

It's BACK TO SCHOOL Time!

2019-2020 year begins Aug. 14

In this issue: All information needed to ensure a great start for every student

Registering your student

Returning Students. Online registration is open at www.madison.k12.in.us. Login to your Skyward Family Access account and follow the link.

New Students. You may enroll your student online here: <https://skyward.madison.k12.in.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsSky/skyenroll.w>
To enroll your student in person, visit the main office of the school the student will attend. (See list of addresses and phone numbers at right, which includes days and times each school will be open for registration.)

Transfer Students. Students who live outside of the MCS district may choose to attend one of the schools within the corporation. Application forms are available at each individual school building or from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays at the MCS Administration Building. All completed forms must be returned to the Administration Building.

Transfer applicants must file their request with the MCS Board of Trustees before Aug. 14.

If possible, please make sure your student is enrolled before the first day of school, Aug. 14, to ensure the student's transportation and technology needs are in place and all administrative paperwork completed prior to student arrival.

See inside for more new-school-year information.



This scene – students arriving for the first day of school at Lydia Middleton Elementary School in 2018 – will replay districtwide on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Open Houses & Special Events

Anderson Elementary: 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, with a Community Dedication ceremony at 4 p.m.
Deputy Elementary: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12
Lydia Middleton Elementary: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13
Rykers' Ridge Elementary: 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13
MJHS: Meet the Makers Social Night for incoming fifth-graders and families, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12; Schoolwide Open House, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20
MCHS: Freshmen Orientation – 9 a.m. to Noon Thursday, Aug. 1; Open House/Schedule Pick-up – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1

Registration Dates for 2019-2020

Anderson Elementary
2325 Cherry Dr., Madison (812) 273-8528
Registration:
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 6
Noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 7

Deputy Elementary
14350 W. Mulberry St., Deputy (812) 274-8007
Registration:
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 5, 7 and 9
2-6 p.m. Aug. 12.

Lydia Middleton Elementary
714 W. Main St., Madison (812) 274-8005
Registration:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 6 & 7
1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 8

Rykers' Ridge Elementary
2450 Rykers' Ridge Rd., Madison (812) 274-8006
Registration:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 5
Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 6

Madison Junior High School
701 8th St., Madison (812) 274-8003
Registration:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 7
Noon to 6 p.m., Aug. 8

Madison Consolidated High School
743 Clifty Dr., Madison (812) 274-8002
Registration:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 7
Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 8

Rykers' Ridge Elementary named a Lighthouse School

By **PHYLLIS McLAUGHLIN**
Correspondent Editor

Responsibility. Respect. Self-reliance.
The Leader in Me program, started five years ago at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School has resulted with the school being named a Lighthouse School by FranklinCovey Education in April.

The international company founded the program in 2013 with the goal of helping schools focus on transforming education to include teaching students leadership and life skills, from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Only three other Indiana schools have received the Lighthouse designation, which is given only to those that have "achieved outstanding results in school and student outcomes," according to a FranklinCovey news release.

"Schools that achieve the Lighthouse Milestone are great examples of a strong leadership model, process, and of what it means to be a Leader in Me school," said FranklinCovey President Sean Covey.

Incoming Principal Jill Mires said she has already attended Leader in Me trainings. "I am not only learning how the 7 Habits encompass the school culture and classroom climate, I am learning how to incorporate them into my own daily life," Mires said.

"The Lighthouse Status is a distinction and an honor that was accomplished through dedication and commitment," Mires continued. "Rykers' Ridge is a true leader in the state."

The son of author Stephen Richards Covey, who wrote "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," Sean Covey is the author of several companion



Submitted photo
Mary Mehl listens to her daughter, Aliza, and her classmates, from left: Naomi Brown, Kaitlyn Tilley and Rylan Smith. The Vehementia Lighthouse team members are showing Mrs. Mehl the Leadership Notebooks they use to track goals and data.

books, including "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids."
Published in 2008, it is the basis of the Leader in Me program.

The habits include:
• Be Proactive

See *LIGHTHOUSE*, Page 6



CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Misidentified Photo

In the June issue, the caption for the photo at left was incorrect. The photo on the empty seat was there to honor Grant Adams, a member of the Class of 2019 who died in an accident in May 2018. The class also held a moment of silence at the beginning of commencement ceremonies on June 2. According to his obituary at lytlewelly.com, Adams, 18, was a junior at the time of his death. He was the son of Steven Carroll Adams and Lillian L. Bare Adams.

Not the First State Win

Also in the June issue, a story erroneously stated that the MCHS Science team was the first to take first place at the Indiana Academic Super Bowl, held annually on the Purdue University campus. While the exact number of state titles is unknown, MCHS has a storied history of academic team success at the state level going back several decades. These trophies are all on display outside the main office at the school. We invite you to check them out!
The staff of The District Correspondent regrets the errors.



Madison Consolidated Schools operates one high school, one middle school and four elementary schools (each including preschool) serving approximately 2,700 students and their families in the Madison/Jefferson County, Ind., area.

Our goal is to inspire success, boost confidence through critical thinking and problem-solving, and encourage collaborative learning. Our rigorous academic curriculum includes a diverse curriculum path into our Fine Arts Academy, multi-faceted college-and-career-readiness programs, and work-based learning opportunities.

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Lots of exciting things coming to MCS in the new school year

It's late July and that means that school is about to begin again! For those of us returning, welcome back. For those of you joining the Madison Schools for the first time, welcome to our schools. To all of our students, teachers, and families, thank you for choosing the Madison Consolidated School Corporation for your children's education.

We know you have educational choices in our community and we are honored that you have placed your trust in the hands of our teachers. I hope we all find the upcoming year to be rich, exciting, and a compelling educational journey.

The start of a new school year is always a bittersweet time for teachers and students. Leaving summer vacation behind is a sad prospect, especially one filled with fun and relaxation. But the prospect of a fresh start, new ideas, and new students and classmates can be exciting for everyone.

There are few experiences like the first day of school. I still remember my first day – all of the sights and sounds, how all of the adults were excited (my mom too, for some reason), and how I felt as I stepped onto the bus for the very first time. It remains an exciting time, welcoming everyone back and seeing their enthusiasm!

There is a lot to be excited about as we begin another school year at Madison Consolidated Schools. We are truly building our future, and exciting things are happening districtwide.

We are so proud to offer free textbooks and computers for all of our students this year, thanks to a



Dr. Jeffery Studebaker

donation from SuperATV.

We also are anxious to open Anderson Elementary School's doors again for our students!

And, thanks to a donation from Dave Ungru and Koehler Tire (and Dave's vision), we will be expanding the Cub Manufacturing & Engineering program by moving into a new lab and classroom space.

In the preschool program, we will set a record for enrollment this year. We are so excited about being able to offer these growth opportunities to the youngest children of our community.

We live in a very generous and caring community. The SuperATV partnership is one example of a game-changer for the schools and a life-changer for our students and families. Many other organizations are at work as well – groups working to help our students and families be as successful as possible.

One such collaborative effort kicking off this fall is a new partnership between MCS, the House of Hope and the Madison Presbyterian Church.

Sadly, many students struggle with hunger and food insecurity while not at school. There are some

programs in place where food (a "backsack" of food) is sent home each weekend during the school year.

Before now, this program was not available to our junior high students. The new partnership is kicking off its donation campaign now: For about \$100, a child in need will receive a backsack of food to get them through the weekend, frequently with enough food to help with siblings as well. This will be available throughout the school year.

Our goal is to generate enough funds to support 15 families, but we also hope to reach more and to be able to expand to other schools not currently being served. Donations may be sent to the Madison Consolidated School Corporation or to the Madison Presbyterian Church, with a memo stating "backsack program."

The House of Hope cannot process donations for this program but will serve as an invaluable partner by collecting the food and putting the backsacks together.

Thank you to both the House of Hope and the Madison Presbyterian Church for your vision, caring, and generosity!

As you can see, we are working hard to provide opportunity for all of our students. We look forward to seeing everyone on Aug. 14. If you are considering MCS for your child's education, please pay us a visit; let us show you who we are and what we can offer your child and family. Come grow with us!

Have a wonderful remainder of your summer and good luck this year!

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MADISON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL

743 Clifty Drive, Madison (812) 274-8002
Michael Gasaway, Principal; Assistant Principals Jill Deputy, Ronnie Lawhead

	Aug. 1	
Freshman Orientation		9 a.m. – Noon
Open House/Schedule Pick Up		5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Year-round	
School day hours		8 a.m.. – 3:05 p.m.
School office hours		7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

701 8th St., Madison (812) 274-8003 Dan Grill, Principal
Scott Schick, Assistant Principal, and Reenie Getz, Dean of Students

Open House	Aug. 20	6 – 7 p.m.
School day hours		7:55 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
School office hours		7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Future Cub Care Afterschool Program Hours		
Grades 5* & 6		3:05 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
		<i>*Additional cost & application</i>



MADISON CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Anderson Elementary

2325 Cherry Drive, (812) 273-8528
David Horvath, Principal; Andrew Smith, Assistant Principal

Community Dedication Ceremony	Aug. 13	4 p.m.
Open House*	Aug. 13	5 – 6:30 p.m.
School day hours		7:40 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
School office hours		7:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
	Preschool hours	
Half-day option		7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Full -day option		7:10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Afterschool program**		2:40 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
		<i>*Includes Preschool **Additional cost & application</i>

Lydia Middleton Elementary

714 W. Main St., Madison (812) 274-8005 • Tracy Ahlbrand, Principal

Open House*	Aug. 13	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
School day hours		7:35 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
School office hours		7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
	Preschool hours	
Half-day option		7:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Full day option		7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Afterschool Program**		2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
		<i>*Includes Preschool **Additional cost & application</i>



Deputy Elementary

14350 W. Mulberry St., Deputy, Ind. (812) 274-8007 • Janet McCreary, Principal

Open House*	Aug. 12	6 – 7 p.m.	Preschool hours	
School day hours		7:25 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Half-day option	7 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
School office hours*		7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m	Full-day option	7 a.m.– 2:45 p.m.
			Afterschool program**	2:45 – 5:30 p.m.
		<i>*Includes Preschool</i>		<i>**Additional cost & application.</i>



Rykers' Ridge Elementary

2450 Ryker's Ridge Road (812) 274-8006 • Jill Mires, Principal

Open House*	Aug. 13	5 – 6 p.m.,	Preschool hours	
School day hours		7:35 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Half-day option	7:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Office hours		7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Full day option	7:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
			Afterschool program**	2:45 – 5:30 p.m.
		<i>*Includes Preschool</i>		<i>*Additional cost & application</i>

**** Fees for full-day MCS Preschool are \$125 per week; half-day fees are \$75 per week. Both require \$50 nonrefundable registration fee. Tuition assistance available for eligible families.**

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Textbooks and Devices
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Through a generous donation from our educational partners at SuperATV, all textbook and technology rental fees, and classroom supplies for all students, will be paid for the 2019-2020 school year.

Contact us about transferring to Madison!

inquiries@madison.k12.in.us
www.madison.k12.in.us



**** Program will not change for students who qualify for federal assistance through the Free & Reduced Lunch Program.**



ANDERSON ELEMENTARY

2325 CHERRY DRIVE, MADISON

COMMUNITY
DEDICATION &
OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

4:00 P.M. DEDICATION CEREMONY

5:00 – 6:30 P.M. STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

More Important Information for the New School Year

Media Releases

Throughout each school year, students from Madison Consolidated Schools may have an opportunity to be highlighted in various marketing or public-relations oriented materials or projects used to promote activities and achievements within our school district. Students may be featured in materials to increase public awareness of our schools through newspapers, radio, website, DVDs, displays, brochures and other media outlets. If you DO NOT want your student to participate, please complete the Media Opt-Out Form during online registration or pick up and complete a hard copy from the main office of your school. The link also can be accessed at <http://www.madison.k12.in.us/document-library/family-information/541-media-opt-out-form/file>.

Student Insurance

Student Accident Insurance is available through the Markel Insurance Company. Students who wish to participate in the program must download the application at www.madison.k12.in.us, located in the Family Information folder of the Document Library. The application includes plan and cost information.

Free Textbooks/Devices

Thanks to a donation from SuperATV, all fees for textbooks and school-owned technology devices are waived for the 2019-2020 school year. During registration, parents and guardians must sign an agreement that outlines the terms of use. At the start of the year, necessary textbooks, technology devices, and classroom supplies will be distributed. Devices are collected at the end of the school year. At that time, families will only be billed for missing devices, chargers or cords.

STUDENT DEVICE USE AGREEMENT

- Devices will not be used in ways that are inappropriate.
- Using inappropriate language when using emails, journals, wikis, blogs or other forms of communication is unacceptable.
- Creating or encouraging others to create, discourteous or abusive content on school devices is unacceptable.
- Using school devices as electronic communication to spread rumors, gossip, or engage in activity that is harmful to other persons will not be tolerated.
- The school device is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of MCS.
- Never leave the device unattended, or loan out to others.
- Know where the device is at all times.
- Arrive at school every day with the device's battery fully charged.
- Keep food and beverages away from any device, since they may cause damage to the device.
- It is unacceptable to use the device camera to take and/or distribute inappropriate, or unethical material.
- Do not disassemble any part of the device or attempt any repairs.
- Protect the device by only carrying it while in the case provided and do not remove the device from the case provided by MCS.
- Do not place decorations (stickers, markers, etc.) on the device or case.
- Do not deface the serial number device sticker on any device.
- File a police report in case of theft, vandalism and other acts covered by insurance, and also report the incident to the administration of MCS.
- You will be responsible for all damages or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
- The device, case and power cords will be returned in good working condition upon at the end of each school year or if the student leaves to attend another school or district.

District Food Services Policies

The MCS school lunch program is dedicated to feeding nutritious meals to all of our students in the fastest and most pleasant manner possible. Menus will be available on our website, and also will be sent home monthly with elementary students via student device. Menus also will be posted at various locations in the junior and senior high schools to let students know what will be served each day. Menus also will be posted to our social media feeds on Facebook (search for individual school pages) and on Twitter @MCS_Indiana. Menus also will be announced on the radio, and will be available for download on our interactive food service website. All students are eligible for one free breakfast at school; a second meal is available for \$1.25. Parents and guardians are welcome to visit the cafeterias. For adults, the price of a breakfast is \$2.10 and lunch is \$3.50. Parents and guardians who wish to eat any meal with their student is asked to call the school office. Fast-food meals are prohibited in the school dining rooms during meal service hours. MCS participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Fees for elementary students not in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program pay \$2.30; secondary students pay \$2.50. Children from households that meet the federal income guidelines are eligible for free meals or for reduced-price meals: 40 cents for lunch; breakfast is free. An application for free lunches and textbook

rental may be completed if you feel you qualify for assistance. Our goal is to notify parents within 48 hours with approval or denial of the application and further information on what, if any, additional rental costs are due. Households currently receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) must list the child's name and food stamp or AFDC case number and sign the application. If your family is directly certified for free meals, you will receive a letter or email and you will not be required to fill out a meal application. Children who receive free or reduced price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for their meals. No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, age, national origin, sex or disability. Any household that feels they have been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Likewise, if you feel you have been discriminated against regarding the Textbook Assistance Program, contact the Indiana Department of Education, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798. Any household that does not agree with the school's decision regarding an application or verification is invited to discuss the issue with a school official. If that is not satisfactory, they may request a hearing through Tonya Feider, MCS Nutrition and Wellness Coordinator, at 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, IN 47250. To contact Feider by phone, please call (812) 274-8001.

District Transportation Policies

Our transportation department operates with a fleet of 34 buses, including three buses powered with propane. Our bus drivers transport approximately 1,500 students on 32 routes, covering just over 2,400 miles daily throughout the district. Student safety and security on our buses is seen as an extension of the safety and security we provide at each of the district's buildings. Therefore, we place a high focus on processes and features to ensure we take every measure to make our transportation as safe and reliable as possible. Each bus is equipped with GPS, which allows us to track each vehicle along its assigned route. In the event of an accident, natural disaster, or other incident that requires a re-route, or a delay for pick up or drop-off, school administrators are able to communicate with

our drivers and parents as needs arise. This procedure also helps to confirm that our snow routes are correct and efficient. Security cameras also are a security feature on all of our buses. These cameras are able to capture the interior of the bus, as well and specific points along the exterior of the vehicle. If there is ever a question of behavior or conduct of students riding the bus, our transportation office personnel have access to these video feeds. If you have questions or would like more information about the district's transportation policies and operation, please call either Keith Mahoney, transportation coordinator, at (812) 274-8110 or send an email to kemahoney@madison.k12.in.us, or Marsha Foley, transportation administrative assistant, at (812) 274-8111 or send an email to mfoley@madison.k12.in.us.



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A stellar tribute from a Cub alum

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator
MCHS Class of '86

On May 9, I received an email request for a ‘summer project’ partnership from Andy Holcroft, MCHS Class of 2018.

“As I work toward my goals of obtaining a degree and becoming an entertainment designer, I must design and create summer projects that will support my work in my portfolio,” Holcroft wrote. “Coincidentally, the registration for the 2019 Madison Regatta Parade opened. ... I was wondering if the school corporation would like to have a float in the parade to show-off the talent in their schools?” I wasn’t exactly sure where this would lead, but Andy’s reputation preceded him; if he was looking to share his creativity, I knew we wanted to be involved!

Andy will be a sophomore at the University of Cincinnati’s School of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP). He is working toward a bachelor’s degree in industrial design.

“I really can’t say that I was interested in industrial design at first,” Holcroft told me, adding that the process that led him to this decision was “kind of a blur.”

He said he knew he enjoyed engineering, but didn’t want to have anything to do with intense math courses. He really enjoyed designing sets for Madison Theatre during his time at MCHS, and is passionate about hands-on projects. The original plan

was a major in set design at UC, but after realizing the limitations of such a narrow field, he opened his mind and began to explore other options.

“My admissions adviser at UC really took time with me to understand what I was looking for and suggested industrial design – designing products (toys, consumer electronics, soft goods, packaging) and essentially anything you can imagine that enhances the way of life for specific end-users or consumers,” Holcroft explained.

“From there, I was sold. We toured DAAP and I instantly fell in love with the school and the program. I received my acceptance letter shortly after our visit. Little did I know that DAAP is ranked at No. 2 in the nation for industrial design.”

“The float project is one of my favorites,” Andy said, smiling. “It was a small-scale version of my plans for the future, and I got to take a napkin sketch and make it into a life-size functioning parade float.”

And, it turned out to be a family affair. Andy’s dad, Scott Holcroft (MCHS ’87), provided an extra set of hands (in the hands-on department) and was always tossing ideas and solutions.

His grandfather, Ron Holcroft (MCHS ’66), was the “tool and die guy” of the operation, providing that always-necessary specialty tool and overall general labor.

Mom, Mandy (MCHS ’93), was the calming voice of rea-



Photo by Andy Holcroft

MCS students were honored for their achievements as they ride the district’s float in this year’s Regatta parade. The float was designed and built by Andy Holcroft, Class of 2018, who volunteered to lead the project.

son, offering a sense of humor while her house was taken over with supplies and materials.

Andy’s sister, Alli (MCHS 2022), held down the homefront during the long hours of on-site construction, and his grandmas, Candi Holcroft (MCHS ’65) and Judy Peters (MCHS ’71), were always available with extra hands and encouraging words.

Having no idea what to expect as the project got started, I quickly realized two things: First, we were in the very capable hands of a naturally creative, driven leader who knows what he wants and is willing to teach others with grace and patience. Second, the scope of this project was well beyond anything I could have imagined!

Construction began immediately with two active sites – the Holcroft residence and the MCS bus garage. Every aspect of the float was designed, engineered and constructed under the watchful eye of Andy, who also was hands-on through every

aspect of the process.

The project involved about 500 hours of volunteer time and roughly 45,000 pieces of 4x4 inch red tissue paper. I asked Andy at some point if he was tracking his time and he quickly replied, “It’s not about the time you put in, it is about the finished product and the joy it brings to people.”

Holcroft enjoys the rush of last-minute details as the deadline approaches, but his favorite part of the process is stepping back to look at the finished product and imagine the joy it will bring to others, he said.

“I feel like that’s why I chose this major/job, because I like to see people smile and enjoy something, and getting to see them enjoy something that you’ve created – there’s no better feeling in the world. The world could always use more happiness.”

This is one of many projects (not assignments) Andy will compile as part of his professional portfolio, which he

eventually will share with numerous companies as he begins interviewing for competitive internships as a UC undergraduate. Once he graduates, he plans to work toward a master’s degree in “themed entertainment design,” so he can pursue his dream job as a Walt Disney Imagineer.

A big thank you to our float team of decorators: Andy, Scott, Mandy, Alli, Ron, Candi, Judy, Shea Johnson and Gavin McMahon for your time! And thank you, too, to our enthusiastic float riders: Daunte O’Banion, Matt Ward, Brooklyn Cornelius, Alivia Brawner, Vanina Kelsey, Graham and Garrett Klein, Reilly Kuppler, Brantley and Bryce Conover, Michael Peak, Owen Colwell, and Shea Johnson.

And, again, thank you, Andy, for a unique experience! We may not be first in line to sign up for the Rose Bowl Parade, but we all left Main Street that Friday night very proud to be Madison Cubs!

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Adopted November 14, 2018

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 12- Teacher In-Service
August 13 - Teacher Work Day
August 14 - First Student Day
August 30 - eLearning Day

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September 2 - No School - Labor Day
October 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
High School 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
October 9-10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Elementary 3:15-7:15pm JH 3:30-7:30 pm
October 11 - eLearning Day
October 14-18 - Fall Break

October 2019

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November 2019

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November 5 - eLearning Day
November 27-29 - No School Thanksgiving
December 23-January 6 - No School Winter Break

December 2019

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June 2020

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May 25- No School - Memorial Day
May 28 - Last Student Day
May 29 - Records and Reports Day

May 2020

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MCS families can stay in touch via Skyward, social media sites

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

Let’s stay in touch!
Parents and guardians, we want to be in touch with you so we can keep you up to speed on all things Madison Schools!

Please be sure to visit your student’s Skyward Family Access account to ensure all contact information is current.

Once logged in, click the Skylert tab on the left menu to personalize how you would like to hear from us. Sky-lert enables you to receive notifications concerning your MCS student or students. You have control over which notifications to receive and how to receive them.

Based on your feedback during our last ThoughtExchange, we are working hard to better notify families of

upcoming events at each school. We realize our families need time to plan to attend the many events offered throughout our district all year long, so we are working with our staff to better utilize our calendars and keep them updated.

To find our districtwide calendar, visit our website at www.madison.k12.in.us, scroll down the home page under Resources, and click on the button for Events. From there, you may select individual building calendars, or subscribe to any of the calendars to stay up to date year round.

And don’t forget – you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @MCS-Indiana. Be sure to search for pages for the individual schools, teachers, classrooms or athletic teams. We are very active on social media!

MCS eLearning Schedule

Districtwide

Friday, Aug. 30
Friday, Oct. 11: All school buildings closed for the day

Optional days for K-4:

Tuesday, Nov. 5: All schools closed for Election Day
Monday, Feb. 3
Friday, March 20



Submitted photo
Drew Zuckschwerdt, Rykers' Ridge morning news anchor, leads the morning ceremony at Leadership Day last March. Learning how to speak in public is one of the components that make up the Leader in Me program.

LIGHTHOUSE

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- Begin with the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then be Understood
- Synergize: Together is Better
- Sharpen the Saw

The program is designed to meet each students at their grade level, and focuses on lessons in making good decisions and taking responsibility for their own actions; planning ahead, setting goals and finding things to do that have meaning and make a difference; setting priorities; finding the courage to advocate for themselves, but also consideration for the needs of others; listening to others, but also vocalizing their own ideas; collaboration with others, regardless of differences; and taking seriously eating right, getting exercise, spending time with family and friends, and helping others.

“Students are encouraged to seek first to understand and think ‘win-win’ to resolve their own conflicts with friends, rather than getting adults involved,” said Amanda Asher. “The Leader in Me has increased student confidence, goal setting abilities, empathy, peer support, and academic success. Every student in the building has either a classroom or schoolwide leadership role. Students have academic goals that they track and update on a weekly basis.”

Back in 2016, when the school won a \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County specifically for the program, referrals to the principal’s office reportedly plummet from more than 200 the year before the program was implemented, to fewer than 25 by February of the 2015-16 school year. Most were not for poor behavior; rather, they primarily were made because a student didn’t complete a homework assignment.

Up-to-date health information required for every MCS student

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Parents and guardians of MCS students are asked to confirm that student health records and information are up to date at the beginning of the new school year.

Nursing Coordinator Kirstie Stivers, RN, BSN, offers a number of tips to make sure the district and your child’s building have the required information.



VACCINATIONS

Log into Skyward Family Access (skyward.madison.k12.in.us) and click on the Health Info tab in the bottom left of the screen.

This will bring up your student’s immunization information as it has been entered into Skyward, and shows if the student is compliant with all required vaccinations.

If you believe your student has had additional vaccines that are not listed, please contact your physician or the health department to obtain an updated list of the student’s vaccinations and give them to the nurse at your student’s school.

Any religious or medical exemptions must be filed with the school at the beginning of each school year.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

To attend school, state law requires all students have a certified copy of his or her birth

certificate on file at their school.

Digital copies of the birth certificate can be uploaded into Skyward Family Access by clicking on the Portfolio tab located just above the Health Info tab on the left side of the screen.

If your child’s birth certificate is not included in this section of Skyward, check with the school nurse to see if a paper copy of the birth certificate is on file.

Families with students who do not have their birth certificate on file will receive a follow-up call from school personnel.

HEALTH HISTORY

To provide the best care possible for your student while they are in our care, MCS requires a comprehensive health history for every student in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

This information is part of our online registration for existing students. On Skyward Family Access, click on the Online

Registration tab near the top left of the screen. For students new to MCS, this information will be required during the enrollment and registration process at your school location.

A student’s health history must list all medications, allergies, and medical issues they may have. If your child is susceptible to seizures, allergic reactions that must be treated with an EpiPen, or has Type 1 diabetes, parents or guardians must download and print the required forms to be filled out by the student’s physician.

To find the forms, go to www.madison.k12.in.us and click on the “About” menu, where you will find a link to “Health and Counselling Services.” There, select “Information and Care Plan Paperwork.”

These forms must be turned in before the first day of school, so that the nurse and staff can determine when your student is having a medical emergency.



MCS WANTS

You!

on *OUR* team!

Madison Consolidated Schools

is now hiring

for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our greatest need is for

Substitute Teachers

& Bus Drivers

Interested in working with great kids and great staff?

Ready for your Superhero status?

If so, contact MCS at (812) 274-8001 for more information.

Or, visit www.madison.k12.in.us and check out our Careers page to apply for these or other available positions listed.

