

8th Grade NEWSLETTER

Second Week of School!!!



Global Scholars began this week, 8th grade students will begin taking theirs on Monday or Tuesday next week. Students will take Math, Reading and Language Arts. We are setting goals and tracking their progress throughout the year. Ask your child what goals they set and after they test, ask them if they met their goals, and

what they plan to do to continue to meet those goals, or what they could do differently to reach their goal in the future.

Please be sure your child is getting enough rest and is in school on the testing days.

Thank you for your support.

SCHEDULES

Our schedule this year is very tight, with little time for transition or wasted time. It is essential that students move quickly between classes when that is necessary. Please remind your student that transitions at Madison Academy are zero talking times, and they must

move quickly to ensure no instructional time is wasted. It is also essential that the bring all needed supplies to class with them as locker passes are not given. They will ALWAYS need a pencil and their planner regardless of which class they are attending.

Planners

Every student in grades 3 - 8 were supplied a planner. It is an expectation that they will use this planner throughout the school year. Each class students are reminded to write in their planners what they worked on, their "I Can statement" as well as homework they may have. Students are encouraged to use this planner to keep track of outside activities as well, in an effort to teach students the skill of time management and tracking responsibilities.

It is expected that students will show this planner to their students on a nightly basis, please sign or initial your students planner each evening as verification that you have viewed it and are working with your child at home on this valuable life skill.

Planners that are lost or destroyed beyond use must be replaced at a cost of \$5.

Thank you.

SCHOOL WIDE PROCEDURES

SLANT

SLANT is an acronym for S - sit up, L - listen, A - ask & answer questions, N - nod (to show you understand) and T - track the speaker (look at and pay attention to the person speaking). This will ensure that all students know what is expected of them anywhere in the school when they are given the slant signal they are asked to give the teacher slant.

CHAMPS

CHAMPS is an acronym for C - conversation, H - help, A - activity, M - movement, P - participation, and S - success. This will help all students in every class know what is expected of them throughout the class.

School Wide Noise Levels

- 0 - No talking
- 1 - Whisper Voice
- 2 - Conversation
- 3 - Presentation
- 4 - Outside

Hallway Expectation

Whenever students are in the hallway during the school day it is expected that they will not speak, to keep a 0 - No Talking noise level at all times. They are also expected to travel in single file lines to the right of the hallway. They should never pass or cut off another class or group without permission from the staff member with that group.

SUBJECT NEWS

Mrs. Wisniewski - English Language Arts

In English Language Arts, students are working on reading strategies, note-taking strategies

and writing cohesive paragraphs. They are also working on using capitals and periods and have begun the writing process for writing personal narratives. Later this week they will begin their first novel of the year "Animal Farm".

Mrs. Butcher - Mathematics

Students have taken their STAR math test for Accelerated Math and have brought the first parent report home to be signed. Students will be working to improve their math skills in AM along with their regular math lessons for 8th grade. Watch for future Star math reports to come home. We are continuing MEAP preparation in math class to ensure all students are able to preform their best in October.

Students have been signed up to use www.xtramath.com if they have computer access at home it would benefit them to use this as much as possible.

Contact

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You may also reach us by phone at (810) 655-2949 and asking to be put through to our classrooms. During the day it is difficult to carry out phone conversations with parents, unless it is planning time, please be patient and understand that it is in your child's best interest that we are focused on teaching during the day. Visit our class webpages by clicking the link on the right side of the schools homepage. www.madison-academy.org

Social Contract

Our classes have completed their social contracts and all students should have signed them.

Our social contract is an agreement of behavior, how we agree to treat each other. Students and staff not following the social contract can be fouled and if fouled must give to "ups" or good things about the other person. An "up" needs to be personal, comments about outer physical appearances or clothing/shoes are not permitted.

College Adoption

8A has adopted Eastern Michigan University this

year. Go Eagles! You will see the EMU banners & logos around our room and eventually in our gym.



8B has adopted Western Michigan University this year. Go

Broncos! You will see the WMU banners & logos around our room and eventually in our gym.

PURPOSE

The idea behind all classes adopting a college is to help students keep college in mind as a possibility for their future.