



Madison Messenger

September 18, 2020

Calendar

September 25
Fun Friday – Red Day

September 28
1st day of Day Camp

September 29
PTO Meeting – 4:00pm
(Via TEAMS)

October 2
Fun Friday – Madison Spirit

October 16
Fun Friday – PJ Day

October 23
Fun Friday – Book Character

October 27
PTO Meeting – 4:00pm
(Via TEAMS)

October 30
Fun Friday – Orange Day



Principal's Corner

Hello Madison Families,

Congratulations on making it through the first week of virtual school at Madison Elementary. A HUGE thank you to the Madison custodial staff, office staff and teachers for all the training and extra hours put into getting the virtual classrooms ready so your child can learn in this new and often challenging environment. Also, a HUGE thank you to you parents for all you have done to have your child prepared and ready to learn from home each day. It is a lot of work and it takes a village of all us working together as a team to support our children.

Please make sure you are reading email from your child's teachers and are checking our website for reminders and important updates. If you need help with the technology or have questions, give us a call in the office and we will do our best to help you.

We are in this together, and together is better! We got this Madison Mustangs!

Thank you,

Heather Holter



REMINDERS:

- ❖ If your student will not be attending online classes, call the attendance line at 354-3616 to excuse the absence.
- ❖ Meal boxes can be picked up on Mondays from 11:50am-12:50pm & 5:00-6:00pm and Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00am & 11:50am-12:50pm.
- ❖ If you are entering the building, you must fill out the health app at spokaneschools.org/healthcheck.



Tips for Parents and Students: How to be a Successful Elementary Virtual Learner



- Read your assignment from your classroom and your teacher and check email daily
- Ask questions: Reach out to your teachers. They want to help
- Create a checklist to mark things done as you complete them
- Use numbers or highlighters to prioritize what order things should be done
- Plan for your day by scheduling when you will work on each assignment
- Set up a check-in routine with a parent or older sibling every hour or two to help you keep on track
- You might consider making a calendar of all assignments and due dates, you could even create a virtual calendar that student and parent have access to
- Create a workspace for the student, with supplies, lists, notebook paper, highlighters (like a home office). If a student is struggling to complete assignments, this could be in a public location or near parents. If there are siblings in the same home, set up different workstations so students do not pick up on each other's conversation
- Set up a routine that you follow daily, make it visual and public, do not procrastinate
- Take an occasional short break, take a walk to become more productive
- Use the mute button if there are noises coming from the house
- Refrain from using inappropriate language
- Be patient with the technology, sometimes the teacher will be having issues and sometimes your internet will have issues, so take a break for a few minutes, restart the computer, or call the school or the district for help
- Be kind to yourself. These times are hard. Some days are better than others. Give yourself and others some grace.

Fun Friday



Every Friday, during virtual learning, will be Fun Friday! These will be pre-set spirit days. We can't wait to see Madison's school spirit come alive!

- Sept. 25th – Red Day (wear your red)
- Oct. 2nd – Madison Day (wear your Madison gear or our school colors, green/blue)
- Oct. 9th – Yellow Day
- Oct. 16th – Pajama Day
- Oct. 23rd – Book Character/Favorite Book Day (dress as your favorite book character or bring your favorite book)
- Oct. 30th – Orange Day

Laptops



If you are having trouble with your district issued student laptop, e-mail techrequest@spokaneschools.org

PTO Meeting

Please join for the first virtual PTO meeting of the year on September 29th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The meeting will be on TEAMS. Click on the link below to join the meeting or call the Madison office with your e-mail address for a personal invitation. We look forward to seeing you there!

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