



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



# MED-O-GRAM

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2015

Dear Meadows Families:

Madison Meadows Middle School won the National Blue Ribbon Award in 2015. During a ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th, Amy Bondeson, Dr. Kellis, and I accepted the award on behalf of Madison Meadows at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. This is a huge honor for Meadows, and I am pleased to be a part of it. That is what I am – a part of it. I am so proud of the teachers and staff that make a difference in the lives of our students every day. Their education and preparation, their efforts, their willingness to go the extra mile to support and enhance student learning are the key ingredients. Teachers are the main reason Madison Meadows is being recognized.

However, there are others who made this award possible for our school. Dr. Tim Ham was the Superintendent of Schools for the Madison School District from 2007 until the summer of 2014. In his seven years at the helm of the district, he implemented programs and practices that increased the effectiveness and supported the strengths of Madison administrators, teachers, and staff. We became a Professional Learning Community adept at implementing Response to Intervention, and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. With his guidance we created a more effective lesson plan template to ensure that teachers were able to provide students with first, best instruction. He implemented a coaching model so that all of us – administrators, teachers, and students could all get better, be better.

Todd Stevens and Laura Webb, former Meadows assistant principals made significant contributions to our winning this award. Mr. Stevens began the process of digging deep into data to look at the effectiveness of our practices and using that same data to guide instruction and Guided Study. Mrs. Webb continued that practice and brought the newer teachers on board. Together they ensured that teachers had the tools and abilities to disaggregate the data themselves to increase student growth and achievement. In their collective five years here, they set the tone for data driven decision making.

Supportive parents are hugely impactful to Meadows being recognized. You are your child's first teachers and set the tone for success in school. The support you provide our teachers and their practices cannot go unnoticed. We value the partnership we share in educating your children. Our governing board and current superintendent, Dr. Quinn Kellis have extended their support as well. They provide us with the autonomy to do what we do best: provide students with high levels of learning in a rigorous – yet supportive – environment. We appreciate their unflagging support.

Finally, our students – past and present – make the difference at Meadows. We are fortunate to have a student body which cares about learning. Our kids want to do well; they strive to do well. Meadows students set and achieve goals. They focus on learning. They care about others. Our students and their passion for learning is another key ingredient to Madison Meadows being chosen as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2015. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard and so well. You earned this.

With Ram Pride,

Susan Doyle, Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Veterans Day-No School**  
11/11

**PTM Meeting-Library**  
11/16-4:00 pm

**TCT-2:10pm Release**  
11/18  
12/2  
12/9

**Thanksgiving Break**  
11/25-11/27

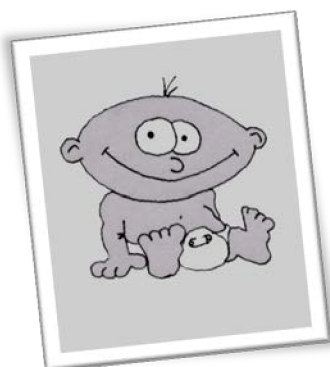


## 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized **335 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015** based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student sub-groups. These schools demonstrate that **all students can achieve to high levels**. The schools represent public and non-public elementary, middle and high schools, including traditional, charter, magnet schools, parochial and independent schools in 45 States, and Department of Defense Education Activity schools in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Germany and Korea. The Department will honor all **285 public and 50 private schools** at a **recognition ceremony on Nov. 9-10** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Each school will receive an award plaque and a flag as symbols of their accomplishments. In its **33-year history, more than 8,000 of America's schools** have received the coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

# ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS!

Were you a beautiful baby, or did you  
have a face only a mother could love?  
Either way, the Meadows' Yearbook wants  
your picture for the 2015-2016 Yearbook!



To get your baby picture in this year's book, simply bring your picture to either Mr.

Murphy or the office. The deadline for pictures is November 16th, 2015.

Please place your photo in an envelope marked with your name and your homeroom teacher. Pictures will be scanned and returned by Thanksgiving break. You may also submit your picture via email by sending it to [jmurphy@madisoned.org](mailto:jmurphy@madisoned.org). If you do send an electronic image, please make sure it's high resolution: 240 dpi or higher.

As always, please contact Mr. Murphy at 602-664-7628 with any questions.

**REMEMBER: THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2015!**



## Art Masterpiece needs your help!

Guides are presently needed for 5th and 6th grade Social Studies classes.

Six presentations total from February to April.

No art background is necessary as training and all materials are provided including previous presentations.

Parents of 5th and 6th graders are encouraged to volunteer but if there are any 7th or 8th grade parents who are interested please let me know.

Also, if you know of any grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc who may be interested in volunteering please let me know.

Jessica Ritter--Meadows Art Masterpiece Coordinator

[jesritter@hotmail.com](mailto:jesritter@hotmail.com) or 612-741-4653

Jessica Ritter

# **SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS** **NEEDED**

This is a fun way to help your child get in community service hours, spend time together, have fun & help your school.

Many different shifts are available.

You can sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aaad29aa8-november>

**Funds from the month of November  
will go towards the Fall Fundraiser.**



# YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for our Annual PATS/PTM Holiday Party! This wonderful tradition

combines the Madison Meadows school and the Madison Simis school for a

festive holiday event. Parents & Teachers get to know each other in

this spirited holiday environment (adults only).



Friday, December 4, 2015

3:30-7:00pm

Jonathan and Carrie

Lifshitz Residence

217 E. Glenn Dr.

The event is a pot luck style celebration with each family bringing

a savory appetizer, scrumptious dessert or a favorite adult beverage to share!

Please visit [signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and search with the email [simispats@signup.com](mailto:simispats@signup.com)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849a8ab2a1-ptmpats>

(It would be wonderful to have items dropped off the evening before or

between 2:00-3:00 on Friday the 4th if possible)

For more information contact: Angel Conaway [angelconaway@cox.net](mailto:angelconaway@cox.net)

A fun time for the kids while you enjoy the Holiday Party...

This year child care will be available at Simis Elementary School for grades K-8

hosted by PATS and the fantastic team at After COOL Fitness! Space is limited for

this fun event that will include, outside play, pizza and fun games with friends! Pre-Registration is required.

To sign up please email: [angelconaway@cox.net](mailto:angelconaway@cox.net)

Meadows IB Corner of the World

November 9, 2015

Hello, Meadows' Parents:

Here is a brief summary of the IB learning in the classroom that is occurring on the Meadows Campus during second quarter!

Our 5th graders are learning about controlling variables in Ms. Vakula's science class. Students are participating in activities from the "Variables" IB Unit. In Mr. Goff's science class, students are wrapping up their learning from the "Solar System" IB Unit.

Our 6th graders are studying various countries in their Language and Literature and Individuals & Societies classes as their teachers implement the interdisciplinary unit "Country Report." The culminating activity from this IB unit will lead into a Festival of Nation's showcase of all student work in mid-December.

Our 7th graders just returned from a fabulous field trip to the Junior Achievement Financial Park. They learned budgeting, debt management, and how to plan for their future. In Ms. Bloom's science class, the students are well into their "National Park" geology project from the IB unit on "National Parks." Students are designing PowerPoint presentations and creating an original promotional item that represents the geology of their park. Classroom presentations will start November 18th!

Our 8th graders in Mr. Samuel's and Ms. Anderson's science classes are studying chemistry through the IB Unit "What's the Matter?" Students recently finished a lab where they figured out the density of water. They will also be participating in future labs involving chemical reactions and measuring pH levels of various materials.

News from IB Headquarters:

The IB website has added a parent page to their site. Information from this site describes the four different IB programs, provides research on the value of the IB programs and lists additional information related to the Diploma Program (DP). The DP is the next program after the Middle Years Program (MYP). This program is available for students to apply for at North High School in the Phoenix Union School District and also at North Canyon High School in the Paradise Valley School District. You can view this information at:

<http://www.ibo.org/information-for-parents/>

Important Dates:

- > November 11, 2015 – No School (Veteran's Day)
- > November 12, 2015 – IB Parent Committee Meeting at 4:00 PM
- > November 18, 2015 – IB TCT – Guest Trainer, Lou Marchesano will present a workshop on IB assessment for Meadows' staff.
- > November 25 – 27, 2015 – Thanksgiving Break

Respectively yours,

Judy Stropky

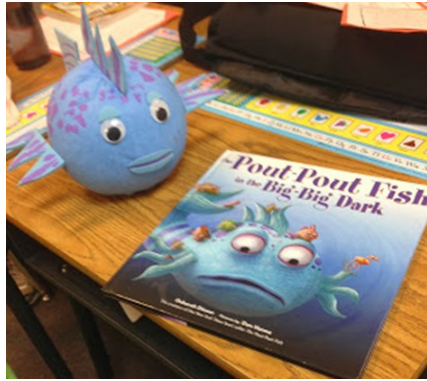
IB Coordinator

Madison Meadows Middle School





# FIRST ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



Thank you to all the students that entered our first pumpkin decorating contest. We are happy to say, it was a wonderful success! We had 22 entries. The students as well as the teachers enjoyed coming through the library to take a look at what came in each day.

Thank you to our esteemed judges: Ms. Doyle, Mrs. Perreault and Mrs. Reker. The top three pumpkins were: in 1st place - Moby Dick by Dylan Haddox, 2nd place - Humpty Dumpty by Dylan Crow and 3rd place - The Phantom of the Pumpkin Patch by Mallory Alvarez.

With such a great turn out this year we will have to revamp the contest next year! We are thinking most creative, most popular, most recognizable, best character representation... It is a work in progress.

Thank you again for your entries and enthusiasm!

Mrs. Haddox



This year Winter Break is December 21, 2015 through January 2, 2016. We will be operating Winter Break Camp at Madison Park, December 21-23 and December 28-30, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

We are in the final stages of planning field-trips for ALL grades - look for an email with specifics shortly.

For Winter Break you can pick and choose the days that you need in order to make the most of your child's Winter Break.

Camp is \$38.50 per day and if you are currently enrolled in one of our Community Education programs, there is no additional registration fee.

**Registration will close on Friday, December 11th.**

Please log on to your parent portal and register early to ensure your child's space.

If you are having trouble accessing the portal, please use your Account Number to reset your password.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CE office.

We look forward to seeing your child at camp!

Community Education

(602) 664-7956

[ceinfo@madisoned.org](mailto:ceinfo@madisoned.org)

Diane C Selby



# School Nurse

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE -- Nurse Sharon

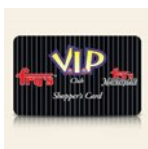
**HEARING AND VISION SCREENING:** Hearing and Vision went great--- everyone done in 3 ½ days. Rescreening will begin after the fall break. Thank you all of the volunteers that helped make this such a success and to Danielle Hanson who chaired the event.

**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 6th 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. FLU shots are recommended for all –

# 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.

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## **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.





