

# James Madison Charter Academy

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## Madison Manifesto

### Principal's News

I would like to welcome our new EAC provider - Mischa Smith. She has been our substitute for the last several weeks and has been doing a great job with the children. We are pleased to have her on a regular basis to plan activities with the children before- and after-school.



### CSAP

It is that time of year again! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will take the CSAP in Reading on February 23 and 24. It is crucial that students are at school those days and that they are here on time. We will begin testing first thing in the morning while students are fresh. No visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the building during testing.

Remaining CSAP testing will take place from March 8 - 19 for students in grades 3-6.

### CALENDAR CHANGES Please note!

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following changes to the 2009-2010 school calendar:

- No school for grades K-2  
Wednesday, March 10 for CSAP
- No school for grades K-3  
Wednesday, March 17 for CSAP
- No school Friday, May 28
- Field Day moved to Friday, June 4

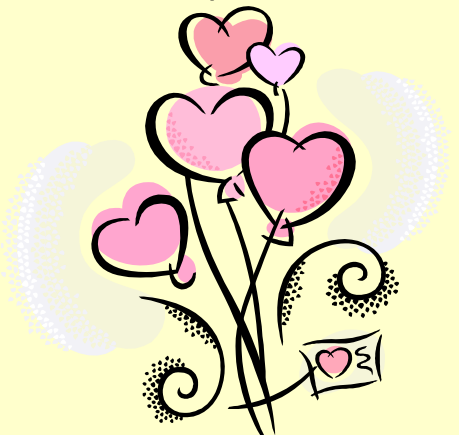
### RED, WHITE & PINK DAY

Once again, everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and pink on February 12. Students may wear a shirt in one of these colors with their khaki or black pants or a skirt or dress in these colors.

Don't forget your \$1 to participate!

#### Reminders:

- Snow boots are not part of the school uniform. Children may wear boots to school in inclement weather but they need to bring "street" shoes to wear during the day.
- Students may wear a t-shirt under their polo shirt but the t-shirt must be white and if it is long-sleeved, the polo shirt must also be long-sleeved.
- Students need to be prepared to go outside every day for recess and PE. They should bring their JMCA sweater, coat, hat and mittens as needed to keep them warm.



### SPRING BREAK

MARCH 22 - APRIL 2

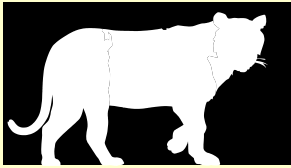


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#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 4 - McTeacher Night
- ◆ Feb. 11 Midquarters go home
- ◆ Feb. 15 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- ◆ Feb. 18 - Skate City
- ◆ Feb. 18 - BAAC 5:30
- ◆ Feb. 18 - PTO 6:30
- ◆ Feb. 22 Board Meeting 7:00
- ◆ Feb. 23-24 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Reading CSAP
- ◆ March 3 - Class pictures
- ◆ March 8-18 - CSAP gr. 3-6
- ◆ Wednesday early release at 1:00



### PTO NEWS



PTO discussed ideas for fundraisers for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. A family Valentine's dance is planned for February 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The event is FREE to attend.

As always, we encourage everyone to attend our next PTO meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.



#### Absences

*When your child is going to be absent, please call 391-3977 before 9:00 a.m. This allows us to verify absences efficiently. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.*

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### Board of Directors

In addition, the school calendar has been altered. **May 28 is no longer a school day.** Students will now have a four-day weekend for Memorial Day (Friday through Monday). Field Day will be moved to the last day of school.

### First Aid and CPR Instructor Needed

We are looking for a parent who could instruct staff members in First Aid and the renewal course for CPR. If you are an instructor who could help us out, please contact Donna Smith.

We would also be interested in training a staff member as a trainer if anyone has the certification for that. THANKS.

### Parents Night Out

Look for information about a Parents Night Out on Saturday, February 13. The EAC will sponsor this event by providing child care in the evening so you can have a night on the town or a quiet evening at home. Your child does not have to be registered with EAC in order to participate.

### For our Army Families

The Army offers free homework help for children of army personnel. Access FREE online tutoring for grades K-12 at [www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss\\_tutor](http://www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss_tutor) Free resources are also available at [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com).



### BAAC

District 3 plans to move 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the junior highs next year. Although JMCA will remain K-6, BAAC sent out surveys to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents to gauge the effect of a possible change in grade configuration in District 3. In addition, we will consider adding a 7<sup>th</sup> grade if there are enough student to support it.

Look for a survey regarding our daycare program next month.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 5:30 pm, prior to the PTO meeting. We usually meet in Mrs. Boden's Room.



### MIDQUARTER REPORTS GO HOME February 11

### Board of Directors

The next Board meeting:  
Monday, February 22  
at 7:00 p.m.

