



District Updates

Board Innovation in Teaching Awards

- The recipients of the third annual Board Innovation in Teaching (IIT) Award for the 2021-22 school year were announced on June 7th. While this year was an incredibly challenging one and the entire staff deserves recognition for the amazing things that have been accomplished, the Board IIT Award builds on this broad success to highlight a few staff members who have led especially impactful or creative initiatives. The recipients for the 2021-22 school year are:
 - **Ms. Spelker** (CAS) and **Ms. Mastaglio** (CAS) for their deep dive into the Science of Reading, structured use of data, and innovative instruction to support a tiered system of supports in a 1st Grade classroom. Ms. Spelker and Ms. Mastaglio received a number of nominations that highlighted their teamwork at CAS, work across the three elementary schools, and their successful Madison Teacher Academy course.
 - **Ms. Spangler** (MJS) for her development of the new TED Talks cycle course at MJS. This elective course provided students with the ability to research and explore a topic of their choosing and present a talk on it to their peers. Ms. Spangler's passion allowed students to engage in learning in a unique and exciting way that will last well beyond their time at MJS.
 - **Ms. Blier** (MHS) for a wide range of initiatives related to supporting ELL's at MHS. Ms. Blier received multiple nominations for initiatives that will continue into next year, such as having students create bilingual books in English and their home language, co-developing an integrated math course, and finding innovative ways to build a community of ELL's at the school.
- Congratulations to each IIT Award recipient, who will be recognized at the meeting of the Madison Board of Education on June 21st.

Workshop on the Arts Elementary Competition

- Three Madison students were awarded prizes by the NJ Consortium for Gifted and Talented in the Workshop on the Arts virtual competition. Students were challenged to reimagine a classic fairy tale and present an original retelling of the story through song, dance, music or art. The winners were:
 - **Miya Berhmann** (3rd grade, CAS), Grand Prize winner (\$50 gift card)
 - **Scarlett Sellwood** (4th grade, CAS), Vocal Music winner (\$25 gift card)
 - **Nola Schmid** (5th grade, KRS), Honorable Mention

School Updates

Madison High School

- 11th grade English classes invited students to participate in the annual Rotary Club of Madison's Laws of Life Essay contest. The purpose of the essay award project is to encourage students to explore their core values, such as honesty, perseverance, and compassion. The winners of the contest are:
 - *First Place*: Sophia DeCar, Jayson Candelario, Danny Geier
 - *Second Place*: Isabella Lord-Martin, Mehki Crump, Kevin Lopez
- In March, Level III, IV and V World Language students were provided the opportunity to sit for the 2022 National Spanish, Italian and French exams annually sponsored by the American Association Teachers of Spanish, French, and Italian, respectively. Students are recognized with

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for superior performance in each language. Congratulations to the following students who met the criteria to achieve medals in their performance:

- French:
 - **Gold:** Anuthra Abeysinghe, Sofia Barahona, Nina Tadano, Jacob Jordan, Morgan Araya, Marina Gobbi, Noah Benhaim-Killian
 - **Silver:** Clotilde Monville, Orla Maxwell
 - **Bronze:** Toon Janssen, Kate O'Rourke, Mariano Lopez, Erin Sullivan, Kelsey Greer, Juan Cadavid, Elisabeth Wielandy
- Italian:
 - **Gold:** Evelyn Juliano*, Aleksandria Kohut*, Mary Johansen*, Anastasia Melikova*, Isabella Rojas Naranjo*, Artha Abeysinghe*
 - **Silver:** Aubrey Chase, Lily DeSimone, Gabriella Mariani, Julia Merryweather, Connor Steele, Robert Ferris, Logan Bilello, Benjamin Colao, Keira Munter
 - **Bronze:** Gregory Bruno, Ava DeSimone, Ian Torkelson, Emma Wirth, Andrew Bishop, Ryan Hock, Emily Jones, Ryan Pennington, Alexa Ruina, Christopher Piacenti, Alexandra Reigle, Charlotte Sullivan
 - **The AATI provided a monetary award to the highest ranking medal winners in their respective categories.*
- Spanish:
 - **Gold:** Isadora Brito Da Costa, Meredith McKeever, Daphne Rodas
 - **Silver:** Deanna Aguiar, Samuel Berk, Luke Cimino, Jeankarlo Fernandez, Nolan Flanagan, Jessenia Gomez, Dante Izzo, Caitlin Jobe, Helen Kilman, Clotilde Monville, Natalie Ocampo, Adrianna Scarpetta, Amelie Tallinder, Leland Borcharding, Hendrix Farrell, Alison McGratty, Sofia Cortes Loaiza, Gabriela Garcia, Diego Estevez, Sofia Garcia, Erin Scheier
 - **Bronze:** Alexis Gominiak, Joaquin Izzo, Cassandra Jennings, Mia Longenecker, Andreas Panagos, Kaden Peterson, Aiden Shah, Ava Vazquez, Maria Waddington, Samuel Cohen, Laurene Creteau, Emily Csatlos, Lucy Goss, Ryan Perlatti, Kayin Robbins, Amanda Beneventano, Shea Byam, Kay Chase, Yeongjin Kwon
- MHS Athletics
 - Ella Tucker (10th grade) won triple gold at the NJSIAA North 2, Group 2 championships. She was first in the 100 meter (12.67), 200 meter (26.14) and 400 meter (1:00.13) dashes.
 - Adam Angelone (12th grade) won double gold at the NJSIAA North 2, Group 2 championships. He was first in the 1600 meter (4:28:31) and 3200 meter (9:23) races.

Madison Junior School

- MJS celebrated its music program with spring performances by its orchestra, band, and chorus. A big thank you to Orchestra Director **Ms. McCormick**, Band Directors **Mr. Sabatino** and **Mr. Rossi**, and Music Directors **Ms. Layman** and **Ms. Ciolino** for the wonderful performances. We were very excited to bring back our MJS finale song at our spring chorus concert! Bravo to the MJS music students and teachers.
- The spring TREP\$ market was fantastic! A big thank you to our entrepreneurs for designing and selling such interesting products and to club advisor **Ms. Siso** for hosting this great event.
- 7th grade students and teachers hosted the annual Probability Carnival on the MJS front lawn. The culmination of many weeks of planning, collaboration, and creating came together in a math celebration shared with students, staff, and families. Thank you to **Ms. Hatziemanuel**, **Ms. McPeck**, **Ms. Olsen** and the seventh grade teaching team for supporting our students with this annual tradition.
- Thank you to the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts and Ms. Danielle Criegler for hosting an in-house field trip this month for our sixth-grade social studies students. Students engaged in mock elections to understand how the popular vote and electoral college impact our presidential elections.

- 8th grade social studies students created and hosted their annual film festival, showcasing their group projects via film and social awareness videos. Students explored the broad scope of a human rights issue of their choice, which Universal Declaration of Human Rights provisions are being violated and who is affected, and what actions need to be taken to provide assistance. Films were judged by a panel of educators, administrators, and/or community members and winners were announced at the end of the festival. Congratulations to all of our student entries!
- We congratulate and are proud of our students' achievements. An Awards Ceremony acknowledging the accomplishments of our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students was hosted on June publicly on June 12.

Central Avenue School

- The CAS Green Team led by **Ms. Mantone** won a \$600 competitive grant through the Clean Communities School Grant Program. The notification was provided by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, who highlighted the merit of the project. The grant is normally provided for a single day clean up but CAS Green Team members have been collecting trash every Wednesday through the year. Congrats to the team!
- The CAS Learning Garden was active as the Spring Harvest allowed all classes to visit and 1st and 3rd graders also enjoyed some time with live chickens! Thank you to **Ms. Mantone** and the Garden Committee for bringing healthy living and gardening to all our students!
- The Fifth Grade Recognition Ceremony occurred on June 9th. Students were recognized for participation in Battle of the Books, Math Olympiad, Music, Art, Student Council, Green Team, Peer Leaders, and Flag Committee. **Emily Ostberg** was awarded the Kathleen Gero Chain of Character Award. A special thank you to the CAS fifth grade team of **Mr. Cyrana, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. O'Brien** for the poetry! Congratulations to the CAS Fifth Grade Class of 2022!
- Kindergarten Orientation was held on May 26th followed by an incoming Kindergarten Warm-Up day on May 31st. Students engaged in small groups in an activity designed to provide teachers with data to assist in the class placement process for the 2022-23 school year.
- CAS students participated in Field Day on June 3rd. Thank you to **Mr. Izsa** and **Mr. Yendrick** for engaging all students in fun team-centered activities.
- Fifth grade students presented their More Than Madison projects on June 2nd. Students were proud to share all that they learned in their research project on the 17 United Nations Sustainability Development Goals.
- The CAS Funfest was held on May 20th. Students and their families enjoyed food trucks, blow ups, carnival games, face painting, music, and more. A special thank you to the PTO for all their work!
- Fifth grade students ended the year with a promotion ceremony, ice cream social, laser light show, kickball, Fifth Grade Breakfast/Yearbook Signing, and a clap out! Best wishes to all 5th graders!
- First grade students experienced Camp Tiger Paw on June 9th. Students read, sang songs, had tents made out of pizza boxes, and dived into other camp adventures!
- The 4th grade v. 5th grade kickball championship took place on June 13th, where **Ms. Manley's** 4th grade class took home the CAS Trophy! The annual staff vs. student kickball game took place on June 14th. Kickball teaches classes to work together, communicate, and sportsmanship.
- CAS Family Reading Night took place on June 2nd. CAS has been running this event for eight years, which features readalouds, reader theater, live music, and book raffles!
- On June 7th, the entire CAS school assembled to recognize **Mr. Florez** and his 31 years of service to Madison Public Schools. He was gifted a book of student art and cards and **Ms. Chiarino** developed two songs that the whole school sang to him. Congratulations Mr. Florez and best wishes on your retirement.
- The third trimester report cards were available for families to view in Genesis on June 14th.

- The CAS Bike Road-eo was held on June 1st. Students visited stations that included registering their bike with the Madison Police Dept., mechanical adjustments completed by local bike shop Hilltop, bike helmet check by Avenue in Motion, bike decorating station hosted by the PTO, and then they completed a series of obstacles. Last, 5th graders did a ride through Madison with the Madison Police Department and Mayor Conley.
- On June 3rd and June 6th, students in Grades K-4 were able to visit next year's teachers on Moving up Day to learn what they should expect next year in regards to curriculum and activities.
- The CAS Talent Show took place on June 8th. Students in grades 4 and 5 were able to showcase their talents in front of students and families. Talents ranged from piano to singing to dancing. Thank you to the student council for organizing this event for our school.
- On June 10th, CAS was able to go out to Central Avenue to support some former students in the Special Olympics torch run through Madison!
- The Brain Show assembly took place on June 3rd! The quiz show engaged all students and many staff members who participated! Thank you to the PTO for this assembly, which is one of our favorites!
- CAS had a few field trips: 5th grade students visited the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 2nd grade students visited the Reeves Arboretum, and Kindergarteners visited the Crayola Factory!
- The Madison Public Library visited CAS on June 7th to talk to all students about the Madison Library Summer Reading Program, which began on June 13th. Keep reading CAS!
- 3rd grade students learned about composting and 4th grade students learned all about robotics during the MHS Day of Service on May 27th!
- The CAS Spring Concert took place on May 25th. Students performed in chorus, band, and orchestra. Congratulations to these 4th and 5th grade students and also to **Ms. Chiarino, Ms. Adkins, and Ms. Quinlan!**

Kings Road School

- The 5th grade students presented their More Than Madison projects to their families and the fourth grade students on June 1st. The students presented in teams about their research on topics including sustainability, poverty, and climate change.
- As a way to celebrate the KRS 2022 5th graders, a ceremony was conducted on June 7th. Families, teachers, and staff convened outside on a beautiful day to acknowledge the students and wish them the very best in the future. Congratulations to the KRS 2022 Fifth Grade Class!
- The KRS 5th grade Clap Out ceremony featured each 5th grader as they traveled down the sidewalk for the very last time as a KRS student. KRS families, students, and staff were in attendance to celebrate and cheer for each fifth grade student when their name was announced.
- Congratulations to the talented participants of the 4th grade talent show! Performers included singers, comedians, musicians, and a magician.
- The third elementary report cards were available for families to view in Genesis on June 14th.
- The KRS STEAM Fair was a great success! The fair featured student scientists presenting their research and conducting scientific experiments. It was a learning event for all involved and the KRS families in attendance.
- The KRS PTO sponsored a carnival for all KRS students and their families on June 3rd.
- Kindergarten Warm-Up day was held on May 31st, and incoming kindergarten students engaged in small groups in an activity designed to provide teachers with data to assist in the class placement process for the 2022-23 school year.

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- Kindergarten Orientation was held on May 25th, followed by an incoming Kindergarten Warm-Up day on May 31st. Students engaged in small groups in an activity designed to provide teachers with data to assist in the class placement process for the 2022-23 school year.
- TJS students participated in Field Day on June 1st. We were thankful for cool temperatures and students engaged in several team and individual activities!

- Fifth grade students participated in More Than Madison on June 3rd. Students were proud to share all that they learned in their research project on the 17 United Nations Sustainability Development Goals.
- After a two-year hiatus, the PTO Jamboree was back and better than ever on June 3rd. Students and their families enjoyed food trucks, blow ups, carnival games, face painting, and more.
- Fifth graders participated in a team-building obstacle course on the afternoon of June 6th as an important end of year activity sponsored by the PTO!
- First grade students and their parents engaged in a “Parent Tea” on June 7th. Students read a poem, sang a song, and delivered messages of kindness to their parent/guardian.
- The annual staff vs. fifth grade students kickball game took place on June 9th. Fifth graders took the lead and won this year’s game!
- The Fifth Grade Recognition Ceremony occurred on June 10th. Students were recognized with a special class award and numerous participation awards from the special area teachers, music department, and more. Families also enjoyed a video montage put together by our 5th grade teachers. A special thank you to our 5th grade team of educators: **Ms. Zourzoukis, Ms. Larson, Ms. Duggan, and Ms. Babich!** Congratulations to the TJS Fifth Grade Class of 2022!
- Third graders in **Ms. Cancelliere’s** class earned a special guest reader, **Principal Garcia**, who visited and read the text *“Let’s Get a Pup!”* said Kate.
- Third graders in **Ms. Madden’s** class participated in a class Shark Tank as a culmination of their recent Genius Hour projects.
- Fifth grade students enjoyed a breakfast sponsored by the PTO on June 13th as well as a yearbook signing session with their classmates!
- The TJS 5th grade Clap Out ceremony featured each fifth grader as they traveled up the path of the TJS playground for the very last time as a student. TJS families, students, and staff were in attendance to celebrate and cheer for each fifth grade student when their name was announced.
- The third trimester report cards were available for families to view in Genesis on June 14th.