



May 2019 Newsletter

From the Principal:

I have heard from many that they can't believe that school is almost over. I too am surprised at how fast the school year has gone. I can't believe that this is already the last newsletter of the year. Well, as exciting as this time can be, it is also a very busy one. This last month will be full of special days and events. The sun is up longer in the evenings, which can be fun – but it can also cause problems if children are not sticking to their usual bed times. This coming month is the time that we see behaviors increase, often due to children being tired and not wanting to go to bed until the sun goes down. I want to ensure that we have a strong finish to the year so let's make sure those same bedtimes are still taking place. There is no slowing up before the finish line!

Though most of our students know the rules about staying off the playground after school unless they are with a parent, I thought I'd take a moment to inform parents as well so that you are not left wondering why your child is unable to access the playground. There is an agreement in place with the MASH after-school program to occupy the playground until 6:00 pm. After 6:00 pm the playground again becomes available for community use. This is done to avoid the complications of MASH being able to work with their children with the level of supervision and safety that is needed. If students do try to access the playground, they often are just unaware that they aren't allowed to and we simply let them know that and send them back home. At times when MASH has even tried to tolerate one or two who aren't causing problems, it eventually leads to others feeling like it's not fair or can cause issues when the expected MASH behaviors aren't being followed appropriately. This type of arrangement just isn't going to work out so we will continue to emphasize to children that after school they should either go home immediately or go to the reading room or after school gym. Hopefully this helps things remain predictable for our parents as well as providing safe activities for all.

Bobby Olson, Principal

NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 27th

There will be school on Friday, May 10th to make up for a storm day

Thursday, May 30th is the last day of school

Have a great summer!

PTA Meeting

The Madison PTA will hold it's meeting on Monday, May 13th at 4pm in the library. Please come join us!

Library News

The Madison Library would like your help in getting all books returned before the end of the school year. Books will be due back on your student's library day during the week of May 20-24.

We will continue to check out books after those days for students to keep at school. Please visit with Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Fuglesten in the library if you need to discuss a lost book. Thanks for your help in getting all books returned!



Attention 4th graders:

Are you interested in joining 5th grade orchestra?

The orchestra teachers will be coming to 4th grade music classrooms during the month of May to show your child the instruments of the orchestra (violin, viola, cello and bass) and demonstrate the characteristics of each. Orchestra classes will begin next fall for 5th graders who are interested in being part of the program.

Students and their parents/guardians are asked to attend one of the following rental nights from 5:00pm-7:00pm:

- Thursday, May 16th at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School
- Tuesday, May 21st at Ben Franklin Middle School
- Thursday, May 23rd at Discovery Middle School



At the event, you can sign up to rent an instrument and purchase supplies. Also, please plan on attending one of the parent information sessions either at 5:00pm-5:30pm or 6:00pm-6:30pm. The parent information session will give you a chance to ask any questions and learn about opportunities you will have in orchestra. Plan to spend a total of about one hour. You may go to one of the three music stores in the area if you are unable to attend any of these rental nights.

Please email Kathleen Thomas at thomask2@fargo.k12.nd.us if you have specific questions.

Read to Lead Celebration

The final Read to Lead Celebration will be held at Madison Elementary on Tuesday, May 28th. All students who met their reading goal will get to participate in a day with fun events such as Games to Go, hat decorating and lots of other outdoor fun!

Concert

The Orchestra and Mini Singers Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 9th beginning at 5:30pm in the Madison School Gym.



All City Elementary Track Meet

The All-City Elementary Track Meet will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 4:15pm. It will be held at the NDSU Illig Outdoor Track (west of Newman Outdoor Field). Everyone is invited to attend and cheer for Madison 4th and 5th grade track students.



Field Day

Madison Elementary will be having a Field Day on Friday, May 24th. All classrooms will be participating in fun outdoor activities, so please make sure that you wear appropriate footwear for outdoor play.

After School Activities for May 2019

All after school activities, including the reading room, are held from 3:02pm-3:35pm. Students must be picked up at school by 3:35pm.

	After School Gym	Makerspace
Monday	4 th and 5 th grades	
Tuesday	2 nd and 3 rd grades	5 th grade
Wednesday	K and 1 st grade	2 nd grade
Thursday	4 th and 5 th grades	3 rd grade
Friday	2 nd and 3 rd grades	4 th grade