

Madison Traditional Academy **Hoots & Hollers**

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A Note from Principal Duff

September 20, 2011

Dear Parents,

- ❖ For those of you who volunteer to supervise MTA students during lunch, please refrain from bringing younger siblings and /or using your cell phone. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of all MTA students is an utmost priority, and it is essential that you are able to provide 100% of your attention to supervising our students. In addition, it is a liability issue to have any non-MTA student in classrooms or the playground.

- ❖ When dropping students off in the morning, please continue to move forward until you have reached the sidewalk area (on the west side of the school) to drop off your children. Some parents are causing a disruption by dropping their children off prior to reaching the designated sidewalk drop off area. Please note, that in the near future, access to the field from the parking lot will be restricted due to a fence that will be installed along the perimeter of the field to secure the campus.

Sincerely,

Mike Duff

Principal

Important Dates & Events

9/30 Friday
MTA T-shirt Day

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

10/7 Friday
Donuts with Dads, 7:00 a.m.

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

10/10 Monday
Guild Meeting, 6:30pm
MTA Cafeteria

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



Principal Duff with a Kindergarten Star Student of the Day!

Be Kind

Be Safe



Be Responsible

Be Your Best

Again, please **do not cross Maryland Avenue at the MTA exit area during drop-off and pick-up.** Drivers exiting the parking lot can be distracted and while you see them, they may not see you. It is very dangerous for you and your children to jaywalk there. We do not want any accidents. Use crosswalks!!!



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, MTA Health Aides

With flu season nearing, we need to remember how we can stay healthy and help keep illnesses out of our school.

Steps to Keep Your Family Healthy:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
2. Stay home or keep your kids home when sick.
3. Cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow.
4. Wash your hands often!
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits-- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink fluids, and eat nutritious foods.

Also, getting vaccinated is a great way to keep the flu at bay! If you have any questions, contact the health office.

Thanks!

ITEM OF THE WEEK: Ibuprofen tablets

Staci and Meagan
MTA Health Office
(602) 745-4020

THANK YOU to **Kris Baker**, who has spent the first two months of school making sure our kids have a SAFE and FUN lunch recess. She always has a positive attitude and some great games to play.



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.

Membership/Directory Drive:

The Guild Membership/Directory drive is now over. Thank you to everyone who joined the Guild and returned their forms. If you have not yet turned in your form, you are always welcome to join the Guild at any time by filling it out and returning it to the office with your membership dues.

Those families who did not return a form prior to the deadline will not be included in this year's MTA Student Directory.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. DiPede's class who won for being the first class to reach 100% participation in Guild memberships! They will receive ice cream party compliments of the Guild.

WAY TO GO, MS. DIPEDE!

Donuts With Dads

Friday, Oct. 7th

7:00-8:00am

**MTA Basketball
Court**



Everything is \$1.00

Donuts!

Coffee!

Bottled water!

Everyone is welcome - dads, moms and grandparents too!!!



Mrs. Amy Hardy (6th Grade)

WHOOOOOOO ARE YOU?

Where are you from? I lived most of my younger years in Houston, Texas; but also spent some time as a kid in Madison, Wisconsin.

Where did you go to college? I went to Arizona State University (Go Devils!) for my Bachelor's in Elementary Education. I also graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2010 with my Master's in Leadership/K-12 Principalship.

What was your inspiration to become a teacher? When I was younger, I watched my mom as a P.E. teacher and I always admired how happy and energetic she looked teaching kids about exercise. I like to think I inherited some of her creativeness and passion for teaching. I also have the mentality of a kid! I love to laugh, learn, and interact with others.

How long have you been teaching? This is my 5th year teaching. I taught 4th grade for 4 years at Cheyenne Traditional School in Scottsdale.

What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? I love the "little things" that kids get excited about that adults forget to enjoy. I also like the social aspect of teaching, the individual characteristics of different kids, and what they have to offer a group.

Why did you choose teaching in the elementary/middle school level? I switched from Elementary to Middle School because I have always wanted to be a math teacher. It has always been my favorite subject. I also wanted to get experience in different grades because I want to become a principal someday.

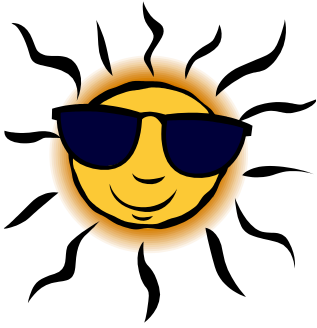
What do you do when you're not teaching at MTA? I enjoy yoga, running, swimming, and hiking with our dogs. I also LOVE to visit the beach (to go scuba diving if it's warm enough), go shopping, or unwind at the spa!

What are your favorite books? The Help, Memoirs of a Geisha, Pillars of the Earth, Emily Giffin books.

What is your favorite food? Hands down Tex-Mex/authentic Mexican food.

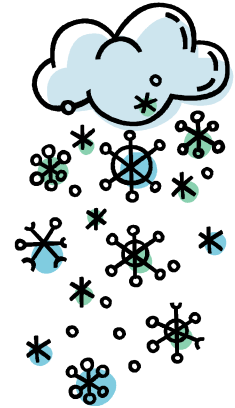


Volunteer Forecast



Hot Temperatures Outside

Cool Temperatures Inside



Make it easy on yourself and sign up to collect Safeway store receipts from customers at the 7th Avenue & Osborn Safeway store from September 19th through October 9th. Go to the volunteer website to sign up for a 2 hour shift that works for your schedule. Yes, it is that easy!!!

MTA collects receipts from 9 am to 8 pm every day of the week. You can go in the morning, over your lunch hour, after work or on weekends to collect receipts from shoppers as they leave the store. You leave the collected receipts in the MTA boxes that are at each exit. We have data entry volunteers pick up the receipts twice a day and enter them in the escrip system. Last year, MTA netted over \$8,500 from the fall 10% Back to School program. We ranked 12th in the nation for most monies raised. You can help raise \$200 for MTA during your 2 hours of volunteer time just by collecting receipts. **Sign up for a shift at:**

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



Only 5 short weeks remaining until MTA's
5th Annual Fall Social and Auction

November 5, 2011

Our Procurement committee is still in need of
your help. We need donations!

Some areas that we are low on, but not limited to...

Gift Certificates, Item or Basket for any of the following:

- Any sports: golf course gift certificates, any sports game tickets, memorabilia, sporting good stores
- Car Washes
- Ice Cream, Yogurt, cupcakes any of these type of businesses
- Restaurants in Scottsdale, Tempe and surrounding area (we have several from North Central Phoenix area)
- Kid's places: Dave n Busters, Pump it Up, Jump Street etc.
- Coffee Shops
- Resorts / Hotels Overnight stays and Resort Spas
- Photography sessions
- Mall stores, any shop in our local malls
- Bike Shops
- Skate Shops
- Concerts
- Sound Systems, music etc.
- BBQ / Grill stores
- Home Improvement Stores
- Outdoor Furniture
- Things men love to do and things women love to do

Whatever one can come up with, we are grateful!

If you have already committed to donating an item please drop it off by next week or contact
Trina Cook cookjtt@cox.net
or Carolyn Albin carolynalbin@msn.com

**Thank you to our committee and MTA families
for all of their amazing donations so far!**

It going to be a fun filled, relaxing, great-to-meet-you evening!
Mark your calendars for November 5th, 6pm

Keep reading for more fun info on the Fall Auction!!.....

Hello MTA Families!

The MTA Fall Auction on **Saturday, Nov. 5th** is MTA's big fundraiser for the year.

Here is a way for you to get involved AND RECEIVE TWO HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME: **Have a party!!!**

Grab some friends or go solo and create a party/activity that you can host. We will then sell tickets to your event. Here is an example from last year:

Holiday Party on Sat. Dec. 10th from 1-3 p.m. 18 spots for grades K-1 only. Gingerbread house, holiday goodies and more.

The great thing about this is with every ticket sold, all the money goes directly to MTA.

Please consider hosting:

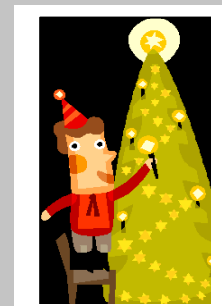
- Spa party
- Holiday party
- Valentine's Day party
- Movie nights
- Sport event such as a kickball, baseball, or basketball game
- Sport clinic
- Roller skating or ice skating party
- Take a group hiking and have a picnic
- Craft party
- Late spring water-fun party



The ideas are limitless. **And don't forget, you will get 2 hours of volunteer time for hosting a party/event.**

Please contact the co-chairs of the "party books" and we will help you fine-tune your idea!

Ashley Simpson (602)405-9477 or ash2@cox.net
Vicki Richardson at (602)570-1316 or vickir@cox.net





ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS WITH LEGO

AT MADISON TRADITIONAL ACADEMY

OPEN TO GIRLS & BOYS (1st – 3rd GRADES)

Tuesdays: from October 25, 2011 – December 13, 2011

CLASS TIME: 3:05 PM – 4:35 PM

Become a Play Well engineer! With over 150,000 pieces of LEGO®, take on real-life engineering challenges that explore concepts in physics, mechanical/structural engineering, and architecture. From motorized machines to castles & catapults, this is a hands-on and minds-on class suitable for LEGO® building system novices to "maniacs." Designed by engineers, the curriculum challenges both new and returning students to reach the next level of engineering comprehension all while having fun. You will have the chance to build what you have only dreamed of with the support of a Play Well engineering instructor to guide you.

ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS- CLASS FEE: \$165

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 8

CLASS MINIMUM: 11 STUDENTS

CLASS LIMIT: 15 STUDENTS



Play-Well TEKologies provides project-based programs designed to teach principles and methods of engineering, architecture, and science to grades K – 5th, utilizing LEGO™ and other building systems. (This class is not affiliated with the LEGO Group)

Class size is limited and enrollment is on a first come first served basis. All materials will be provided.

Materials and projects will be collected after each class. Students will not take projects home.

No refunds will be issued after the first class. Refunds only issued prior to first class.

If you would like more information about Play-Well TEKologies, visit our website at www.play-well.org

Questions? Please contact Joy Schmidbauer at joy@play-well.org or 602.317.7448

Payment and Enrollment DUE DATE is Friday, October 14th

- All registration will be done by credit card online at our website:
www.play-well.org
- Click on "Classes"... then "Register"... then "Maricopa" under Arizona to find your school. Next, click on the blue class title to find the class details. After that, click on "register thru Play-Well" to enter your information.

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