

# MJS WEEKLY UPDATE

APRIL 9, 2021

## DEAR MJS COMMUNITY,

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back after the well-earned spring recess. We are grateful to our community for taking such a proactive approach when notifying us about out-of-state travel and quarantining per CDC guidelines.

We are heading into our busy spring season and have many fun events and programs around the corner. Be sure to join us for the PTO meeting on Thursday to learn more (details below.)

Be on the lookout for Superintendent Mark Schwarz's information about our movement into Phase 2 and bringing all students into school five days a week. We at MJS will take our guidance from central office on this change, and I know the district wants to make this move when it is safe for everyone. We are eager, just like you, to get all our students in person every day!

### Spring Book Fair Next Week

We are excited about our upcoming [spring Book Fair](#) next week. The fair is in-person and online. Students will visit the Book Fair in their English classes between April 12 and April 19. April 20 and April 21 are "flexible days" for students to visit the fair. Students can also reserve a slot to visit the fair after school by filling out this [Google Form](#):

Our book fair accepts cash, checks (made out to MJS), credit cards, and [e-wallet](#) (set up by parents in advance of book fair via credit card.)

- Shop our [online book fair](#)
- Student [shopping schedule](#)
- Parent volunteer [SignUp Genius](#)
- How to set up a [Scholastic e-wallet](#) so your child doesn't need to bring cash.

Seeking Glove Donations

If you should have any extra boxes of gloves not being used, please consider donating them to our spring Book Fair. Our students will be "browsing with their eyes" this year, and if they want to open up a book, they can grab a pair of disposable gloves to do this. We do have a supply of gloves, but it would be good if we had a stocked inventory so that every student could be given a pair. We appreciate any donations you can provide.

### **8th Grade Coming Up For Air Assemblies**

Next Wednesday and Thursday, we will be hosting the AIR Organization (Attitudes in Reverse) with our 8th graders. In this program, entitled Coming Up For Air, students will learn about and discuss mental health disorders, warning signs and information on suicide, and hear stories from speakers with intimate knowledge of the impact of suicide. Students will be engaging in these assemblies during their social studies periods in small groups. Shared here is a link to the [Coming Up For Air website](#), and our counseling team will be sending more detailed information to eighth-grade families Monday afternoon.

### **MJS Educators of the Year - Open Nominations**

The New Jersey Department of Education has announced the Governor's Award for Outstanding Educator of the Year nominations is now open. This celebratory program continues to recognize our state's best teachers and educational service professionals. Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in students' lives? If so, please take the time to recommend this person.

- To nominate an educator, [print out this form](#) and drop it off/send it into the MJS office by Friday, April 30. Or, you can send an email with all information requested on this form and send it off to Brooke Phillips at [phillipsb@madisonnjps.org](mailto:phillipsb@madisonnjps.org).
- [Check out this document](#) which outlines the eligibility requirements and roles for eligible educators and educational services professionals.

Please note that you may nominate both a classroom teacher AND an educational services professional.

### **Virtual PTO Meeting This Thursday**

Be sure to join us for our spring PTO meeting this Thursday, April 15, at 7 pm. A link will be emailed home that afternoon and also be available on our website.

### **Families With Remote Students - Phone and Device Use**

We have seen a rise in the use of cell phones from our students that are learning virtually. Please be sure to remind your students at home that the same rules apply while learning remotely as in school - cell phones remain powered off and put away unless a teacher directs a student to use them for a lesson.

We also require that while learning at home, students use school-issued Chromebook devices. Many programs only work school devices, and we have provided these one-to-one Chromebooks for this purpose.

### **MPS and CarePlus Virtual Parent Workshop**

You are invited to join the MPS in partnership with CarePlus for the next virtual parent workshops on April 15th at 6 pm. The workshop is titled "Youth Mental Health: Suicide Prevention." Zoom links will be emailed home and also available on the MPS website.

Please reach out with any questions or comments about this information. Have a great weekend.

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## **MEF CORNER**

**Ready, set, go!** Registration is officially open for the **2021 Virtual Madison 5K Run/Walk** to benefit MEF and support Madison Public Schools. Get all of the details and register [HERE](#).

**New this year:** Join us at the **1st Annual MEF Health & Wellness Fair** on May 2nd from 12-2pm at Dodge Field in Madison. The in-person event will mark the start of the 2021 Virtual Madison 5K Run/Walk and will feature interactive activities and giveaways from MEF sponsors and live entertainment, including performances by Madison public school students. The event will be a fun and safe afternoon of outdoor entertainment for the whole family!



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



*Sunday*

**May 2nd**

**12-2pm**

**at Dodge Field  
Madison, NJ**

*Support the  
local businesses  
who donate so  
generously to  
our schools.*

The Madison Education Foundation  
invites you to join us for our

## **1st Health & Wellness Fair**

to mark the start of our  
18th Annual and 2nd Virtual

## **Madison 5K Run/Walk**

to benefit MEF and Madison Public Schools

- Enjoy live performances by Madison students and others.
- Participate in activities and giveaways from MEF sponsors.
- Covid-19 safety precautions, including mask wearing and social distancing, must be followed.



for more information go to [www.mefnj.org](http://www.mefnj.org)



The MEF is a 501(c)(3).



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# MAKE

## THIS SUMMER AWESOME



**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**  
WITH AN ENTIRELY NEW COURSE GROUPS  
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH  
3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE, AND REAL-WORLD COURSES  
FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup>, WE HAVE A  
CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE!

### DESIGN YOUR SCHEDULE

WE HAVE BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL  
COURSE OFFERINGS THAT CAN BE TAKEN  
DURING AM, PM, OR FULL-DAY SESSIONS!



### LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES

FROM MAKER CRAFTS TO PROTOTYPING,  
ROBOTICS, CODING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND  
MORE, INNOVATE AND DESIGN EVERYTHING!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRICING, ENROLLMENT, AND COURSE OFFERINGS CAN BE FOUND AT:

**[WWW.MADISONPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/STEAMACADEMY](http://WWW.MADISONPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/STEAMACADEMY)**

# Back•to•School

## with a healthy brain

Now more than ever parents need to have a good understanding about their child's brain health.

Recommended for all 8th and 9th grade parents as a follow up to their child's participation in the Coming Up For AIR educational program.

**Wednesday**  
**April 21st at 7:00PM**

CLICK BELOW TO JOIN OUR ZOOM SESSION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87428917228?pwd=RHVvaFJDaUhuWmFhYVhWd05Ym1hR2hpQ1Q9>



**Join us for a virtual  
discussion on youth mental wellness**

## MJS CAREPLUS WELLNESS CORNER

April 15th at 6pm, Care Plus will facilitate the next parent workshop. The title is "Youth Mental Health: Suicide Prevention."

# SPRING SELF-CARE



Eat & Healthy

Treat yourself



Listen to birdsong

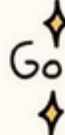
Things that make you happy



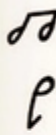
Water your dreams & goals



Focus on your growth



Go star-gazing



Create a nourishing morning routine



Spend time in the sunshine



Spring clean your home

Read a good book



BlessingManifesting





Save  
the  
Date



**MJS PTO  
Meeting**

via  
Zoom Webinar

Thursday  
April 15 at 7 pm



*Piece together your perfect summer at this year's*

## Madison Summer Arts Program



*In Person at Madison Junior School - June 28th - July 23rd 2021*

*Virtual Lessons - June 28th - August 20th 2021*

[Registration Link!](#)



## Madison In-Person Summer Arts Program Information

June 28 to July 23, 2021

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts is excited to announce the details for the upcoming 2021 Summer Arts In-Person Program. All classes will be given at Madison Junior School and will be held between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Our program will include instrumental music, vocal and musical theater classes and new for this summer, is dance! Students also have the option of participating in the district STEAM camp in the afternoon which is a separate registration form and fee.

### Class Descriptions

- 1. Beginning Strings, Brass and Woodwinds (entering grades 4-6)**  
This class is for students who have NEVER played their chosen instrument before or for those with limited experience. Students who have had at least 6 months of instruction should consult their music teacher to confirm they are ready for the intermediate class. All classes will meet from 9:00-9:45 a.m. (Daily, Monday-Friday)
- 2. Beginning Percussion (entering grades 4 and up)**  
All students must receive prior approval from their school's music teacher before registering for this class. Each group will receive two 45 minute lessons each week or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two 30 minute lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Dependent upon progress, and if so desired, beginning students will be able to attend the intermediate ensemble rehearsals.
- 3. Intermediate Brass, Strings, Woodwinds, and Percussion (entering grades 5-8)**  
Each group will receive two 45 minute lessons a week or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two 30 minute lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Each intermediate student will also have 2 ensemble rehearsals. 5th/6th grade band will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45-10:30. 7th/8th grade band will take place Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:45-11:30. An optional flute ensemble will also meet for flutists entering grade 5-8 from 10:45-11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5<sup>th</sup> grade flutists wanting to participate in flute ensemble should receive prior approval from their music teacher before registering. Flutists should select either band or flute ensemble. Students may participate in both for a \$40.00 additional fee. Finally 5th-8th grade orchestra will meet from 10:00-10:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 4. Advanced Instrumental Lessons (entering grades 9-12) or Beginning Instrumental Lessons (entering grades 7-12)**  
Each group will receive three 45 minute lessons each week, or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Dependent upon progress, and if so desired, beginning students will be able to attend the intermediate ensemble rehearsals.





# MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 4/12 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 4/13 **B Gold**

Wednesday 4/14 **B Gold**

Thursday 4/15 **B Maroon**

Friday 4/16 **A Gold**

## REMINDER

All tech support  
questions should  
be emailed to:

[mpstech@madisonnjps.org](mailto:mpstech@madisonnjps.org)



## HW CALENDARS

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

[6th Grade Periods 789](#)



## HW CALENDARS

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

[7th Grade Periods 789](#)



## HW CALENDARS

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

[8B Homework Calendar](#)

[8th Grade Periods 789](#)

## MJS LINK BANK

[MJS Bell Schedule](#)

[MJS Yearly Calendar - A/B Days - Color Cohort Days](#)

[MJS Morning Announcements](#)

[MJS Archive of Updates & Newsletters](#)

## UPCOMING DATES

April 12 - Fourth Marking Period begins

April 12-21 - Spring Book Fair

April 14-15 - *Coming Up for Air Assembly* - Grade 8 student presentations

April 15 - Virtual Parent Workshop "Youth Mental Health: Suicide Prevention" 6:00 pm

April 15 - MJS PTO Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm

April 16 - Report cards available in Genesis Parent Portal

April 19-23 National Green Week

April 21 - *Coming Up for Air Presentation* - Virtual Parent Presentations 7:00 pm

## I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT...

Please feel free to use this [Feedback Link](#) to ask Ms. Phillips to include certain information in a future update. It's helpful to know what you would like to learn more about.



