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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

03/11/19	Work Session	Central SS 4:00 PM
03/21/19	Board Meeting Closed	Central SS 5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

## Attachments:

~ 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.

**Board of Education Meets:** The Board of Education met on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Central Office. The Board approved personnel and field trips. The Board reviewed policy updates from the NCSBA. The Board of Education will meet in a work session on March 11<sup>th</sup> and regular session on March 21<sup>st</sup>.



employees. Students completing the program will graduate with nationally recognized credentials making them employable as well as continue their education.

**Board Approves Culinary Arts Program:** The Board of Education approved funding for a new Culinary Arts program at the high school. This will be a combined effort with additional funding from CTE as the current Foods Lab is updated into a state-of-the-art Culinary Lab. According to Emsi data, our area is a hotspot for Culinary Arts talent. The national average for an area the size of our region is 11,926 employees, and yet the need here is 16,317

**2018-2019 Calendar Update:** As of today, the month of February was good to us in regards to weather and student days. The Madison County School Board of Education and our calendar committee have approved a change to our current calendar. The end of our 9 weeks grading period will now be March 14 and on March 15 we have established a "flex" optional teacher workday back into our calendar. Please note that by having coded this optional teacher workday as a "flex" day we will be able to change it back to a student day if we miss days for snow in the coming weeks.

**Kindergarten Entry Data:** K - 5 teachers met in grade-level planning sessions last week to evaluate and discuss data from beginning and mid-year assessments. The vertical alignment meeting brought rich discussion in addressing the strengths/needs that all of our students have. The information regarding our incoming Kindergartners was a concern. Approximately 101 students out of 175 scored below proficient on kindergarten assessments. As we looked at this data, by the time the students enter 3rd grade these numbers drop drastically. Our teachers and administrators feel strongly about our core instructional programs and are always looking to improve and promote student success.

**MHS AG FOR ALL:** Students in the AG FOR ALL program participated in the first of four lessons at Madison High School on Thursday. Madison FFA members, Cameron Waldroup (Chair), Alyssa Greene, Lacey Shelton, and Nicole Cutshall are tasked with creating innovative, agriculturally-related lessons that provide Mr. Schwabland's Life Skills students with unique hands-on experiences. This first lesson exposed students to Agricultural Mechanics concepts. Assisted by FFA members, participants went through an assembly-line and constructed small planter boxes then rotated to a painting station to decorate the boxes in their own way.



**Read Across America Day:** Elementary students and staff paraded the hallways today in book character attire in celebration of Read Across America and in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Click the link below to see pictures of the celebration.

<https://www.madisonk12.net/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=8&ModuleInstanceID=2669&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=13988&PageID=9>

