



Welcome Back Mohawks!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are excited about the 2018-2019 school year and hope to make this the best year ever for our children.

A major change you will notice this year at Madison is that we are now a Title 1 School. Title 1 status is established based on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This status comes with a significant amount of federal funds that we will be using to add more teachers, upgrade technology across our campus, provide professional development for our teachers, and fund parent and student engagement nights. These funds are awarded yearly so it is important that our families complete the free and reduced lunch applications yearly to ensure we continue to receive these funds. You can complete the application online at: <https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/3473> or stop by the front office to pick up an application. More details will continue to be shared throughout the school year.

I am pleased to share with everyone that Madison Middle School saw great growth in student achievement last year. Our school grade was released in July and although we are still a "C" school, we are rapidly closing in on "B" school status. Our students made gains in seven of the nine reporting categories that the state measures in calculating school grade. Madison Middle School students made increases in English/Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies. With our continued focus on academic achievement, we will continue to set high expectations for student learning.

Over the summer, we have been busy filling several vacant positions at Madison. One noticeable change you will see is that we have a new assistant principal of curriculum and instruction, Mrs. Brandy Griswell! Mrs. Griswell comes to us with an extensive background in serving students and families. She was an exceptional student education teacher, a literacy coach, and most recently, an administrator at Palm Bay High School. I encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Griswell and welcome her to the Madison family and do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions.

I am also excited to share with you some noticeable changes that will be coming in the 2018-2019 school year. Madison is the lucky recipient of two Boeing grants. Towards the end of August, we will be unveiling our new FUSE Lab. This environment will allow students to explore, innovate and engage in S.T.E.M. learning. S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students can work on a variety of hands-on learning with makerspace and robotics resources. On August 23rd, Boeing will be at our school and our engineering students will take part in a full day of S.T.E.M. learning. College mentors will work with our students to complete tasks in a fun and engaging learning environment. Madison will also be receiving security upgrades in the form of campus cameras. This project will be completed by the end of the month and is part of our commitment to have a safe and secure environment for our children.

On Monday, August 20th, we will be hosting Open House from 6:00PM – 8:30PM. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and hear about ways we can strengthen the partnership between home and school.

I am looking forward to a terrific school year working with you and your student. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any one of my assistant principals, Mrs. Griswell or Mr. Mertz, if you should have any questions.

GO MOHAWKS!

Joseph Flora, Principal