



THE WEEKLY BARK

November 15, 2022

FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, TEACHERS, STAFF,
STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
LIKE YOU

Know others who would like to receive The Weekly BARK? [They can sign up here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

W 11/16 (tomorrow!)

deadline to order
Krispy Kreme dozen
donut box(es)

F 11/18

last day to donate to
Thanksgiving Baskets

8:15-9a, 11a-noon,
3:45-4:30p pick up
Krispy Kreme donut
order

Eat Lunch with your
Child Day

Sat 11/19

9am-1pm SPS COVID
vaccine clinic at
Madison

Th-F 11/24-25



Thanksgiving Baskets

Help Madison families in need this holiday season!

Madison PTSA is once again teaming up with the teachers and school counselors to provide Thanksgiving baskets and grocery gift cards for our families in need.

Your gift of \$75 will feed one family for Thanksgiving! If there is leftover money, it will be used for mid-winter and Spring

no school for
Thanksgiving Day and
Native American
Heritage Day

M 11/28

4:15-5:45pm Madison
PTSA Racial Equity
Team (RET) meeting

F 12/2

deadline to get
paperwork in to the
Madison office for
private school
records requests

T 12/6

Girls' basketball
tryouts after school in
the gym

W 12/7

2:30-4pm (after
school) Boys'
basketball tryouts in
the gym

Th 12/6

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the gym

F 12/9

3:45-5:15pm (after
school) Boys'
basketball tryouts in
the gym

Break food baskets. Together, let's see if we can provide meals
for **at least 35 Madison families by this Friday, November 18.**

Will you join us in this goal?

[MAKE A DONATION](#)



PTSA NEWS



It's not too late to order your Krispy Kreme Donuts!

[Place your order](#) by tomorrow (Wednesday), Nov. 16 at 8pm
PST.

- Physical dozens cost \$13.00 each in advance, (*a limited number will be available for purchase on the day of pick-up for \$15.00 per dozen*)
- Digital dozens cost \$12.00 each

Pick up your donut box(es) this Friday, Nov. 18 (just in time for Thanksgiving week!) at the following times:

- **8:15-9:00am** before school
- **11am-noon** in conjunction with Eat Lunch with your Child Day

- 3:45-4:30pm after school



The PTSA Racial Equity Team wants to hear from you!

Ahead of our next meeting on Monday, November 28 (4:15-5:45pm in the school library and on Zoom), **we would like to hear from ALL parents** who want to be involved with racial equity work at Madison. Please fill out [this survey](#) to help us understand your interests and priorities--from learning alongside and sharing lived experiences with other parents through book club discussions of [Ibram X. Kendi's](#) book, [How to Raise an Antiracist](#)...to planning/attending an event for families of color at Madison...to connecting with and supporting members of the Madison staff Racial Equity Team....We value your opinion and want to know how *you* would like to get involved!

Please submit your survey results by this Monday, Nov. 21.

If you do not wish to participate in the survey at this time, but **would like to be added to the PTSA RET mailing list** and kept in the loop about upcoming meetings and events, please use [this registration link](#). Thank you!

MADISON NEWS



Eat lunch with your child(ren) at Madison this Friday!

This Friday, November 18 is "Eat lunch with your child day" at Madison! **Parents, guardians or grandparents may join their student(s) for lunch this Friday.** Bring or buy lunch at Madison, or bring something special for you and your kiddo. Make sure you know what lunch period (1st, 2nd or 3rd) your child has, and please check in at the main office upon arrival at the school.



Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tryouts

Boys' basketball tryouts will be after school in the gym on Wednesday, December 7 from 2:30-4:00 and Thursday, December 9 from 3:45-5:15. Practice days will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays right after school, and games will be on Saturdays.

Tryouts for girls' basketball will be held after school on Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8. All Madison girls are invited and encouraged to tryout, no matter what level of experience or skill. We teach basketball and will have at least 3 teams again this year, so there are lots of opportunities!

Practices for the girls' teams will begin December 13 and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays right after school. Games begin in January and will be played on Saturdays.

Get your sports forms and physicals into [FINAL FORMS](#) as soon as possible. You won't be registered for tryouts unless

FINAL FORMS is completed. Need help with FINAL FORMS? Use the [Madison Parent Playbook](#) to get started!



Attention parents, friends and family!

Madison is looking for volunteer assistant/JV coaches to help with our girls' basketball teams this season. Contact Coach Roper at mary@mkroper.com or 206-909-7062.



Holiday Community Support

If your family is in need, the Counseling Department along with the PTSA is able to provide food boxes this Thanksgiving. They also partner with [Hope Lutheran](#) to provide gifts for a small number of families over winter break. They are able to provide other financial support throughout the year as well. **Please reach out to the Counseling Department**, they are happy to help in any way.

Grade Level Counselor Contacts:

Grade 6: Sue Quigley saquigley@seattleschools.org

Grade 7: Ilana Malone imalone@seattleschools.org

Grade 8: Becca Creagh recreagh@seattleschools.org



From Ms. Bell, Madison Librarian

November is Native American Heritage Month, a chance to celebrate Indigenous peoples' presence, endurance, and accomplishments. Check out the videos below as well as our Indigenous Book Collection in our Madison Library Catalog.

I Am Native: a short film showcasing Seattle Public Schools' Native high school students and staff sharing their stories, hopes, and dreams for their future.

Interconnected: The Effect of Climate Change on Indigenous Nations: this film is produced by Nathan Hale High School graduate (2020) Rosie Port and her brother Gabe about issues facing Indigenous culture, and what individuals can do to reduce their environmental impact.

If I Go Missing by Brianna Jonnie: excerpts from a letter written by a 14-year-old Ojibwe teen.



COVID Vaccine Clinic at Madison

On **Saturday, November 19 from 9am-1pm**, [Seattle Public Schools' regional COVID vaccine clinic](#) will once again be located at Madison Middle School, offering the Pfizer Bivalent COVID Booster for ages 5-11 and 12+. Please register [here](#) in advance for an appointment with Seattle Visiting Nurse Association, the medical provider of the vaccine for this clinic.

These weekend clinics are open to all students, families and SPS staff, regardless of enrolled school. Any person under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to provide consent. **Anyone receiving a second dose or booster should bring their vaccination card with them to the clinic.**



Madison Wellness Center

[Neighborcare Madison Wellness Center](#) offers sports physicals, well-child visits, vaccinations, health screenings, mental health appointments, dental care, and more. **Care can be provided to ANY SPS student, as long as the student is registered with our clinic.** You can register online [here](#).

The next Dental Screening Clinic is scheduled for **Mon., Nov. 28.**

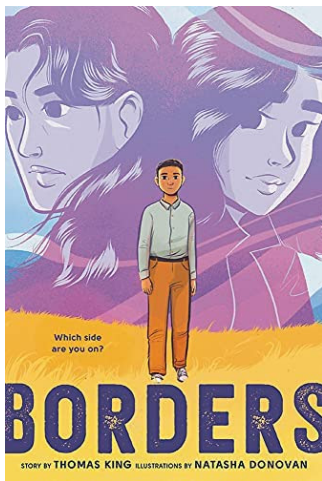
Need a Flu vaccine? Schedule an appointment by emailing our clinic coordinator Ally Rojas at alexandrar@neighborcare.org or call 206-933-7842.



This week's First Chapter Friday from Ms. Bell

It's only Tuesday, but you can still get an early look at [First Chapter Friday!](#)

Our featured book this week is [Borders](#), a graphic novel by Indigenous author Thomas King about a boy and his mother who refuse to identify themselves as American or Canadian at the border and become caught in limbo between nations when they claim their citizenship as Blackfoot.



Each week, **FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY** will highlight a new book and author from our [Bulldogs Read list](#). Each selection is chosen intentionally to showcase a diverse mix of authors and character experiences. The hope is for students to both see characters and stories that represent and mirror their own lived experiences as well as read stories that provide a window into someone else's experience from which they can learn. In addition to an audio or video of the first chapter being read aloud, each First Chapter Friday contains a summary of the book, picture of the author, and a book trailer or promo. First Chapter Friday will be updated with **a new book each Monday** and is also available on Ms. Bell's [Schoology](#) page (parent or student sign-in required).

SPS NEWS



SPS 2022-23 School Year Calendar Finalized

View the new dates for the 2022-23 school year on the [SPS school calendar page!](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Seattle Lacrosse Club Sunday Fall Ball



Attention young ladies of West Seattle! Looking for a fun team sports opportunity for the Spring 2023 season? Search no more! The West Seattle Lacrosse Club wants YOU to join the growing group of girls taking advantage of this awesome local sports community! Team options include Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, and a new High School Team! **No prior experience is required.**

So, if you're between 3rd and 12th grade, come check it out and get your questions answered. **Casual Fall Ball get-togethers are happening on two more Sundays: 11/20 and 12/11 from 9:30am to around 11:00am at A.T. Milo Park next to the Southwest Tennis Courts and Pool at 30th and Thistle.** More events are coming after the holidays. No RSVP, ongoing commitment, or equipment is required to participate in Sunday Fall Ball. So, just bring a friend or two, and come check it out! Loaner equipment is available for use.

Also, **registration is now open for the 2023 lacrosse season which starts in February!** For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.westseattlelaxclub.org/> or reach out to westseattlelax@gmail.com with questions. We look forward to seeing you out there!

WSLC also fields a High School Boys program. **However, if you are looking for youth boys lacrosse, please visit our friends with the [Southwest Titans Lacrosse Club](#).**

IMPORTANT PTSA NOTICES



[JOIN THE PTSA](#)

There's still time to become a Madison Middle School PTSA member! **To join, click on the yellow button above.** Or visit <https://www.madisonptsa.com/about-your-ptsa/> to learn more!

Being a supporter through membership dues (\$18 individual, \$30 family) is highly appreciated. As always, **scholarships are available** to help families cover the PTSA membership fee. Please email

Volunteer for the Madison Middle School PTSA Board

We are still seeking a **[Communications Chair](#)** for the Madison PTSA Board this year! If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please email president@madisonptsa.com.



Our PTSA website is here for you!

Bookmark the [PTSA website](#) to have quick access to a source that will help you find what you need to know about what's happening at Madison. We hope it will be your one stop for info on our school!



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request a scholarship.

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