



MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
225 W. OCOTILLO RD., PHOENIX, AZ 85013

# MED-O-GRAM



AUGUST 14TH, 2015

Dear Meadows Families,

Welcome back to an awesome new school year! We start the year with several celebrations:

Madison Meadows is now an authorized IB World School! All the hard work by teachers, staff, students, and parents has paid off and Meadows was authorized fully with no matters to be addressed.

Madison Meadows has been nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School for the state of Arizona. We are one of four Arizona nominees and look forward to hearing the final outcome of this great honor in the fall. We'll keep you posted!

Madison Meadows was in the top ten schools for tax credit donations in the state! This is all due to parents and staff members who donate tax dollars to our school. Thank you all for your support!

As the new year gets under way, we hope you will join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 18, from 5:30-7:30 PM. More information will be coming home with your children. You may want to check their backpacks! This week's 5th Grade Family Welcome enjoyed a huge turn-out thanks to the efforts of PTM members such as Alejandra Jones and Staci Csizmadia as well as the support of our partners at Blue Orthodontics, specifically Melissa Plew. We also appreciate the presence of our awesome fifth grade teachers after a long day of educating children!

Please remember to direct any classroom questions or concerns to your child's classroom teacher. We want to hear from you and your child's teachers are the first point of contact. We welcome nine new teachers to Meadows this year after retirements, transfers, moves out of state, etc... I know you join me in welcoming them to the Meadows community. We also welcome our new assistant principal, Jennifer Perreault and new psychologist, Kelsey Mohn. We are lucky to have them both on our campus!

Help us maintain a safe environment for children through following the guidelines for student pick-up/drop-off in both the church parking lot and the rear of the school. Please don't talk/text on cellphones during these times of day; keep a watchful eye out for children. No one wants to see a child hurt.

We look forward to another successful year of teaching and learning at Meadows. The partnership we share with all of you is one of the things that make our school special. When parents and teachers work together, great things happen for kids! Here's to more great things!

With Ram Pride,  
Susan Doyle, Principal  
Madison Meadows Middle School



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*First Day of School  
August 10th, 2015*

*5th Grade Family Welcome Dinner  
August, 11th, 2015  
5:30pm-7pm*

*PTM General Parent Meeting  
August 17th, 2015  
5pm in the Library*

*Back to School Night  
August 18th, 2015  
5:30-7:30pm*

*Picture Day  
August 20th, 2015*

*Fall Fundraiser  
August 24th-September 25th, 2015*

*TCT -2:10pm  
August 26th  
September 2nd*

*No School  
Labor Day September 7th-, 2015*

**Madison Meadows National Junior Honor Society is**  
**Accepting Member Candidate Forms**

8<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to become NJHS members are encouraged to apply by completing the student activity information form located in the office.

The deadline for submitting the NJHS student activity information form is Friday, September 4, 2015 at 12:00pm (noon). The student activity information form must be completely filled out, signed by the student and parents, and personally returned to Ms. Poginy in room D33. Candidate information forms must also be accompanied by copies of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-the-year report card. All grades from the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> grade count in calculating the grade point average.

Requirements for membership to NJHS are as follows:

1. A cumulative grade point average, at grade level or above, of 3.625. Each class is weighted differently. Core classes carry a heavier weight than elective classes.
2. Good citizenship, character and leadership qualities are also required. One of the steps in admitting new members is to survey the Meadows staff to determine the candidate's suitability.
3. The final step for membership is approval by the NJHS Faculty Council. Membership approval is by a simple majority vote. A unanimous vote is not required.
4. All member candidates will receive a letter advising them of their admission or their denial of membership by September 25, 2015.

The expectations for NJHS members are as follows:

1. After admission, members are expected to attend NJHS meetings faithfully. Most meetings will be held during the school lunch periods, however, there may be additional meetings necessary before or after school hours.
2. NJHS is a service organization. We expect our members to be doers, not merely joiners. Therefore, members are also required to perform at least 12 hours of community service work per semester (in addition to other community service requirements) and to submit that information in writing to the NJHS Advisor. The group will organize several service projects throughout the school year to help meet this requirement.
3. Annual dues are \$10.00. This money will be paid to the NJHS Treasurer within two weeks of being admitted to membership. If a student faces financial hardship, dues can be waived after consultation with the NJHS Advisor.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding NJHS, please contact the NJHS Advisor, Ms. Poginy at 664-7633 or [rpoginy@msded.org](mailto:rpoginy@msded.org).

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015, AT NOON.**  
**CANDIDATE FORMS ARE TO BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO MS. POGINY IN ROOM D33 BY**  
**NOON - NO EXCEPTIONS**

Madison Meadows  
**FALL  
FUNDRAISER**

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 25

**GOAL: \$40,000**

*(\$45 PER STUDENT)*

**GREAT PRIZES FOR CLASSROOMS,  
INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS & TEACHERS**

- 1ST PLACE HOMEROOM: **Flip Dunk Party for each grade level**
- 2ND PLACE HOMEROOM: **Pizza Party in classroom for each grade level**
- 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE INDIVIDUALS: **1 Pad Mini**
- 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH PLACE INDIVIDUALS: **\$50 Best Buy gift card**

UPDATES & RESULTS WILL BE EMAILED & POSTED FREQUENTLY.

**DONATE ONLINE AT MEADOWSPTM.ORG**

Send this link to family, friends and co-workers, so Meadows can reach their goal. Online contributions automatically receive a tax deductible receipt. Cash and check donations over \$75.00 will also receive a tax deductible receipt. If you are donating by check, please make your check payable to PTM.

Thank you for making Meadows a wonderful school for our kids.  
Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

*Donations are tax deductible. The PTM is a 501c(3) organization.  
Donations received after September 25 will not apply towards competitions.*





## Meadows Athletics

The athletics program is coming off another great year thanks to our student-athletes and coaches. ows has won the overall conference team championship for the fourth straight season!

We are hoping to have another great year as the Fall season starts right away. The Fall season is for boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, and boys and girls cross-country. All sports are open to all grade levels at Meadows. Please check our website for announcements, schedules, and coach communication. Everything can be found at:

### ***Matt Bottoms***

**Athletic Director**

**5th Grade Math and Science**

**Madison Meadows Middle School**

**[MeadowsAthletics.com](http://MeadowsAthletics.com)**



## **Madison Meadows IB**

The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet to help create a better and more peaceful world. The learner profile is composed of 10 traits that all IB learners strive to achieve in the IB program. The Learner Profile transcends all IB programs. It is included in the IB PYP, MYP, and DP. Madison Meadows students will be challenged to meet these learner profile standards in all content areas. Teachers encourage and promote the learner profile.

As IB learners, we strive to be:

**Inquirers:** We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

**Knowledgeable:** We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

**Thinkers:** We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

**Communicators:** We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

**Principled:** We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

**Open-minded:** We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

**Caring:** We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

**Risk-takers:** We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

**Balanced:** We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives - intellectual, physical and emotional - to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

**Reflective:** We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 traits valued by IB World Schools. We believe these traits, and others like them, can help people become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

“Madison Meadows officially became an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School on June 4, 2015. We are a "whole school model" offering the Middle Years Program (MYP) to all of our students from 5th through 8th grade. We look forward to continue implementing the IB framework and philosophy on our campus and to refine our practices to be a first-rate IB MYP school.”

-Judy Stropky

Madison Meadows IB Coordinator



IB Corner of the  
World

## Madison Meadows is now an IB World School!

August 12, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! The Meadows staff is very excited to begin this school year as an official International Baccalaureate (IB) School! Did you know we are one of ten middle schools that offer the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) in the state of Arizona? This is something we are all very proud of. We could not have accomplished this task without the support from our Madison District governing board, our district and school administration, our hard-working teachers, and supportive parents. Thank you for helping us to reach our goal of becoming an authorized IB MYP Middle School.

Now that we are an authorized IB MYP School, you may be wondering what is new this year for Meadows regarding the IB program. Our plan is to continue where we left off last year and to implement the framework and philosophy of IB in the middle school. We will also strengthen our practices by working on the recommendations as listed in our authorization report from IB. One of those areas includes assessment in IB. This year, teachers will begin using more IB task rubrics when assessing students on summative tasks at the end of each IB unit planner. Teachers will also perfect their practices of teaching the IB objectives in their specific content areas, too.

The other area we are focusing on is implementing the Community Project with our eighth grade students. Upon completing the project, the class of 2015-2016 will be the first group to graduate from Madison Meadows with an IB certificate. The eighth grade team will be discussing the requirements of the Community Project with students and parents in the near future, so stay-tuned!

Finally, I will be forming an IB Committee of Parents (limited to eight parents). The goal of this committee is to increase communication and understanding of the IB MYP program at Meadows. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call me at 602/664-7672 or email at [jstropky@madisoned.org](mailto:jstropky@madisoned.org)

Thank you.

Judy Stropky

IB Coordinator



# Free Money for Meadows

**Fry's:** Help Meadows earn cash with every shopping trip to Fry's. For every \$50,000 in V.I.P purchases, Fry's Food Stores donates \$500. Enroll EACH YEAR for the [Fry's Community Rewards Program](#). **Meadows Code: 80423**



**Target:** Enroll for free and Target® will donate up to 1% of your RED-card® purchases. Target Credit Card & Debit Card account holders can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or an in-store kiosk. [more info](#)



**Fresh & Easy eScrip:** Register your Friends card with Meadows and we can earn up to 5% of your purchases! Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to assign your card to Meadows. [Learn more here.](#)



**E-Labels for Education, Boxtops & Coke Rewards** Purchase your favorite products & earn money for Meadows

**Labels for Education** – Points from this program help assist the Art Programs at Meadows. Cut UPS Codes/Labels for certain products & turn into the office. You can also do “e-labels” by signing up your grocery cards and every time you purchase a product with an e-label for education – Meadows will get credit electronically.



**Box Tops for Education** – Cut out the Box Tops and send them in to your student's academic lab. The school gets 10 cents for each one! Classes and teachers win prizes for collecting the most!



**Coke REWARDS** – Coke products have a 14 digit number that when entered gives MEADOWS points to purchase recess & athletic equipment Turn in the Coke product (including Powerade) tops, or numbers off the cartons – to the office or Ms. Poginy.



# Free Money for Meadows

## Stay Connected with Meadows!

Sign up for eBlasts, to receive reminders and important school information via email.

Join our mailing list at [www.meadowsptm.org](http://www.meadowsptm.org) or Email Abby Loza [rnaloza@aol.com](mailto:rnaloza@aol.com)



### Public Notice for Destruction of Records

Following the microfilming of these records, all original permanent cumulative records of students born in 1998 who have withdrawn from the Madison School District will be destroyed. In addition, all permanent cumulative records of students who promoted out of Madison schools in 2012 will be destroyed. Before any records are destroyed, parents have the right to review and obtain copies of their child's records. Please contact Madison School District, Student Records Department at 602-664-7958 before May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Aviso Público para la Destrucción de Expedientes

Todos los expedientes originales y permanentes de los estudiantes nacidos en 1998 que se trasladaron fuera de las escuelas de Madison y todos los expedientes permanentes de los estudiantes que se graduaron de las escuelas Madison en el 2012, serán destruidos después de ser archivados en microfilm. Antes de que cualquier expediente sea destruido los padres tienen el derecho de revisar los expedientes y obtener copias. Por favor contactar al el Departamento de Expedientes del Distrito Escolar Madison al 602-664-7958 antes del 15 de Mayo del 2015.

## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

### NURSE SHARON

IMMUNIZATIONS: Please remember to send in a copy of ANY shots your child receives so we can update the health record. Meningitis and Tdap are due in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to be in school- your child needs these shots. Please call me with any questions.

COLDS/FLU: If your child has diarrhea, vomiting or a temperature, they may not attend school for 24 hours. Please keep your child home if they are sick. If your child has Strep. Throat- they may return to school 24 hours after starting an antibiotic as long as there is no fever. Extra rest, increasing fluids and eating right are 3 simple ways to help ward off illnesses.

ALLERGIES/ASTHMA: If Students take allergy medication before school, that can help them get thru the day. Please remember all meds, such as inhalers MUST be brought to the Nurse with a label and signed permission from a parent.

-Stay in an air-conditioned indoor location as much as possible.

-Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty.

-Schedule outdoor activities carefully.

◦Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen.

◦Pace yourself.

-Take cool showers or baths to cool down.

-Do not leave children or pets in cars.

-Check the local news for health and safety updates.

Here are some additional tips from the CDC on how to avoid dehydration:

-Drink more water than usual.

-Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more fluids.

-Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside.

-Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar.

-Remind others to drink enough water.