta B.S.N., R.N.
Madison Station Elementary School Nurse



To find more information on our Back- to-School Reentry Guidelines, please go to www.madison-schools.com. Please remember that the plan is a working document, and it will be updated as plans develop.

Contact Information

If you need to reach me for any questions, I can be reached at the school between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every school day. The phone number at the school is (601)-856-6246, and my email is shanda.walenta@madison-schools.com

Mask, Gaiter, and T-Shirt Sales to Benefit MSE

Madison Station T-shirts, masks, and gaiters are now on sale. There are limited quantities, so order yours now for best selection.

Gildan brand T-shirts are \$18 apiece and come in sizes Youth XS to Adult 3XL. This year's back-to-school shirt is a sports grey color with an orange pawprint.



Masks and gaiters are also for sale. The MSE gaiters have an easy, pull-up style. They are blue color and can be purchased online for \$10. They come in two sizes, youth small/medium and youth large/ extra-large. Also available are \$8 ear-loop masks, which come in two sizes, youth small/medium and youth large/extra-large. All mask and gaiter sales are final.



For sizing, return information and to purchase, please visit www.msepto.com.



MSE Fall Fundraisers Announced

The PTO is excited to announce our fall fundraisers for the 2020-2021 school year!

Students in grades K-2 will sell raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$5,000 cash grand prize and three amazing runners-up gift baskets. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the MSE PTO website, www.msepto.com, starting Sept. 16.

Students in grades 3-5 will sell products with the Mississippi company, Southeastern Fundraising, which offers a wide variety of products, including quality gift wrap, delicious candies, kitchen tools and more.

Our fall fundraiser helps support MSE's arts-enrichment programs, such as Kidz Art, theater performances, a full-time art teacher, as well as teacher appreciation, science labs, fitness programs and much more. Please help us in our efforts to make this year's fundraising the best one yet. We are one of Mississippi's top-rated schools, and we want to help keep this top rating by giving our children everything they need to reach their fullest potential.

For their participation, students will be rewarded with individual and classroom prize incentives and a great sense of accomplishment for having helped their school. Our goal is for each student to sell 18 tickets or items. Each student who sells 18 items or tickets may attend a glow pizza party on campus!

Both sales will begin Sept. 16 and end on Sept. 30. Watch those backpacks for more information about these great fundraisers!



The three k-2 fundraiser runners-up will receive amazing gift baskets!

Woman's Gift Basket

- One-of-a-kind art by Lindsey Martin- \$230 value
- Organize2Clean services + gift basket- \$250 value
- \$100 Target gift card donated by Total Healthcare Solutions
- Rodan+Fields Redefine regimen, Lash Boost & Radiance Mask donated by Karen Fitzgerald- \$423 value
- \$125 gift certificate from MS Premier Plastic Surgery's Lotus Med Spa
- \$50 gift certificate from Taylor Collection
- \$125 in merchandise and gift cards from Cups Espresso Café
- \$50 toward a class with Craftworx by Terri Dallriva

Man's Gift Basket

- Performance Fit Bootcamp from Madison Healthplex Performance Center- \$300 value
- \$250 gift card from Fleet Feet
- \$125 in merchandise and gift cards from Cups Espresso Café
- Maui Jim sunglasses donated by EyeCare Professionals- \$230 value
- \$100 Academy Sports + Outdoors gift card donated by Katie Mitchell, EXIT New Door Realtor
- \$50 gift card from The Range by Jimmy Primos
- \$50 in gift cards from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- \$50 gift card from Buffalo Wild Wings

Child's Gift Basket

- \$30 gift card from Orange Leaf Frozen yogurt
- 5 combo meal voucher cards from Chick-fil-A
- \$100 off at Space Jump of Jackson
- 20% off teepee setup with Upcountry Camp
- Cake pop package from Bonnie Bee Bakes
- \$50 towards a class with Craftworx by Terri Dallriva
- Tiger-Rock Martial Arts of Ridgeland birthday party- \$250 value
- Electric scooter, drone and more! donated by Southeastern Fundraising

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Many thanks to the sponsors of our raffle grand prize.



MADISON RIDGELAND animal hospital



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An extra special thanks goes out to these local businesses helping with promotion of our 2020-2021 fundraisers!



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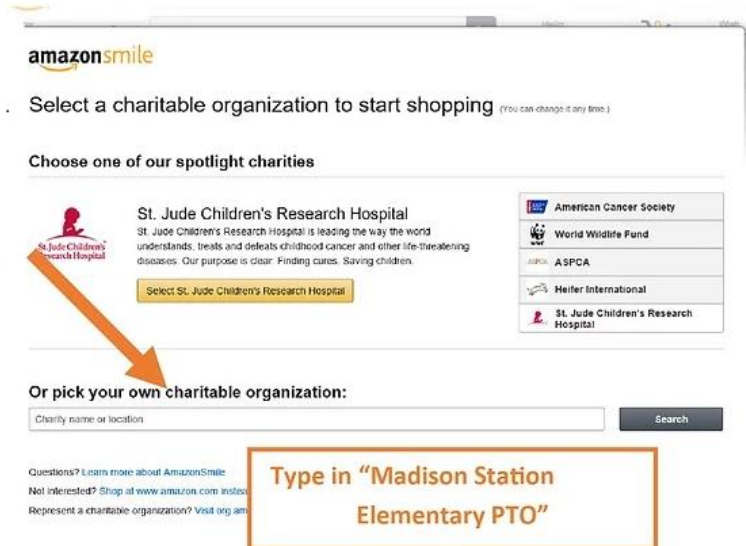
Additional Ways to Support MSE

We need your support – now more than ever! There are several easy ways to earn money for MSE, including through Amazon Smile, Box Tops for Education, and the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

For more information about ways in which you can support our school, visit www.msepto.com.



Support MSE while shopping on Amazon. The PTO is a registered non-profit with Amazon Smile. You simply need to register us as your charitable organization and then shop at smile.amazon.com. Amazon will then donate a portion of your purchase price to our school - it's that easy!



Box Tops for Education

Download the Box Tops app. Scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase, and the app will automatically find eligible products and add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

While products with the Box Tops logo may be found at any store, Madison Station gets \$5 each time someone buys five participating products at Kroger!



Shop at Kroger and Give to MSE

Register your Kroger Plus card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards.

Select "Madison Station Elementary PTO" or organization number VS386.

If you enroll in the fundraising program, you still earn Kroger Fuel points while helping our school.



Did you know that Kroger will pay us up to \$300 per quarter for each household enrolled, up to \$50,000?



Want to get involved and support MSE? Join the PTO!

To sign up, go to the PTO website, www.msepto.com, click on the "Support MSE" link and then the "Join the PTO & PACEsetters" link. After you have signed up, if you are interested in volunteering to serve on a PTO committee, you may sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link. Descriptions of the PTO committees can be found on the website.

Thank you for your support!

The PTO committees available for sign-up include the following:

- Arts Attack – 2nd grade
- Arts Sense – K
- Box Tops
- Fall Festival
- Fundraising
- Grounds
- Library Book Fair
- School Pictures
- Special Events
- Spring Event
- Student Recognition
- Teacher Appreciation
- T-shirts
- Yearbook



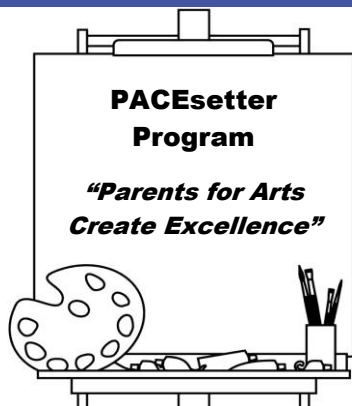
PACEsetter Levels

- *PACEsetter Gold*: \$145 or more in support of the arts at MSE
- *PACEsetter Plus*: \$100 (the annual cost per child at MSE)
- *PACEsetter Parent*: \$45 in support of the arts at MSE

All PACEsetter categories include the \$20 general PTO membership and are tax-deductible.

To join the PTO and select a level of support, please visit www.msepto.com.

Thank you again for your support.



Junior Auxiliary of Madison/Ridgeland, and funding from the Madison Station PTO. As the grant money ended, the Madison Station PTO continued to add items to its budget expenses so that our students could continue to have these opportunities. In fact, for the last 10 years, the PTO alone has paid the salary (including all benefits) of our full-time art teacher allowing our school to be the only elementary school in our district (and most of the state) to have a full-time certified art teacher!

In 1998, Madison Station created the "Arts Create Excellence" program to give MSE students the opportunity to learn about the arts – to learn through the arts – every day! For 22 years now, the visual and performing arts have become an integral part of daily classroom instruction.

Our school has been honored by the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education as a School of Distinction, as well as been named a Model School by the Mississippi Arts Commission. We have hosted and trained hundreds of educators from other schools across our state who wanted to emulate the great things we are doing.

Our program initially operated on grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission's Whole Schools Initiative, the U.S. Department of Education, the

We need your help to ensure that the arts at Madison Station continue to be strong. The administration and faculty are committed to the arts. The PTO is equally committed to the arts, as well as to providing many other resources to our school (playground upkeep, teacher appreciation, technology, etc.).

All PACEsetter funds directly support the continuation of the arts-based curriculum at MSE.



Keep up with the latest announcements and photos.



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Madison Station Elementary PTO



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