

Madison Traditional Academy
Hoots & Hollers

Updates from Principal Duff

September 7, 2011

Dear Parents,

- We currently have an opening for the Maryland crossing guard position. The hours would be from 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 2:45-3:30 p.m. on regular dismissal days. If you are interested, apply on-line at the Madison School District web site and contact Anne Grass and let her know when your application has been submitted.
- Many people have inquired if the district was going to pursue the vacant property on the north side of Maryland. Well, they have looked into it and the sellers are asking too much (\$300,000) for the land, so district is not able to purchase the lot at this time.
- Arizona state law mandates that every school have a Site Decision Making Team at their campus. At Madison Traditional Academy, this team is called the Site Based Team. The purpose of Site Based Team is to insure that individuals who are affected by the outcome of the decisions are provided the opportunity to share in the decision making process. Administration, staff and parents will participate in making decisions concerning the school improvement process including curriculum, program evaluation, and school climate. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Mike Duff

Principal

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Important Dates & Events

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

9/12
Guild Meeting
6:30pm, MTA Cafeteria

9/14
TCT, 1:30 Release
(10:20 for half-day K)

9/15
Student Directory forms due

9/21
Half-day - 11:30 Release

9/21
MTA Family Event
5& Diner - 5220 N. 16th St.
11:30a.m.-close

9/28
Half-day - 11:30 Release

Directory Information Due by 9/15!

If we do not have your information by September 15th, you will not be listed in the school directory.

Come join the fun this Saturday, 9/10 at the
MTA Dad's Club Bowling Day!!!



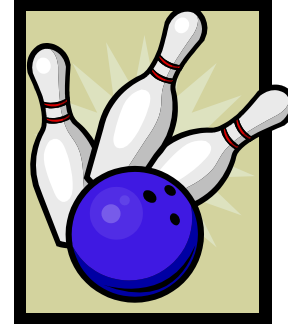
Let It Roll Bowl

8925 N. 12th St.

11 am-1:30 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

Bowling starts at 11:30



Join the Guild

Thank you to those of you who have already turned in your 2011-2012 Guild Membership forms.

It is important that we reach 100% participation in membership. To join, please complete the form and include your \$10 annual membership fee. The \$10 dues will get you voting privileges on important issues affecting your child's education. This is also a principle way the Guild earns money for MTA. Forms were sent home, are available in the office, will be at the Guild monthly meeting on 9/12, or can be emailed directly to you. Please email **Donna Ross** at donna@azhilllaw.com or **Laura Kirk** at laura897@yahoo.com to request a form or ask any questions.

**Please be aware that Monday's Guild Meeting is a "voting meeting" and while everyone is encouraged to attend, only Guild members can vote.

Need Volunteer Hours?

There are many interesting ways to meet your 2-hour monthly volunteer commitment.

Lunch/Playground Duty

Pick a Committee and Ask (Committee Chairs contact info is on the MTA Guild website)

Classroom Help

Copying

Library

Teacher Projects (work at home)

Organizing/Unpacking around Campus

Just ask!!!

www.mtaguild.org info@mtaguild.org

Logo Item Sales will be available at the Guild meeting on Monday, September 12. Available are:

- White, red and navy polo and t-shirts, all sizes - \$10.00.
- Navy baseball hats, navy and red visors - \$7.00
- Spalding phonogram cards for \$13.00 and CDs for \$6.00
- MTA water bottles - \$5.00



Can't make it to the meeting? Just email Michelle Colen at mcolen@cox.net with requests.

Mrs. Joyce Carlyle (3rd Grade),

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WHOOOOOOOO ARE YOU?

Where are you from? I was born and raised in the beautiful state of Washington! I grew up in the small town of Moses Lake and then spent 5 years in the college town of Bellingham!

Where did you go to college? I earned my BA in History from Western Washington University in 2007. I also attended the University of Greenwich in London, England (as an international exchange student) and I earned my Masters in Elementary Education from Arizona State University in 2009.

What was your inspiration to become a teacher? I have always found joy in my academic experiences. I love to learn- new knowledge excites the mind and energizes the spirit. During my undergraduate studies- I focused on just that—my passion for learning! Working with youth has always been a part of my life- volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, provided so much enrichment and clarity to my life and my future goals. It didn't take long for me to realize my ultimate path-- to positively impact the lives of our youngest generations and to share my passion for learning.

How long have you been teaching? This is my very first year! I am so excited about my 3rd graders this year. They are such a special group of kids! Previously, I was a substitute teacher in Washington State, and here in Arizona with the Phoenix Elementary School District.

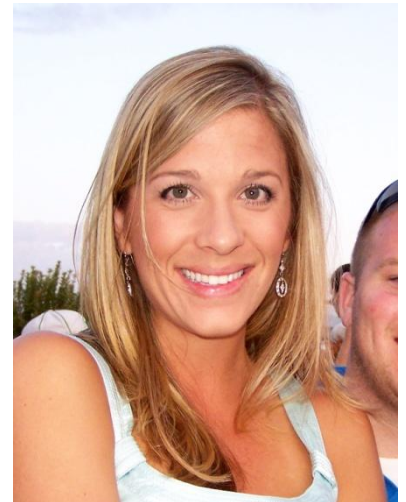
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? Experiencing the small joys WITH my students as they realize their own new learning experiences.

Why did you choose teaching in the elementary/middle school level? I gravitated towards elementary/middle school students because they are so much fun and I am continually surprised and inspired by the amazing strength in their learning spirits!

What do you do when you're not teaching at MTA? I enjoy spending time with my family and of course my dog. Total animal lover here! I also love to travel. It's an amazing feeling to experience different places, and to visit the fascinating or historical places on our planet. I am excited about my next trip coming this June- where I will spend three weeks traveling in Scotland, Ireland, and England. (Just in time for the Summer Olympics in London!)

What are your favorite books? Books that inspire and/or move the reader are my favorites. If a book can make you laugh, make you cry, make you think, make you question or wonder, then it is a book that I would love to read! Some of my faves are *Gone With the Wind*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *The Help*, *Maniac Magee*, and *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle*.

What is your favorite food? Fresh seafood, apples and chocolate, of course!! ☺



Need some extra spending money?



Come to the MTA Guild meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm to be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Safeway gift card.

To be eligible for the Safeway gift card raffle, you must connect your Safeway card to MTA and attend the Guild meeting. You can connect your Safeway card on the spot. Come early and the MAD Money Committee volunteers will get you signed up. Tables will be set up from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm to assist with registration. You will need your Safeway card number.



It's not quite "soup season" but we are collecting **Campbell's Labels for Education** labels! Start sending your Campbell's Labels for Education labels to school with your children and place them in the collection area in their classroom! Thank you for supporting the Campbell's Labels for Education program at MTA.

Attention Photography Buffs!

Karen Maurer, our new MTA Historian, is looking for a couple of volunteers to help photograph MTA milestones, events and daily campus life. Or, if you already have some good photos of MTA students that you want to share, please contact Karen at karen.maurer@macerich.com. Photos are needed for a new bulletin board for the office as well as the weekly Hoots n' Hollers.

****IMPORTANT TO ALL PARENTS:** If when you enrolled your child(ren) at MTA, you declared you did not want your child photographed, please email info@mtaguild.org and state that you do not give permission to have your child photographed, and include your child's name and grade.

Congratulations Kindergarteners



Excellent job collecting **Box Top\$** over the summer!!
Kindergarteners alone turned in 1266 **Box Top\$** in August.

A special congrats to our contest winners ...

Grand Prize winner:

Sadie Dunn (Miss Ball's class) – 93 **Box Top\$**

Class winners:

Regan Georgeson (Ms. Thompson's class) – 78 **Box Top\$**

Jocelyn Klein (Miss Ball's class) – 75 **Box Top\$**

Charlie Richards (Mrs. Gullette's class) – 58 **Box Top\$**

Honorable Mention:

Giovanni Hernandez (Ms. Thompson's class) – 67 **Box Top\$**

Wow!! You all are awesome! Thanks!



Safeway's 10% Goes Back to Schools Program Continues Through September 13th!

Look for these shelf tags throughout the store and earn 10% of your purchases for Madison Traditional Academy.

Get out and shop at any Safeway and purchase the yellow school bus tag items. Check the Safeway flyers for sales and buy items that you know you will need for the next 4 months such as Ziploc bags, Kleenex, canned foods, soup, and broth. The holidays and fall canned food drives are right around the corner. Stock up to benefit a charity and MTA.

Remember to connect your Safeway card to MTA so that your earnings are directly deposited into our account. Go to escrip.com to sign up. MTA's school code is #500016175.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING MTA!!





*Need Volunteer Hours That
Fit Your Schedule?*

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.

Come out to earn your volunteer hours and money for MTA. Monies earned help support art, music, library, teacher supplies, and sports programs. Any questions, email Jo Ellen at jemcbride5@cox.net or Trina at jttcook@cox.net.

Sign up on the volunteer website at:

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

