



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



MED-O-GRAM

OCTOBER 20TH, 2015

Dear Meadows Families:

Don't laugh, but I remember when my parents bought our first color TV. It was gorgeous - a piece of furniture really - a Magnavox in an oak cabinet which perfectly matched my mother's Early American Ethan Allen décor in our family room. My proud parents ushered us downstairs as soon as we got home from elementary school. Our three channels were now available in blazing Technicolor! All my friends wanted to watch TV at our house; that is, until they all got their own color TV's.

Kids today have always known color TV's; most of them probably have their own in their bedrooms. Add to that state of the art video game stations, laptops, tablets, and cell phones, and children's bedrooms are veritable command posts of electronic media and mass communication. Our kids have grown up in an era of technological expansion and explosion. They seem to be "connected" at all times via cell phone and/or computer. Email is passé; instead, today's youth text and tweet. Most of them also maintain social network pages like Facebook. Updating their "status," is a daily (at least) occurrence. They list plans, photos, even their "relationship status." Do middle school students really need to tell us they're single? Seriously? OMG.

Technology has made our lives easier in so many ways, but it has also made our lives more complicated. Additionally, it has made us - and our children - more vulnerable. The biggest threat from the color TV of my youth seemed to be that children might sit too closely and ruin their eyesight. Today's technology can threaten everything from a stolen identity to a stolen child. Cyber-bullying is another issue when children use the internet to make fun of others, issue threats, and even plan fights.

Do your children have a social networking site? Do you? If so, I hope you will take precautions to protect them and yourself from those who prey on the innocent. My parents did set parameters for my TV viewing, but I could watch nearly everything on any of our three channels - even some "racy" stuff like Scared Straight - as long as my dad watched with me. It was a good plan, our watching together, knowing everything that came out of that beautiful Magnavox color TV. My dad was protecting me with his presence and his knowledge of what I was experiencing. In today's world, with today's interactive technology, parent protection is more important than ever. Unlike the color TV screen of my youth, your children's screens are watching them too.

With Ram Pride,

Susan Doyle

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TCT Wednesdays
2:10 Release
10/21
11/4

Candle Sales
Begin 10/19
End 11/6

Parent Teacher
Conferences
10/26 Evenings
10/27 Evenings
10/28

Half Days
10/27-12:05 Release
10/28-12:05 Release

No School-Veterans Day
11/11



Gold Canyon Candles

The Candle Fundraiser will run for 3 weeks it will end on
Friday, November 6th.

Meadows will receive 40% of the candle sales. The candles are from the
company Gold Canyon.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will cover expenses for Camp Friendly
Pines and will also go to the Fall Fundraiser.

Candle order forms were sent with your child before Fall break so look
for that in those backpacks.

The candles come in one size-14.5oz glass container and the selling price
is \$22 with tax included.

You can pay with cash or check payable to PTM.

You can sell candles to people you know, friends, family members and
neighbors!.

The candles will be distributed before Thanksgiving.

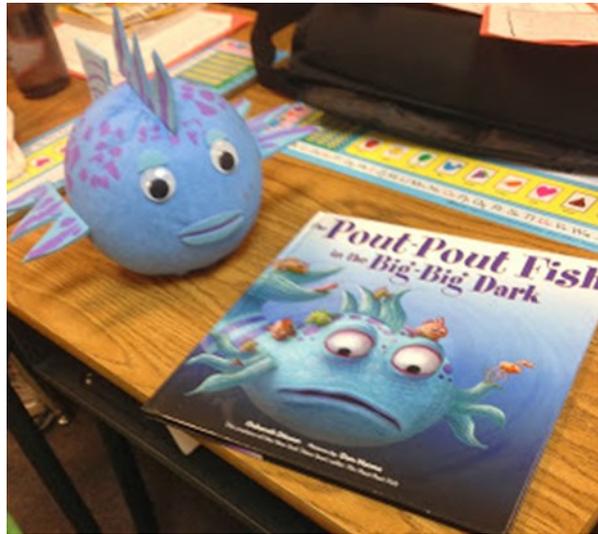
They make great holiday gifts!.

We have extra order forms in the office.

Thank you. PTM

Questions? Email: ajones47@cox.net

It is a pumpkin decorating contest



All grades are invited to enter!

- ◆ Decorate your pumpkin to represent your favorite book character
- ◆ Please do NOT carve your pumpkin
- ◆ Entries must be brought to the library between October 26th and 28th and will be judged the afternoon of the 28th
- ◆ Awards will be announced October 29 on the announcements and will be displayed until October 30
- ◆ Pumpkins must be taken home October 30
- ◆ Favorite picture books or middle school fiction characters only, please



We are looking for parent volunteers to help us serve dinner and lunches to the teachers during parent teacher conferences on 10/26, 10/27 & 10/28.

Please consider volunteering to help show our teachers how much we appreciate them!

Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca5ac28a13-teacher>

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-october/1394745>

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





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 –

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

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ceinfo@madisoned.org

Diane C Selby

Meadows IB Corner of the World

October 8, 2015

Hello, Meadows' Parents:

Here is a brief update on our International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) at Meadows:

* Teachers are incorporating the framework of IB assessment into the classrooms. You will begin to see IB rubrics posted in PowerSchool. The IB rubrics are used to assess students on the summative assessment from the unit planners teachers are implementing in their classrooms. Our goal is to work on communicating to parents the level of achievement your son or daughter is achieving according to the assessment criteria developed by IB. Please note the IB rubrics are not part of the academic or traditional grade and will not affect the students' grade point average (g.p.a.). IB rubrics are strictly a way of informing you where your child is performing on the subject specific IB criteria. Also, a letter will be sent home during the week of parent/teacher conferences which explains in more detail the assessment component in the IB MYP.

* Our November 18th Teacher Collaboration Time (TCT) will focus on integrating IB assessment into the classroom. The district has provided us with a professional trainer, Lou Marchasano, who will work with our teachers on IB assessment during TCT. Lou will also spend time with our teachers the following day during their common prep time to continue discussions about assessment in IB. We are very appreciative of the district for providing us with on-site training supporting the IB program during TCT.

* Last month, I met with our newly formed Parent IB Committee. Currently, we have four parents that are on this committee. We welcome additional members. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to join our committee. Our goal is to create awareness of the IB MYP in the parent community and to support the program on the Meadows' campus.

In closing, I want to share just a few snapshots of IB learning from 5th through 8th grades across the Meadows' campus!

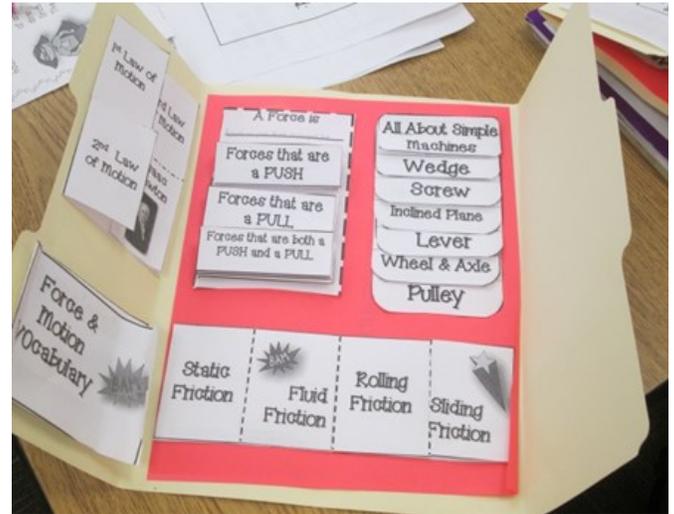
Respectively yours,

Judy Stropky

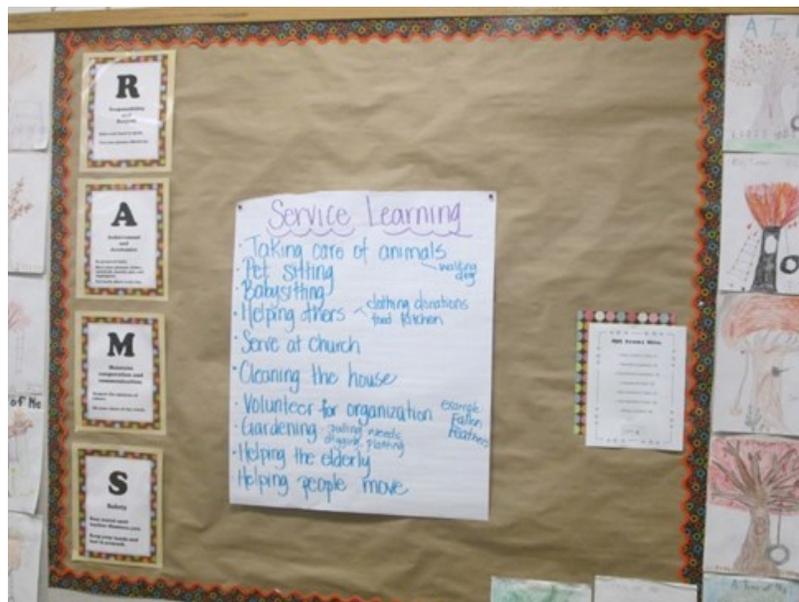
IB Coordinator

Madison Meadows Middle School





Ms. Vakula's students are working hard on an activity from the science IB unit on "Simple Machines" in her 5th grade classroom.



Ms. Kuhlman's class promotes Service Learning which is an important part of the IB MYP.

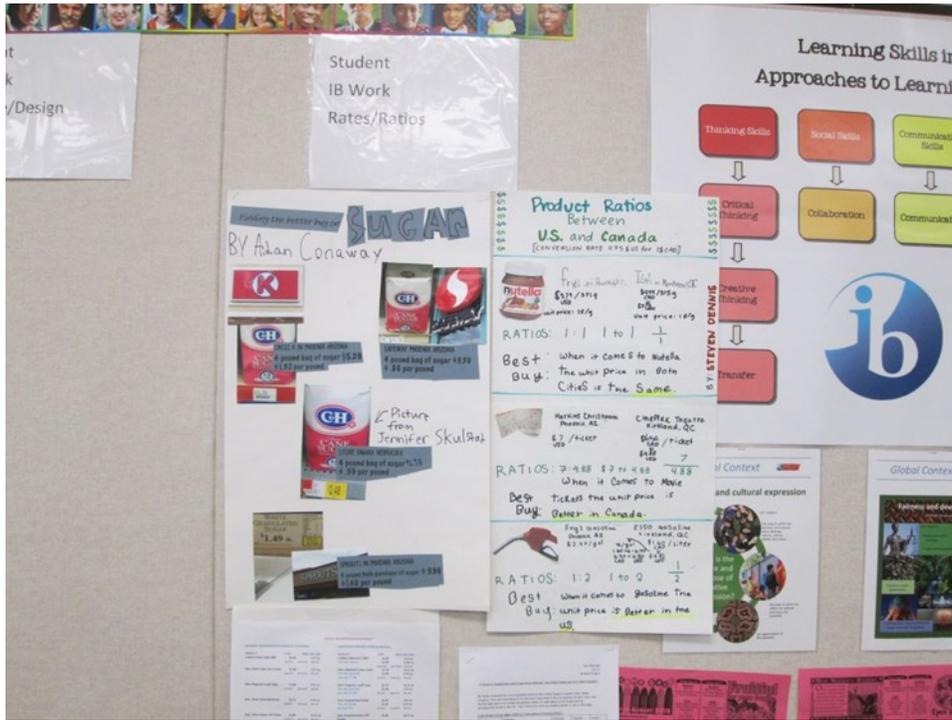


Mr. Goff's Honors Science students are creating posters illustrating the Heliocentric and Geocentric models of the solar system.

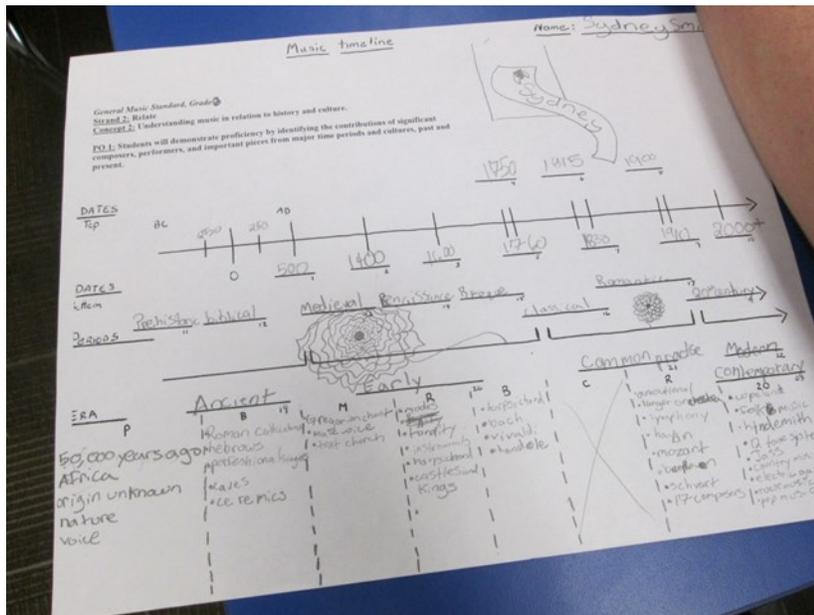
They will compare and contrast the differences between both models. This is just one of a few activities from the 5th grade



Ms. Cohen's class is busily learning about the explorers in a fun hands-on activity from the IB unit on "Explorers."



Moving on to 6th grade, Dr. McClure’s math class is learning about rates and ratios.



IB Learning in music continues in Mr. Giordano’s Music Class. Here is a sample of one student’s work from the IB unit on the music composers from the



7th grade students in Ms. Bloom's class are identifying landforms in preparation for the upcoming IB unit on "National Parks."



Mr. Samuel's 8th grade science students are learning about the Periodic Table of the Elements which is just one activity from the IB Unit "What's the Matter?"

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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 or

Email Abby Loza rnaloza@aol.com



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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 15th, 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.

