February 2013
Calendar Dates

Friday, February 1
Report cards go home

Monday, February 4
4 Kdg. registration, 1:00—6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 8
Fun Fair, 5:30—8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12
PTO meeting, LMC, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 22
NO SCHOOL
Professional Development Day

Tuesday, February 26
Overture, grades 4/5, 9:10 —11:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 28
Market Day pick up, 3:30—4:30,
Bobcat Gym hallway

Friday, March 1
Read-A-Thon

Monday, March 4
Kdg. Registration, 1:00—6:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL CORNER
Dear Families,
I hope this newsletter finds your
family in good health and staying
warm as I write this on a cold day in
January. The students have made a
great return to their classwork and projects during the
month of January. I’m so proud of their effort towards
learning new things and also behavior all throughout the
building.

As the month of February begins the Madison School
District will be finalizing the new Superintendent of
Schools search. Final selection of a candidate will be
forthcoming. February is also the month the district
will be finishing up projected allocations to plan for the
2013-2014 school year. During this same time Elvehjem
Staff and I will be planning our design for next years
classes and who will be teaching them. Enrollment
changes, program changes, and district budgets all
factor into how many teachers will be assigned to
Elvehjem. In the March newsletter I will include our
building class placement process for the 2013-2014
year and how parents can provide feedback concerning
their child’s placement.

Respectfully,
Craig Campbell

PARKING LOT REMINDER
You may have noticed a police officer in the staff parking
lot recently. We would like to remind you that the staff
parking lot is not a drop off zone, please refrain from
parking in or dropping off in this lot
unless you have permission from the
school. Thank you.
**Four Year-Old Kdg (4K) Registration**

All children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2013 and live in the Madison Metropolitan School District are eligible to participate in the 4K program. The half-day 4-year old kindergarten program will be held at several MMSD elementary schools and participating early care and education centers throughout the Madison community. The program is offered free of charge for families who live in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Registration begins February 4, 2013 from 1:00-6:00 PM at all MMSD elementary schools except Lincoln, Randall and Marquette. Students can register at their K-2 or K-5 resident area elementary schools.

When parents or guardians register their child for 4K, they will be required to show proof of age (birth certificate, baptismal record or medical assistance card) and proof of residency (utility bill, lease or mortgage). Children are not required to attend registration.

For more information, see [http://deelweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k](http://deelweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k) or call (608) 442-2933.

Enrollment is now on line. [www.mmsd.org](http://www.mmsd.org). You can do this at home or at school during registration hours. If you register at home, bring in the printed papers when you finish enrolling.

Registration for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2013 will be on Monday, March 4th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the computer lab.

**Mark your calendar for August**—you will still need to attend the enrollment session this August at your child’s school to present your verification form, proof of residency and proof of age documents. Children are welcome to accompany parents, but they are not required to attend registration. Check online or contact your school to find out when your enrollment date will be in August.

**PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS:**

As the weather changes on a daily basis, please be sure that your child has a warm coat, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens or gloves. If your child has misplaced any of these items, be sure to check our lost and found by the LMC.

If your child is in need of these items please contact Mike Plantz 204-1455.

**HEALTH POLICY REMINDER**

As you plan festivities around upcoming holidays and events, please remember our health policy. The district policy states that we only serve healthy foods during the school day. Please use your best judgment when sending treats to school and please be aware if there are any food allergies within your child’s classroom. Thank you!

**REMINDER**

**PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL NUMBER IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR TARDY OR HAS AN APPOINTMENT. THE NUMBER IS 204-1406. IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE COMING IN LATE, PLEASE INDICATE IF HOT LUNCH CHOICE A OR B.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ LVM**

Elvehjem Elementary School is looking for reading volunteers. Many of the students at our school would benefit from reading to or having an adult read to them. As you think about ways to help out your school community, consider if you have an hour or so to give per week. Or maybe you know of someone in the community who would like to spend some time in the school. Contact Carolyn Seashore, cseashore@schoolsofhope.org.
Elvehjem READ-A-THON

Our Second Read-A-Thon is Coming!

On Friday, March 1, Elvehjem will be hosting our second annual Read-A-Thon in an effort to raise funds to purchase additional reading materials. Last year, we raised almost $7,000 due to our partnership with American Family and the efforts of our families. Unfortunately, our partnership with American Family was for one year only.

Due to our new Mondo curriculum adoption for reading, we do not need to continue to build our bookroom. This year, we are looking to supplement classroom libraries with more non-fiction titles (based on our new standards) and culturally diverse titles. Students will have access to these books daily.

100% of funds raised during this event stay at Elvehjem and benefit our students!

Classrooms will schedule 275 minutes of reading March 1.

Students will receive pledge envelopes on February 11. They are encouraged to ask close family and friends to pledge a cent or two per minute of reading on March 1. One-time donations are welcome as well.

• The envelopes with pledges (not money) will be due back on Feb. 25 (before the Read-A-Thon).
• Students will read for 275 minutes on March 1.
• After our Read-A-Thon, envelopes will be returned to students to collect money. Money is due March 8.

This is a fun day for our staff and students. Parents are encouraged to volunteer on this day to read with individuals, groups, or classes as they feel comfortable.

Lastly, we are also looking for corporate sponsors to support our event. If you have any connections to a business that would like to be involved, please let us know. Last year, business members read in classrooms and made donations to students who didn’t have anyone to pledge them. It is a great way for businesses to support our community and get extra PR (the media is invited to visit).

More information will be sent home at a later date. Contact your child’s teacher or Amy Kane, IRT, if you have any questions.

Important Dates in March

Tuesday, March 12
PTO meeting, LMC, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14
Staff Dev., Dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
No 4K p.m. class

Thursday, March 21
Market Day pick up, 3:30—4:30,
Bobcat Gym hallway
Family night at LaFollette, 6:00—8:00

Monday, March 25—Monday, April 1
Spring Break

Tuesday, April 2
School Resumes

Receive E-mails with ’District News’

Would you like to receive school district news via your e-mail? How about an e-mail when MMSD schools are closed? You can get both by simply subscribing to “District News & School Closings” at http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/node/4446

Then you will receive about once a week an e-mail with a few news briefs, and a timely e-mail when MMSD schools and/or buildings are closed. For example, subscribers to “District News & School Closings” received an e-mail on the evening of December 8 that Madison Schools would be closed the next day.

At this same web page, you can also sign up to separately receive e-mails linking to
• the latest video features and news from MMSD TV
• the new editions of MMSD Today - the district’s online newsletter
• agendas for Board of Education meetings in the upcoming week
So stay connected to the MMSD via your e-mail account.
Looking for a way to make a tax deductible donation and support LVM?
Please consider making a donation to the Elvehjem School Endowment through the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools. www.fmops.org
All donations to our endowment are tax deductible and many companies will match your donation (that means a double donation!).
The endowment interest is available to Elvehjem each year for mini grants to support projects within the school. This year our funds supported culturally relevant books.
Every year the LVM PTO supports the Endowment with a $1,000 donation, and we would love to be able to grow the endowment by more! Thank you all for your generosity!

ELVEHJEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS 50!
On December 11th, the Elvehjem staff and students celebrated the 50 anniversary of the dedication of our school. Visit and Like Elvehjem’s new Facebook page to see a video snippet of the assembly celebration!

Although the school opened it’s doors in September 1962, the building was not fully completed until most of the way through the year. Therefore, we will be hosting a larger community celebration later this spring.

We are in the planning stages and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested or know an alumni who would be interested please contact Darcy Burke at darcyburke@ymail.com for additional information.
Watch for your invitation to celebrate this milestone with current and former staff, students and families!

LVM PTO CORNER
As we enter the second half of the school year we would like to thank all the families who have helped us build a strong school community this year.

We also want to thank all participants in our ongoing fundraising endeavors...Market Day, Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, My Coke Rewards, Restaurant Nights, Cell phone and Ink Recycling have all continued to be profitable tools for the PTO.

The funds that have been raised this year have gone toward improvements to the Bookroom, staff appreciations, supporting classroom positive behavior celebrations. In addition, two safety patrol students will be sent to Washington D.C. in late April. We look forward to continuing to support the staff and students at LVM.

Friday, February 8th is the annual FUN FAIR from 5:30 -8:00 pm. Please contact Kelley Mosley at Kelleymosley@rocketmail.com if you would like to volunteer, there are still opportunities available!

In addition, our bookroom is in need of support, as students read books the staff do not have the time to return the books to the shelves. We are looking for a few minutes of your time to help return books so they can be used by others. Please contact: Patti Ross at plross@michaelbest.com for more info.
FROM the Madison Metropolitan School District:

Tragic events, whether national or local, give us pause and remind us of the importance of our school safety systems and protocols. MMSD continuously reexamines and improves those protocols and we are confident in the personnel and systems that we have in place.

Over the years we have continued to increase the resources dedicated to keeping schools safe with:

- additional security personnel
- safety assessments and modifications to facilities
- a more integrated partnership with the Madison Police and other first responders
- the use of risk assessment tools when concerns arise
- regularly scheduled drills and staff retraining on security measures

Most importantly, we focus on ensuring school safety through preventative measures such as:

- a coordinated K-8 curriculum to explicitly teach positive behaviors, conflict resolution and anti-bullying
- expansion of the restorative justice program at the high school level
- systems and programs to develop closer relationships with students and their families
- regular monitoring, use of additional communication tools and direct intervention in investigating and addressing rumors and possible threats
- exemplary student services programs that assess and attend to the psycho-social-emotional needs of students
- increased interaction with community service providers

MMSD has experienced school safety personnel, dedicated resources and community-wide support systems to ensure the well being of our children and their schools. We work every day to continuously improve these systems and protocols to make sure our children are learning in a safe and positive environment.

Special Notice

MMSD Summer School Enrichment 2013

Beginning in 2013, information about the MMSD Summer School Enrichment program, including registration information, will come to families directly from the District’s Department of Early and Extended Learning. This is a change as information for MMSD Summer School Enrichment classes will no longer be included in the District’s MSCR summer program guide as it has in the past.

Watch for more information about MMSD Summer School Enrichment 2013 to come to you in the US mail, in school/family newsletters, brochures, and on the District’s web page. For more information, please call Barbie Klawikowski at (608) 663-5941.