

Madison Traditional Academy
Hoots & Hollers

A Note from Principal Duff

Dear Parents,

Your 2011-2012 MTA Site Council consists of the following members:

Mike Duff; Principal (mduff@msd38.org), Amy Ball; teacher; (aball@msd38.org), Rose McCraw; teacher; (rmccraw@msd38.org), Gary Shiffman; teacher (gshiffman@msd38.org), Pam Tucker; teacher (ptucker@msd38.org), Stephanie Espinoza; parent (bespinoza5@cox.net), Hannibal Kruger; parent (hannibal.kruger@cox.com), Colin Snider; parent (colinsnider@cox.net), Lori Zirkle; parent (lorizirkle@cox.net), and Robert Moorehouse; community representative (naobob1@aol.com).

Any Site Council concerns may be addressed to any of these members. Site council meetings are scheduled this year for Sept 12th, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th, Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, March 19th and April 9th and May 14th. All meetings will be held in the MTA library at 5:30 p.m. (with the exception of the December meeting, which will begin at 3:30 p.m.).

The meetings are open to anyone; however, if you would like to address and interact with the Site Council, you must contact me no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,

Mike Duff

Principal

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**Important
Dates & Events**

9/28 Wednesday
Half-day, 11:30 Release

9/30 Friday
MTA T-shirt Day

10/5 Wednesday
Full-day, 3:00 release

10/7 Friday
Donuts with Dads, 7:15a.m.

10/7 Friday
Half-day, 11:30 release

10/17-19 Mon., Tues, Wed.
Vision & Hearing Screening

10/17-18 Monday & Tuesday
Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Evening

10/19 Wednesday
Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Half-day schedule

10/20-21 Thursday & Friday
Fall Break - NO SCHOOL!!



www.mtaguild.org

A big **THANK YOU** to Tandy Vincent and Kelly Lusk for the many hours spent revamping and improving our

MTA Guild Website!

It is so user-friendly and will assist parents in keeping up-to-date on important events at MTA.

Continue to check out the site as we add more information on committees and volunteer opportunities, as well as online shopping capabilities!



Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Several volunteers are needed for Vision & Hearing Screening October 17-19.

The larger block of time you can contribute the better, due to training reasons. Please contact Shelley Martin to sign up:

smartin@submort.com.



Health Hoots

From Staci and Meagan, our MTA Health Aides

IMMUNIZATIONS- Please remember to bring in a copy of any immunizations your child receives so their health record can be updated.

HEARING AND VISION TESTING- Hearing and Vision Screening is the week of Oct. 17th. Please be sure your child is present and brings their glasses to school.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Shelly Martin at smartin@submort.com to help.

FLU SEASON- The flu season is approaching- please get your flu shot!! Every-one benefits from the flu shot!! Also remind your child that they key to staying healthy is hand washing! Please report doctor diagnosed strep, flu, H1N1, pneumonia, pinkeye, or any other communicable disease to the health office.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL- Any medications taken at school must have a signed permission slip filled out in the Health Office. All medications must be labeled and in the original container.

ITEM OF THE WEEK- The health office has a need for items to help us offset our budget. Here in the Health Hoots section we will request an item of the week. Please don't feel expected to bring the item in, it is completely voluntary. Thank you to all who have helped out so far this year! It is greatly appreciated!

The item of the week is 3 oz Dixie cups. THANK YOU!!

Photos Needed!!!

Have you taken some cute photos of MTA students at school or MTA events? Please submit them to info@mtaguild.org or Karen Maurer at karen.maurer@macerich.com. We'd like them for the Guild website, Hoots n' Hollers and the MTA Bulletin Board going up in the office.

LOVE TO READ!?



Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 are eligible to participate in

Battle of the Books,

a voluntary reading competition designed to promote the love and appreciation of reading.

Look for an information packet in your child's folder for details. Please email Mrs. Fabiano in the library if you have additional questions.

Teachers Lounge

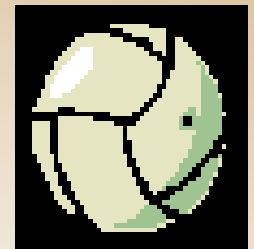


Parents, please note that the Teacher's Lounge is **off-limits** to parents during the hours of **10:30am-1:30 pm**.

Any need to set-up or clean-up teacher breakfasts or re-stock the teachers supply closet should be planned around these hours.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Come out and cheer for our MTA Owls!!!!!! Upcoming matches:



Cross Country:	9/27 @ Western Valley
Varsity Volleyball:	9/26 Away game @ Granada East; 4:30pm
	9/29 Away game @ Barcelona; 4:30 pm
JV Volleyball:	9/27 Home game @Meadows; 4:30
	9/29 Home game @ Osborn; 4:45



Mrs. Erin Stilwell (4th Grade)

WHOOOOOOO ARE YOU?

Where are you from? I come from a very tiny town! I was born and raised in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. I moved to the Phoenix area in 2000, and I currently reside in North Scottsdale where I live with my amazing husband, Derek.

Where did you go to college? I attended Arizona State University where I received my BA in Communications. I also graduated with my Master's degree in Elementary Education from ASU in 2010. I was born to be a Sun Devil!

What was your inspiration to become a teacher? I have always been able to connect with children. Even as a child myself, I was drawn to helping and teaching other children anything I could. I have taught kiddie aerobics, dance, gymnastics, and cheerleading. I was a nanny for ten years before becoming a teacher, and I realized that being a mentor and role model was my purpose in life.

How long have you been teaching? This is my second year teaching. I have learned so much already, and I love being part of such a wonderful school. Everyone here at MTA has been so great and the kids are awesome!

What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? My favorite thing about teaching is what I get back from the kids. I am intrigued by their personalities and I am inspired by their compassion. Their honesty is such a treasured virtue and their innocence is so precious.

Why did you choose teaching in the elementary/middle school level? I love coming to work each day to see what my fourth graders have to say. They each have an interesting story to tell me about, and they are so eager to learn. I like teaching at the elementary level because I feel that I can be a positive role model in their lives, and I hope to serve as a mentor in their life.

What do you do when you're not teaching at MTA? When I am not teaching, I love to write, draw and dance. I have taken dance classes since the age of two, and it is something that I will always be passionate about. I am also a high school pom (dance) coach and I love every minute of it!

What are your favorite books? I love classics, such as, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Scarlett Letter*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Hobbit*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Heart of Darkness*, *The Crucible* and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

What is your favorite food? Chips and homemade salsa...followed by frozen yogurt, of course!





Congratulations MTA Students

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Excellent job collecting **Box Top\$** over the summer!!

Miss DiPede's second grade class
was the first class to reach the first goal level
of 500. They collected **723 Box Top\$**.



Miss Ball's Kindergarteners (at 479) and
Mrs. Tucker's first grade class (at 435)
are oh so close to reaching the first goal level.

The entire school turned in just shy of
\$500 worth of **Box Top\$** in August alone!!!



Check out how your class did ...

Miss Ball - 479

Mrs. Gullette - 345

Ms. Thompson - 292

Ms. Fastero - 0

Mrs. Tucker - 435

Ms. Wolf - 64

Miss DiPede - 723

Miss Gaia - 144

Ms. Klees - 327

Mrs. Carlyle - 175

Miss DiRodis - 142

Mrs. Jackson - 333

Mrs. Simon - 308

Mrs. Stilwell - 42

Ms. Weistart - 171

Mr. Coon - 76

Mrs. Coon - 114

Mrs. Hardy - 159

Ms. Wehrenberg (McCraw) - 61

Miss Mattingly - 21

Miss Monashkin - 74

Mrs. Jenks - 177

Keep clipping those **Box Top\$!!!**



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Want some
lice advice?

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Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, lice is a common problem in schools across the country. By arming ourselves with knowledge and being proactive we can keep it to a minimum at MTA.

It is mandatory that if your child has lice, you share this fact with the MTA Health Office immediately because lice is a communicable disease. **THIS IS ANONYMOUS.** A child infected with live head lice may NOT be at school. Once properly treated your child may return to class. The MTA Health Office will notify the child's classroom that lice has been reported so that other parents are aware and can check their own children.

It is imperative that MTA parents know what to look for and what to do once they suspect that their child has lice.

Unpleasant FACTS to know:

- 1) The most common symptom of head lice is scratching.
- 2) To check for lice look around the nape of the neck, behind the ears and back of the head. Lice lay their eggs (called nits, which are clear, white or amber-colored and the size of a pin head) within an inch of the scalp. Nits are "cemented" onto the hair and hard to remove. Look for nits and live bugs. Live lice are about the size of a sesame seed. The longer lice goes undetected, the more challenging and expensive it can be to eliminate. **A quick weekly check is recommended for early detection.** *The best way to look for lice and nits is outside under direct, bright sunlight.*
- 3) If lice is found don't panic! Go to the MTA Health Office or Guild website www.mtaguild.org "Did You Know?" section for detailed, accurate instructions on how to deal with lice removal.
- 4) Lice is spread by direct head-to-head contact, sharing of hats and helmets, hair brushes and hair accessories, or by crawling. Lice do not jump or fly.
- 5) If a child's backpack or jacket is next to another's, lice can crawl from one to the other, moving from one host to a new host.
- 6) For detailed information about lice visit the CDC website:
http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html

You can Google "Lice treatment Phoenix" for several websites offering valuable information on what to look for, products to use and fee-based personal removal services.

Thank you,
MTA Health Office

MTA is recycling used electronics to raise funds for our school!

Please bring all items to our collection bin in the Guild work room
or drop off your items with someone at the front office.

**CFK IS PAYING
50% MORE CASH**
from our current price list

IN SEPTEMBER
for CELL PHONES & LASER CARTRIDGES!

We will be shipping our September recycling on Friday, September 30th.





MTA Needs You to Collect Receipts at Safeway!!

Earn Volunteer Hours

We need volunteers to collect Safeway receipts from customers at the 7th Avenue & Osborn Safeway store. MTA earned \$1,100 the first day! We only had volunteers working from 4-8 pm. Please go to the volunteer website to sign up. This is one of the easiest ways to get your volunteer hours for September and October while raising money for the school. Children are welcome! Sign up at:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1823456345723780127>

If you have a Safeway receipt that has the title “10% Back to Schools” with a redemption code beneath it, bring the receipt to school and put in the Safeway Receipt Box. A collection box is in the MTA office. See sample receipt below. Check with friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to collect their receipts. This is money to MTA.

**We can enter redemption codes through
October 13th.**

Mad Money

Did you know that **in the first 4 days** of collecting Safeway receipts we have raised **\$3,300+ for MTA?** This is with only 1 volunteer going to Safeway on 2 days for a few hours, and 4 volunteers helping for a few hours per evening on Monday through Thursday.

Every receipt that goes out the door is lost money to MTA. We need volunteers to ask shoppers for their receipts. It is really easy!!!! This weekend we have the ability to raise at least \$2,000 by staffing the store throughout the day.

10% Back-To-Schools

Thank you for supporting the 10% Back-to-School Program. Process your donation at www.backtoschools.escrip.com ENTER THIS NUMBER XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, or bring in your receipt to your local school, Must Redeem by 10/13.