

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

02/25/19	Board Meeting Closed	Central SS
	Work	5:00 PM
	Open	5:30 PM
		6:00 PM

Attachments:

- ~ Budget Timeline
- ~ List of Days Missed
- ~ Revised 2018-19 Academic Calendar

Madison County Schools

Mission



The students of Madison County Schools will have meaningful experiences and valuable academic preparation to ensure a brighter future.

2018-19 Academic Calendar Updates: Attached are two documents regarding our 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. The first attachment list each day missed to date and the second attachment is an updated calendar. Dr. Hoffman will be sending a message home this evening to all parents and guardians to inform them that Friday, February 8 and Friday, March 8, are no longer optional teachers work days and have now been converted to student days.

Board of Education Meets: The Madison County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 28. The Board reviewed ongoing projects including grading and site preparation for the new Alternative Learning Program building at Madison High School and new awnings for Madison Middle School, Mars Hill, Brush Creek and Hot Springs Schools. The Board endorsed a Teacher of the Year Travel proposal that will, if funded, generate resources to send our district Teacher of the Year abroad each year. The district budget development process is underway and Dr. Hoffman presented a budget timeline (attached) which includes plans for a County Commission Tour of Schools. The Board will meet in a budget work session at 4:00 on Monday, February 11. The Board also unanimously approved a Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars advocating for an amendment to the current calendar law, providing it more flexibility in the start and end date of the school calendar.



Healthy Lunch Options at MMS: Madison Middle School's Child Nutrition Program offers healthy lunch options for students and staff. Madison Middle is proud to focus on healthier eating for students and staff by serving fresh fruit and offering a salad bar each day on the lunch line. In addition to a choice of entrees, students are offered sides including vegetables, fruit, pasta and the salad bar.

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics: The Special Olympics Madison County 2019 Polar Plunge and Chili Cook-off is just around the corner! This fundraiser is held each year, and we would love to have you considering participating. The event will be held on Saturday, February 23rd on the baseball field on the left at the entrance to Madison High School. Also added this year are the following events:

- Plunge participant who is not soliciting pledge donations
- Plunge participant who is soliciting pledge donations
- Too Chicken to Plunge
- Chili Cook-off Chef

MECHS International Food Festival: Students and staff at Madison Early College High School held an International Food Festival today to kick off their school-wide Project Based Learning Unit called Appalachia: Home and Abroad. The faculty prepared samples of food from various countries around the globe for students and guest to sample this afternoon following lunch. Cuisines were presented from China, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Chile, Colombia, United Kingdom, Nigeria, and Nepal. Project Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching method used at MECHS where students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills in the context of doing an authentic, meaningful projects. This is the 3rd year of PBL taking place at MECHS.

