
Madison Elementary School



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August 2nd, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to welcome your family to Madison School for the 2021-22 school year! This letter is to remind you of a few important upcoming events and to ensure that you have completed registration for your child. Registration information can be found on our district website at www.muscatine.k12.ia.us. Please plan to bookmark this tab for future reference. We also communicate with families via school messenger, social media (search @MadisonMuskieElementary to follow us on facebook), and Class Dojo. It is very important that your contact information including email is current as that is how we send our information.

Upcoming important dates:

Monday, August 2nd-Teacher invitations will be sent via Class Dojo and email. Each family will receive an invite that will be sent to the email listed in powerschool or to a previous dojo account. If you do not receive an invite for Class Dojo, please check that your email and phone number is correct in powerschool. You can email Mrs. Valenzuela at anita.valenzuela@mcsdonline.org

Tuesday, August 3rd-We will host *Popsicles with the Principal* from 5-6pm on our playground. This will be a great opportunity to ask any questions of Principal Zillig or to simply play with other families from our school. In the event of inclement weather, we will cancel this event and send communication out via school messenger.

Monday, August 23rd and Tuesday, August 24th-We will host Muskie Connect in our school. These are 30 minute one-on-one meetings with your child's teacher. This replaces the home visits done in the past. Your child's teacher will be sending out available time slots for you to pick from via Class Dojo on **August 17th**. Please make sure that you've connected with Dojo and that your email is up to date to ensure that you receive that communication on August 17th. You will simply choose the time that works best for you and your child. During the school visit you'll have the opportunity to meet with the teacher and to tour many locations around the building. Each child will receive a passport upon arrival and if your child fills up their passport, they will drop it in the box to be eligible for our grand prize. We are excited to show off the many improvements within our building and hope that parents enjoy seeing inside the school. We will have stations for PTO, our makerspace, before and after school programming, and much more.

Wednesday, August 25th-The first day of school for all K-6th grade students.

Much of this information will be explained in greater detail during the Muskie Connect time with your family, but here are a few details about our routines and processes for the 2021-22 school year.

Arrival (7:45am-8:10am)

Each grade level will line up outside their designated door. Door A is for 2nd and 3rd grade. Door B is for K and 1st grade. Door C is for 4th-6th grade. Staff will meet the students at the designated door. The students are welcome to enter the building at 7:45 am. If parents plan to walk their student to the designated door where they are lining up, they will be asked to say goodbye at the door. Parents may not enter the building. We are trying to limit the number of people who enter the building in order to keep the spread of the virus down.

The drop off lane will be for cars to drop off their students and a staff member will supervise them walking into the building. Please do not park your car in the dropoff lane, a staff member will guide your student into the building. If you need to park, please pull into a parking space.

All entrances will be labeled. The late bell is at 8:10. After 8:10am please have students enter through the main entrance (door B) so we can register their attendance. From there they will walk to their classroom inside the building.

Breakfast and Lunch

Madison once again will receive free breakfast and lunch for ALL students. Please make sure that you fill out the food and nutrition survey as that helps us qualify for that grant each year! Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom and lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria this year.

Water Bottles

We will be providing water bottles for all students. We now have two water bottle filling stations in our school in addition to sinks in all of our classrooms.

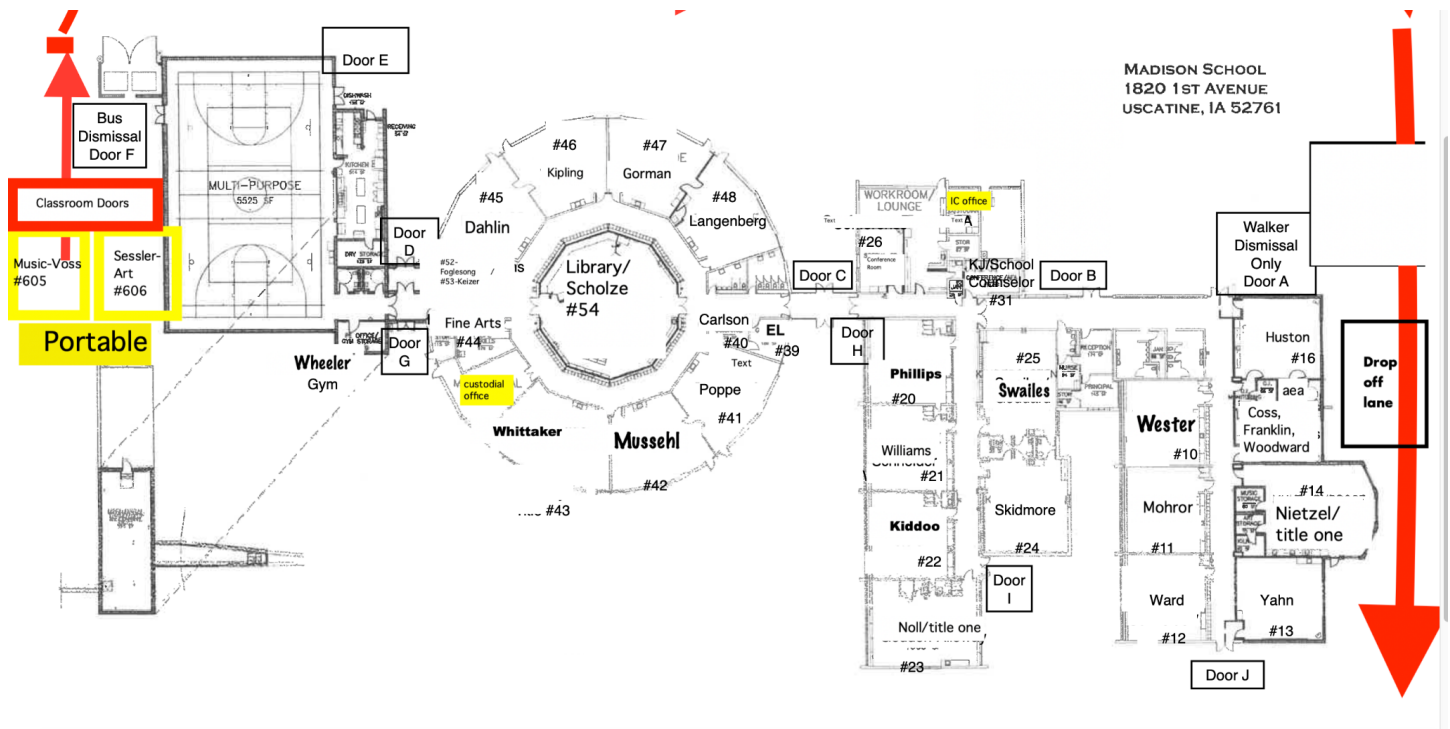
Specials-PE, Art, and Music

We have two new members of our "specials" team this year and many of you may remember both of them. Mrs. Sessler will be joining our team for Art and Mrs. Wheeler (who student taught with Mrs. E) will be joining our team for Physical Education. Mrs. Sessler and Mrs. Voss will each be located in the portable classrooms near the gym this year.

Dismissal (3:05)

Students will be dismissed from their grade level door. Parents will need to park and walk up to pick up their students. Use the same door as arrival. Door A is for 2nd and 3rd grade. Door B is for K and 1st grade. Door C is for 4th-6th grade. If they are meeting a sibling from another grade they can do that once outside.

A reminder that students will come to their designated door at approximately 3:05. Please do not arrive before that time. Walkers will be walked to crosswalks at 3:00. Do NOT block intersections. Bus students will be guided to the gym at 2:50pm. Please do NOT block any entrance or exits of the parking lots as the busses or daycare vans have the right of way.



As always, please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions. We are also happy to answer any questions in the office. Please reach out via phone, email, or Dojo. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

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