

Dr. Koop's Newsletter

March 5, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are enjoying this first week of March. What a wonderful week of reading! Every morning and afternoon, the students and teachers participated in Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) sessions. Thanks to the Madison Education Foundation and media specialist Mrs. Bessin, new books were delivered to the school and shared with the students. The read-a-thon is in full swing. We are so proud of our KRS student readers and are so grateful to Mrs. Zurich for coordinating such a meaningful fundraising event. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kathy Koop

Important Dates

March 9, 2021 - *Special Board Meeting for Preliminary Budget Presentation, 7pm*

***Wednesday, March 10, 2021** - Afternoon Professional Development/Collaboration for Teachers

March 16, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting / *Preliminary Budget Adoption, 7pm*

March 22 and 23, 2021 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a conference.

***Wednesday, March 24, 2021** - Afternoon Professional Development/Collaboration for Teachers

March 29, 2021 - April 2, 2021 - Spring Recess

April 20, 2021 - Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7pm

April 21, 2021 - Superintendent Coffee, 7pm

April 27, 2021 - *Special Board Meeting for Final Budget Hearing, 7pm*

* Please refer to [this letter](#) sent to parents on January 6th about information in regard to the Wednesday afternoons.

District Calendars - Follow [this link](#) to access the district calendars.

Read-A-Thon News from Mrs. Zurich

The READ-A-THON is underway and we are so thankful for the participation and enthusiasm of our readers. We celebrate our school community for their enthusiasm and commitment. Remember, the winning class from each grade receives gift cards to McCools. There is a tight reading race happening in kindergarten. Mrs. Lembo's class has read 1360 minutes and Mrs. Rinaldi's class has read 1173 minutes. We can't wait to get the scoop on who comes out on top! This week's reading rockstars shoutout belongs to the students in Mr. Dougherty's class! To date they have read for 1686.00 minutes. Well done, 4th graders. Parents, as students are reading, you can cheer them on via this [flipgrid](#). Let's make our second week strong and successful. Thank you for supporting our READ-A-THON.

Virtual International Day

Celebrate Diversity!

We will be celebrating diversity with our **Virtual International Day** from March 22 - March 26. Please be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Guzewicz with more information. If you have any questions after reviewing the information, please reach out to Ms. Ola Bihuniak at bihuniako@madisonnjps.org



Message from Music Teacher Miss Ward

We've been having a great time in music class learning about exceptional female musicians this week! In-person morning chorus for 4th and 5th graders is underway, but it's not too late to join! Please email Ms. Ward for more information wardd@madisonnjps.org. All fifth graders who are interested in joining the stage crew for "The Jungle Book KIDS" should check the stream in the Music Google Classroom for more information!"



News from School Counselor Mr. Levine

With great thanks to KRS parent Nancy Eldridge for initiating the project, the KRS students decorated brown paper lunch-sized bags for a homeless outreach program. During this week's guidance lessons, the students decorated the bags which will be given to an organization that fills the bags with food for the homeless. Pictured are some of the bags decorated by the students.



Second Grade News - Thank You to our Service Departments!

As a part of a second grade unit on writing letters, the students are writing thank you letters to service departments in the community of Madison. These letters will be delivered to each service department in the hopes of brightening their day.

Second Grade News

First Grader Robotics Engineers!



Room Cleaner 2,000



Helper 20000



COOL 8ER



Lazer tag 2.0

Over the past few weeks, the KRS 1st graders have identified a wide range of tasks which a robot could handle: cleaning, shopping, helping dig for diamonds using lasers, and others. They then created flyers to sell their robots. Finally the 1st graders put on their robotics engineering hats to build their robots. Check out some of our Kings Road engineers with their robots!!



Shopping Robot Bob



SUPA CLEANER 2000



Treehouse Maker 2.0



Swing Pusher 7.3

Message from STEAM Teacher Ms. Berger



March is "Women in History" month!

The students and teachers are learning about prominent women in history. Activities in grade levels include:

- The kindergarten students are learning about **Women in History** by learning facts about one woman a week. Children are writing facts about the women in a *Women in History Book*. (Helen Keller, Oprah Winfrey, Sally Ride, etc.)
- In first grade, each morning the students are introduced to a new woman during morning meeting. There is a Google slide with video links and book links. Students also have time to explore various women on PebbleGo.
- In second grade, the students are teaching about women in history during morning meetings. They discuss three facts about the women and their importance.
- The third graders are learning about important women in history through morning meeting slide shows and read alouds.
- In fourth grade, the students are learning about 2-3 renowned women per week during morning meeting via BrainPop, links are posted for articles for students to read on a weekly basis from Epic Books and Newsela, and they are reading a daily inspiration quote
- The fifth graders are learning about important women in history through a text set unit and weekly spotlights.

Health Screening Form

Thank you so much for completing the daily health screening form! As a reminder, the health screening needs to be completed for **EVERY day that school is in session** even if your child is out of school on vacation or remote learning for the day. Thank you!



We LOVE the support of the Madison Education Foundation (MEF)!

Kings Road School received a grant from the MEF to modernize our library collection with new, appealing titles. Pictured above are some of the titles that came in last week. Many of them have already been checked out to students!

Thank you for returning our KRS library books! Need a book?

Not only are KRS students doing a great job with the Read-a-Thon, they are also doing a great job returning books back to the library! This week alone, over 100 overdue books have been returned! Please keep them coming by reminding students that they can return books in the Library Corner of their classroom. **Families who need to renew a book or who have questions about library books can email Ms. Bessin at bessink@madisonnjps.org.**





Exciting News from Media Specialist Mrs. Bessin

Books from the MEF Diverse Books grant have started arriving at all three elementary schools. So far, we have one box of books that has been added to the school library and one box that has been distributed to classrooms in grades 1-5.

We are so excited to introduce students to these new titles!



Read Across America Week

Read Across America week was a great week of reading and activities. Pictured is Ellie Morrison dressed as her favorite character Hermione from the Harry Potter book series.



Madison Elementary Academic Calendar

March 16, 2021 - Second Trimester Ends

March 26, 2021 - Report Cards Available in Genesis

March 17, 2021 - Third Trimester Begins

June 18, 2021 - Third Trimester Ends

June 18, 2021 - Report Cards Available in Genesis

Conferences

March 22, 2021 - Evening

March 23, 2021 - Day