

**A Note from Principal Duff**

Dear MTA Parents,

- We want to wish the best of luck to MTA students Sean Miller and Kinsey Clyne, who will represent the Madison School District at the Arizona Region 111 Spelling Bee competition on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Udall School. The competition begins at 8:30 a.m. if you would like to attend to support our MTA students.
- MTA...you should be very proud! We have received over 180 applications for new prospective students who wish to attend MTA next year (and that doesn't even include the MTA siblings and MTA pre-school students who have already been accepted).
- We have had several complaints from MTA neighbors in regards to MTA parents and students walking across their lawns, causing broken sprinkler heads and blocking driveways. It is very important that we have a positive relationship, so please remember to follow the Character Counts trait of "Respect" with our neighbors (and with each other as well).
- Please be aware that a City Of Phoenix Police Department Photo Speed Van is scheduled to be outside MTA on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Mike Duff

Principal

**Important Dates & Events**

2/10 Friday  
 Donuts w/ Dads, 7:15am

2/13 Monday  
 Guild Meeting; 6:30pm, Cafeteria

2/15 Wednesday  
 TCT Early Release 1:30pm (10:20am for a.m. Kindergarten)

2/16 and 2/17 Thursday & Friday  
 Talent Show Auditions; starting at 4:00pm

2/16 and 2/17 Thursday & Friday  
 Art Masterpiece Training for volunteers; see Guild website for times

2/17 Friday  
 Valentine's Day Dance  
 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
 6-8pm; Cafeteria



2/20 Monday  
 NO SCHOOL - President's Day

2/22 Wednesday  
 TCT Early Release 1:30pm (10:20am for a.m. Kindergarten)

2/22 Wednesday  
 Winter Sports Banquet, 5:30pm  
 Cafeteria, (\$5 per person)

2/25 Saturday  
 Dad's Club Cornhole Tournament

2/28 Tuesday  
 MTA welcomes author Conrad Storad

2/29 Wednesday  
 Full Day Schedule; 3:00 Release (10:50 for a.m. Kindergarten)

3/1 Spring Picture Day  
 Individual and Class; Uniforms required

3/2 Friday  
 Staff/Teacher Breakfast; 7:00am  
 Sponsored by 1<sup>st</sup> gr. parents

3/3 Saturday  
 Talent Show; Meadows, 6:30pm

**Character Counts: Six Pillars of Character**

Trustworthiness	Fairness
Respect	Caring
Responsibility	Citizenship

# Important Announcements

## Battle of the Books

Congratulations to the winners of  
Battle of the Books #2:

Team #2

Hannah Morris, Daisy Turton Peterson  
and Maria Sanchez

Way To Go!!

MTA's **Talent Show** is on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Madison Meadows at 6:30pm. Students interested in performing have been scheduled an audition time on either February 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a dress rehearsal Friday, March 2nd, from noon to 3pm (ish).

Questions, please contact Jessica Sexton at [jmattingly@msd38.org](mailto:jmattingly@msd38.org) or Carol Rose at [7roses1@cox.net](mailto:7roses1@cox.net).

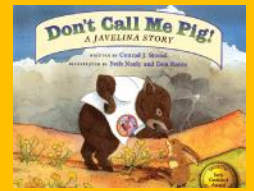
## Art Walk



Thank you to the families who attended Art Walk on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents and their children enjoyed seeing the classrooms with the artwork on display. Thank you for supporting this fun, family event.

A special thank you to Co-chairs **Amy Adkins** and **Dayna Hall** for all their hard work, and to those who volunteered. If you would like to purchase your child's art work and have not yet done so, please contact either Amy or Dayna.

[amyadkins@mac.com](mailto:amyadkins@mac.com)  
[daynahallcollection@cox.net](mailto:daynahallcollection@cox.net)



MTA will be hosting a visit from  
**Conrad Storad,**

award-winning children's author, magazine editor and science editor on **Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Forms will be coming home in your child's backpack, but for more information on Conrad Storad visit:

<http://www.fivestarpublishations.net/conradstorad/about>  
<http://www.fivestarpublishations.net/conradstorad/about>

## An MTA Family Shows Major Kindness.....

An MTA family, the Meyersons (Becca – 8th, Ben – 4th, & Emily – 3<sup>rd</sup>), hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Meyerson Cupcake Stand** on January 27<sup>th</sup> after school in their cul-de-sac. All proceeds went to help a Madison School District girl who is bravely battling Stage IV Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Word spread, and many families turned out to buy the most amazing gourmet cupcakes that Jenny (mom) herself baked. The Meyersons raised well over \$1200 for the girl and her family.



Please remember to form **TWO** lines as you enter the MTA parking lot for drop-off and pick-up, merging into one line at the turn at the SW corner of the lot.

**THANKS!!!!**



The Meyerson's Cupcake Stand:  
Very sweet!



## MTA Logo Items



COMING SOON, the **MTA Logo Items Store** will be open after school on the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning Thurs, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stop in and shop! MTA t-shirts, sweatshirts, uniform polos, visors and baseball caps will be available (new items coming soon!). Currently "on special" are Hoot short-sleeved silk screen polo's and misprinted winged owl items for \$7.50 ("misprinted" meaning owl logo minus MTA lettering). We also have a few long-sleeved items available as well.

**Store days:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month AND 30 minutes before every monthly Guild meeting starting this Monday.

**Hours:** 2:30-4pm, Thursdays. 6:00-6:30pm, Guild meetings.

Keep checking the Hoots or the Guild website for updates on the Store. Thank you so much to **Michelle Colen**, our Logo Items Chair, for all her hard work. She can be reached at [mcolen@cox.net](mailto:mcolen@cox.net) for orders or to answer questions.

### From MTA's Athletic Director, Rose Wehrenberg:

MTA Winter Sports Banquet  
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012  
5:30 to 6:30pm; MTA Cafeteria

Also, Spring Sports will begin the week of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. More information and flyers will be coming soon for boys' baseball and girls' softball.



## Valentine's Dance

There will be a **Valentine's Day Dance** for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the MTA Cafeteria. This event is sponsored by our NJHS chapter.

Permission slips have gone out to all the students, to be returned by 2/13, signed with a \$5 check (\$7 at the door).

This dance will be similar (certainly the rules) to the "Winter Dance" held in December. **FUN!**

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## FAMILY FUN DAY RAFFLE TIME!!



Our annual adult and children's raffle tables will be featured at

**Family Fun Day, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
from 11:30AM – 3:00PM at Madison #1.

**ADULT RAFFLE BASKETS** - Each class will be assigned a basket theme to put together for the event. There is a wide assortment of baskets this year from tailgating to gamers! Please check with your homeroom parents for basket assignments.

**CHILDREN'S RAFFLE DONATIONS!** If you are looking to start some spring-cleaning and would like to donate some items to the children's raffle, please drop your items off in the box located in the Guild Room. Make sure to sign your name and e-mail address on our donation list. For each donation to the kid's raffle, your name will be entered into a drawing to win **free family admission** to Family Fun Day. We are looking for gently used items as well as new items!

If you would like to **volunteer** at Family Fun Day, please sign up through Volunteer Spot here:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1222345632293812011>

Please contact Mara Hayes or Jennifer Touhill if you have any questions.

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[jennifer@touhilllaw.com](mailto:jennifer@touhilllaw.com)

### Spring Picture Day 3/1

Volunteers are needed on Thurs. 3/1 beginning at 8:00am until pictures are finished. Please email [info@mtaguild.org](mailto:info@mtaguild.org) if you'd like to volunteer.





## Adam and Melissa Coon (5<sup>th</sup> Grade HR, 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Math & Social Studies) *WHOOOOOOO ARE YOU?*

**Where are you from?** (Adam) Guam and New York; (Missy) Plymouth Massachusetts.

**Where did you go to school/college?** (Adam) I graduated from ASU and NAU.  
(Missy) I graduated from ASU.

**What was your inspiration to become a teacher?** (Adam) Honestly, my wife. Seeing the relationships she's built and the impact she's made, inspired me to change careers.

(Missy) For as long as I can remember, I always loved "playing" teacher. My fifth grade year was the best for me, I remember my two teachers having so much fun and really enjoying being at school every day with us. I've always loved kids and enjoy helping them in all areas....my favorite subject to teach is Math!

**How long have you been teaching?** (Adam) I've been in education almost 12 years.

(Missy) I've been teaching for 15 and a half years!

**What is your favorite thing about your job?** (Adam) The best aspect of my job is helping kids to achieve more than they believe they can and guiding them to know they can do it. That is a great feeling and makes it worthwhile.

(Missy) I love being able to teach Math all day....I enjoy working with the kids every day and I really love working next door to my wonderful husband.

**Why did you choose working at the elementary/middle school level?**

(Adam) Middle School years are so important to the direction in which our students begin to see themselves and the world around them, very interesting...

(Missy) I enjoy working with all ages, but I really enjoy seeing the kids grow up and change over the years.

**What do you do when you're not working?** (Adam) I love spending time with my family, reading and working out.

(Missy) The biggest thing we do when not working is play with our kids and enjoy time together as a family....we love to be outside and active. We also enjoy games, hiking, movies and I love to scrapbook! (When I have time ☺)

**What are your favorite books?** (Adam) Tough call, I am a History guy and really enjoy and reference A Patriots History of the United States. Night gives a great perspective of the Holocaust and of course Ephesians.

(Missy) The book I'm reading the most is the Bible! Don't have time right now for many others.

**What is your favorite food(s)?** (Adam) I will eat anything, not really picky...

(Missy) Tough one....I love mashed potatoes and hamburgers!

**Please tell us anything else you'd like to share about yourself :)** (Adam) It's been wonderful working with parents who are working with us for the success of their children.

(Missy) I've really enjoyed working at MTA and love the atmosphere that the parents, students and staff provide.



## **“How to Make Money Make Money” Workshop**

**Who:** Darren Desmond CLU, CFP  
Vice President Investments  
UBS Financial Services

**What:** How a financial plan in 2011 may  
impact your life in 2031

**When:** February 23, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Madison Meadows Media Center

### **Topics covered will include:**

Financial Planning  
College Planning  
Retirement Savings

R.S.V.P. Required: Please e-mail [julianne@meadowsptm.org](mailto:julianne@meadowsptm.org) to reserve your free spot at the workshop.

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