

Madison Traditional Academy

Hoots & Hollers

A Word from Principal Duff

Dear Parents,

One of the philosophies associated with a traditional education is "maximum use of academic time". In other words, we try to limit the classroom distractions as much as possible to allow students to focus on academics. We desperately need your support in this! Already, on a daily basis, we have parents coming into the office or calling; asking for us to get a message to their child, deliver homework, or a forgotten lunch. This is currently happening 6-10 times a day, and we are only in the third week of school! As a parent myself, I truly understand how difficult it is to know that your child completed an assignment, only to notice that they left it at home. But how are we teaching our children responsibility if we keep bailing them out and making excuses like, "it was my fault, I forgot to print it out for them" or by constantly bringing it up to school for them? Why would they ever need to remember on their own if they know you, the parent, will come to their rescue? In addition to not helping your child develop responsibility, you are also disrupting 25 + other children by asking us to call into a classroom so your child can get their forgotten homework, lunch (the cafeteria will still feed them) or directions for after-school pick up. No parent wants to see their child suffer, but is the grade really more important than the lesson? I know it is tough, but sometimes we need to allow our children to go through these "life lessons" to allow them to grow as individuals. Please assist us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mike Duff, Principal

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Important Dates & Events

8/26 MTA T-shirt Day
(uniform bottoms)

8/31 TCT Early Release, 1:30
(10:20 for half-day
Kindergarten)

9/2 Fall Picture Day
(uniforms required)

9/2 Teacher/Staff Breakfast
(hosted by 7th gr) 7:00am

9/5 Labor Day -
NO SCHOOL

9/7 TCT Early Release, 1:30
(10:20 for half-day
Kindergarten)

9/10 Dad's Club Bowling
11:00am, Let It Roll Bowl

9/12 Guild Meeting
6:30pm, Cafeteria

Important Info on MTA Pedestrian Safety

- ALL Walkers & Bike Riders (Parents & Students) **MUST** use the crosswalks at Maryland & 10th Street.
- Please **DO NOT JAYWALK** across Maryland.
- Parents...please teach your **Westbound** kids to walk/ride on the **North** Side of Maryland **after** school. The exit driveway is too congested for people to be crossing there. Do not cross Maryland by the MTA exit driveway, use the crosswalk.



Friday, September 2nd is School Picture Day!

Please remind your kids to dress in their nicest uniform clothes and be ready to smile!

Lunch Duty Volunteers!

Come have lunch with your child and get to know the students! Lunch volunteers are always needed. Please contact Moryha Banks for more information or to volunteer. moryha@gmail.com



Safe Start has ended their morning drop-off support. Please continue to follow procedures and be safe and mindful. Thank you Safe Start Committee!

Attention All Kindergarteners

Remember to turn in to your teacher all ABC Box Top\$ collection sheets by Wednesday, August 31st



You could be our first prize winner!!

Guild Membership and Student Directory

*The Guild Membership/Directory Drive is Underway! Thank you to all of our MTA families who have already turned in their Membership/Directory forms. The Membership/Directory Drive will continue through **September 15, 2011**. Remember, the first class to reach 100% participation wins an Ice Cream Party!*

Please email Laura Kirk at Laura897@yahoo.com or Rhonda Vierra at rvierra@trivest.com if you have any questions.



Did you know.....?

The Madison Traditional Academy Guild has a **Facebook** group? Come join us! It's a great place to ask a question and keep up on Guild events.



Ms. Jennifer Wolf (1st Grade),

WHOOOOOOOOO ARE YOU?

Where are you from? I grew up in Phoenix, Arizona.

Where did you go to college? I attended Xavier, U of A and ASU and graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Ed. I just started my Master's program this week in Curriculum Instruction with a focus in Gifted Education.

What was your inspiration to become a teacher? I became a teacher because it's what I always wanted to be. I love seeing children learn and grow! My grandmother was a teacher for 30 years, and when I was a little girl I would come home and teach my dolls what I had learned in school that day. So in short, I always knew I wanted to be a teacher.

How long have you been teaching? I taught for 3 years in the Creighton School District before coming to MTA.

Why did you choose teaching in the elementary school level? I love children in general, and the excitement first graders have about learning and school. I love watching young minds grow and feel good about sending children out of my room with not just subject knowledge, but life skills that will help them become productive and happy members of society.

What do you do when you're not teaching? In my free time I love shopping ☺, hanging out with friends and family, and treating myself to little trips or the spa. My family lives in Del Mar, CA for 7 months out of the year, so I try to visit them as much as I can. It's a good way to get out of town for the weekend.

What are your favorite books? My favorite books are the Anne Rice series; I love the vampire type books.

What is your favorite food? My favorite foods are Mexican and pizza. ☺



My Coke Rewards for MTA can be redeemed for PE Equipment, Art Supplies, Projectors, TVs, DVD players – the list goes on.....

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

1. Register yourself at the mycokerewards.com website, enter coke rewards (bottle caps ends and box ends – see website for more info on where to find codes), and donate the rewards to MTA (see cokerewards.com site on how to donate – very easy).
OR

2. *Don't have time to enter code rewards?* NO PROBLEM – start saving bottle caps (any Coke products) and box ends with the code inside – usually a 12 digit code. There is a box for you to drop off bottle caps/box ends located in the Parent/Guild room which is at the end of the north hallway (of the front MTA office).

CURRENT MYCOKEREWARDS.COM SWEEPSTAKES – SPRITE

“Sparking” the School’s park or playground **\$25,000**. (Drawing October 10th, 2011) As of now, approximately 40 entries have been entered for MTA.

25 GRAND PRIZES: A \$25,000 grant that the School must use for "Sparking" the School's park or playground, that is, to upgrade or renovate the School's outdoor athletic space, park, or playground.

For info, contact our MTA Coke Rewards Coordinator, Amy Satterfield, at 0531satterfield@cox.net

PRIOR SWEEPSTAKES SUCCESS STORY:

"It's really a community-driven program, everybody pitches in." P.S. 503 in Sunset Park, Brooklyn is one of the largest schools in the New York City public school system with a very diverse population. While their students may speak Chinese, Arabic or Spanish at home, at school they all speak the same language – health and wellness.

"We have a very pro-physical education administration focused on fitness and nutrition" explains My Coke Rewards for Schools School Coordinator, Maureen Bietsy, a P.E. teacher at the school. "We have a year-round program for students which provides a safe environment to play. Winning \$5,000 in P.E. equipment from Sprite and the My Coke Rewards for Schools program has helped P.S. 503 strengthen their health and wellness initiatives. "It has given us an opportunity to broaden the perspective of our students in terms of physical fitness and it has enhanced our program in ways we never dreamed," said Bietsy.

And how do you decide what to spend \$5,000 on? "We tried to think like 10-year-olds," said Bietsy. "It has been such a hoot! Our list is amazing." This August, P.S. 503 will receive a large shipment including a Wii Fitness system, ping pong table, balance beam, white boards, pedometers, and other P.E. and recess equipment.

"If I can bring equipment into my school, without having to go to my administration to ask for money, that's a good thing," said Bietsy. "And it's school-wide, everyone will benefit from the equipment."

Bietsy used flyers from the My Coke Rewards for Schools website to help spread the word about the program and sweepstakes and enlisted the help of everyone from the custodian, to faculty, parents and even local stores and restaurants.

"Thanks to Sprite and the My Coke Rewards for Schools program, there really isn't much we need anymore!"

--Maureen B.

P.E. teacher

P.S. 503 New York, NY



Target REDcard = BIG \$\$\$ FOR MTA

⊙ ⊙ ⊙ **CHECK THIS OUT!** ⊙ ⊙ ⊙

In the last **3 weeks**, we went from
16 MTA REDcards, accumulating \$298 in donations to
30 MTA REDcards accumulating \$407 in donations!
\$\$ What would MTA earn if 300 or 400 of us were connected? \$\$

Here's how it works:

YOU get a 5% discount and MTA receives a 1% donation
on every Target purchase you make with your REDcard!

Target offers 2 types of REDcards:

- ⊙ **Target Debit Card** can be used in-store and is linked to your checking account.
- ⊙ **Target Credit Card** can be used in-store and online.

It's fast and simple to sign up at a Target store or online at www.target.com/redcard.

Upon receipt of your REDcard, call 1-800-316-6142 or go online at www.target.com/tcoe to designate Madison Traditional Academy (ID #150436) as your school.

If you, or any of your friends and family, already have a Target Credit or Debit Card, please go to the link below to connect the card to MTA... Don't let free money go to waste!

www.target.com/tcoe MTA (ID #150436)

**Bring your CONNECTED TARGET REDcard
to the November Guild Meeting.**

You will be entered into a drawing for a Target Gift Card!

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Cook at hjcook@cox.net

SHOP TIL YOU DROP

SAFEWAY'S 10% BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING

STOP BY YOUR LOCAL SAFEWAY STORE TO DO YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS (8/10-9/13)



PURCHASE YELLOW SCHOOL BUS TAG ITEMS

SAFEWAY WILL DONATE 10% OF THE TOTAL YELLOW SCHOOL BUS TAG ITEMS PURCHASED TO MTA

STOCK UP ON ZIPLOC BAGS, GATORADE, HEALTH AND BEAUTY PRODUCTS, AND CANNED GOOD ITEMS FOR FALL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEEKLY ADS AT SAFEWAY; MANY TIMES THE SPECIFIC ITEMS ARE ON SALE

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR SAFEWAY CARD ON ESCRIP.COM AND CONNECT YOUR CARD TO MTA #500016175 OR DROP OFF YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

