THE DODGER UPDATE

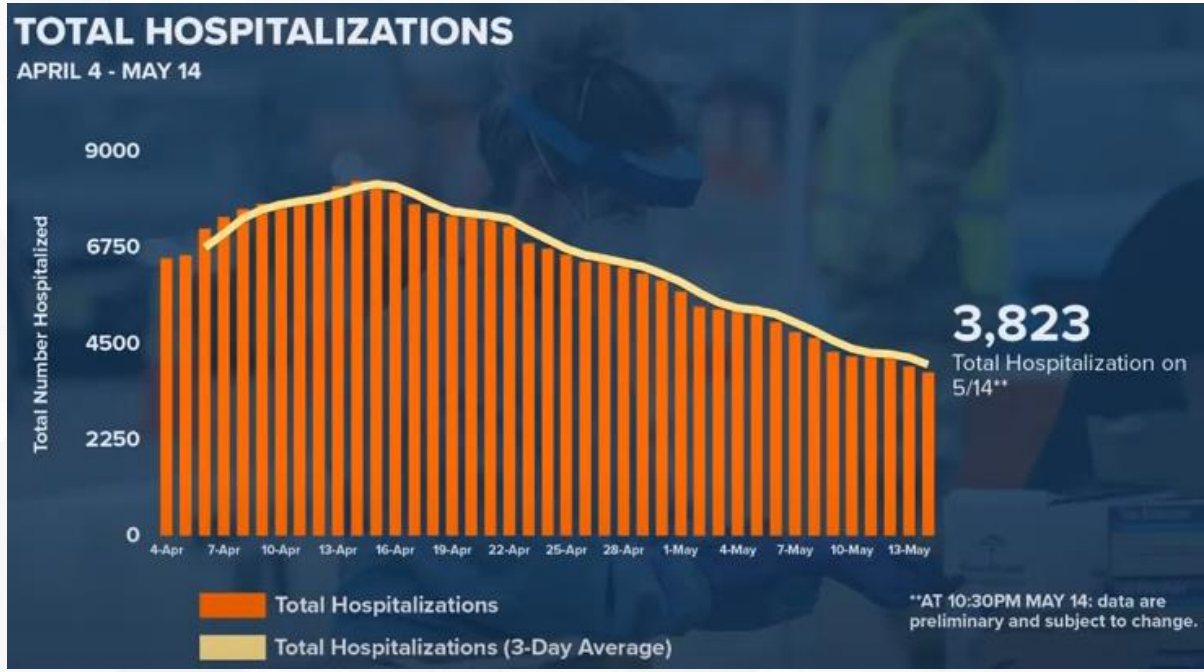
MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 16, 2020

STATEWIDE UPDATE – MAY 16, 2020

- State guidance opens the following
  - Non-essential businesses for curbside pickup
  - Non-essential construction
  - Beaches and parks
  - Car gatherings
  - Elective surgeries (May 26)

- CARES Act Funding allocated through the state
  - $45K allocated for unbudgeted remote learning costs
  - Will offset home wifi, increased Chromebook repairs, and outstanding student obligations for families in need
  - Will not make a substantive difference in 2020-21 costs
  - Additional federal $$ needed to offset anticipated state aid cuts



DISTRICT UPDATES – MAY 16, 2020

School-related updates

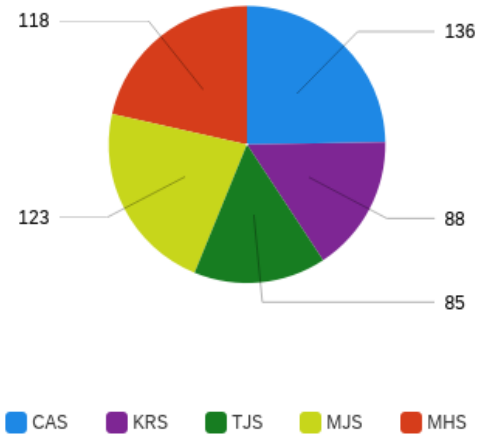
- MHS Graduation/MJS Promotion
  - Dual planning for in-person and in-car events
  - Online elements will supplement live events
- School year closeout plans managed by school
  - Student item return
  - School property return
- State of the Schools Climate Surveys due Friday, 5/22

Remote Learning Surveys

- 550 total responses – Thank you!
- Takeaways
  - 84% satisfaction - an effective transition to remote instruction
  - Many faculty members are exceeding our standards of practice
  - In some K-8 areas, more live instruction/support is desired
  - Ongoing improvement processes underway – we want 100%
  - Great job, student, parents and educators!

Reported Satisfaction with Remote Learning

Number of Responses by School



UPCOMING EVENTS – MAY 16, 2020

Changes shown in Bold:

May 20 – PTO Presidents Meeting (rescheduled)

May 22 – Deadline for School Climate Surveys

May 25 – Memorial Day – No School

May 28 – State of the Schools Address

May 31 – Deadline to complete MEF Virtual 5K

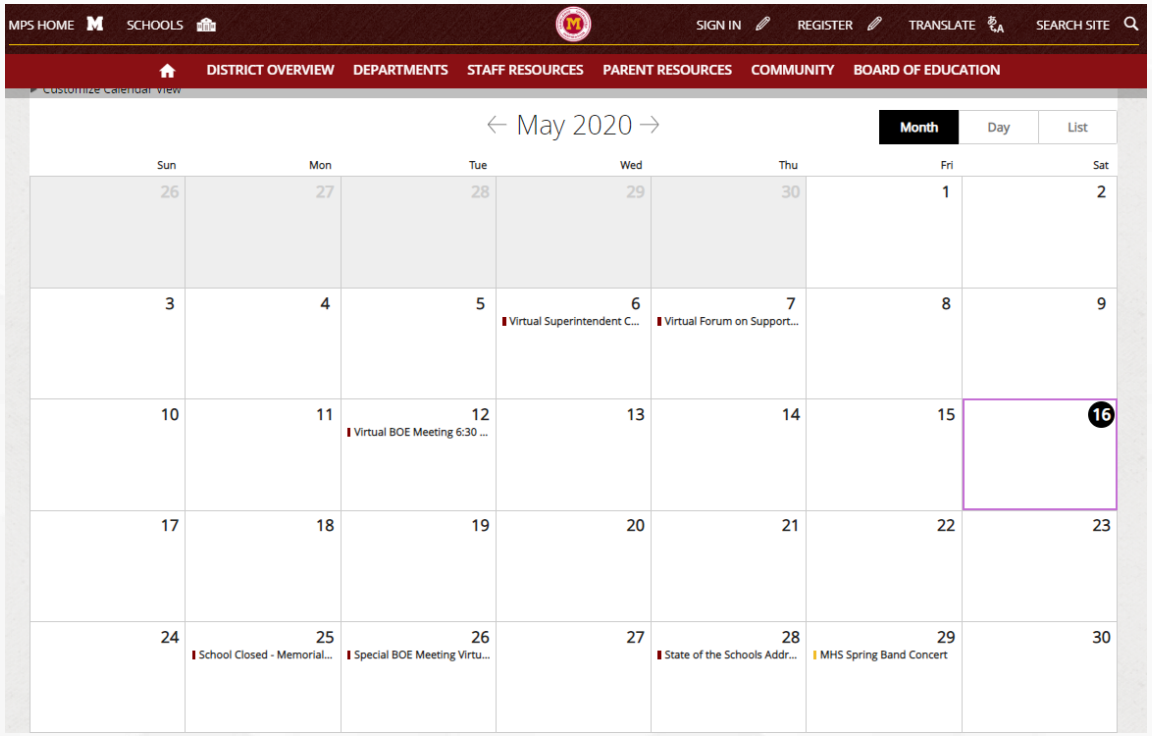
June 2 – Special Board Meeting for Personnel Matters

June 3 – Deadline to submit MEF Virtual 5K time

June 12 – Last day of remote learning

June 16 – Board of Education Meeting

June 19 – MHS Graduation/MJS Promotion



WELLNESS TIP – MAY 16, 2020

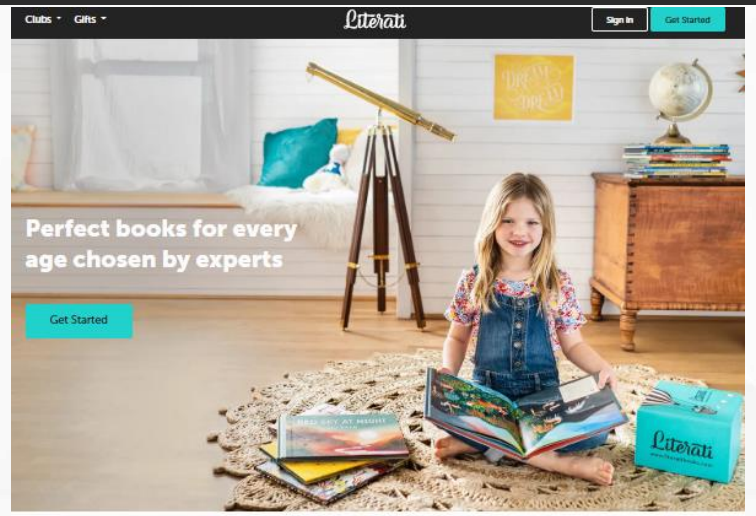
Read!

Research indicates:

- Reading is good for your intelligence and wellness
- Even in the digital age, there's something special about paper books, but even digital reading is very beneficial.
- Many books in a home is:
  - Correlated with improved academic outcomes for literacy *and* numeracy
  - May equate to **three years** of more schooling
- Reading to your young child is good for their brain

Tips:

- Don't skimp on books
- Schedule family reading time
- Parents should model reading in the home
- Ask your child's teacher or librarian for recommendations
- Use resources like Literati to inspire your reluctant reader



THANK YOU!

1. Madison Schools Team
   - Teachers and Teachers Assistants
   - Nurses, Counsellors, CST Members
   - Secretaries
   - Facilities Staff
   - Principals and Administrators
   - Board of Education Members
   - Pomptonian Food Service
2. All Madison essential workers
   - Police, Fire, EMT, Public Works
   - Healthcare workers
   - Delivery workers
   - Retail workers
   - Foodservice workers
3. Community Efforts
   - Weekend meals for Madison students in need
   - Borough/Boxcar partnership to deliver groceries to families in need with anonymous donor
   - Front Lines Appreciation Group (FLAG)
   - **Junior Flag – More info to follow**
   - Madison Seniors Shopping Network
   - Teacher Appreciation COM Gift Cards
   - Madison Rotary Club
   - Tri Town Cares
4. All Madisonians

Are we missing someone here? Email me at schwarzm@madisonnjps.org