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MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Madison Board of Education Appoints

Jason Mitchell As New Superintendent

The Madison Central School District Board of Education appointed Mr. Jason Mitchell as its next Superintendent of Schools at a board meeting on November 19, 2019. The Board selected Mr. Mitchell after a multi-step review of candidates and thoughtful deliberation.

Mr. Mitchell was recently appointed Deputy Superintendent in the Canastota Central School District, following five years there as the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. Prior to that, he was the Middle/High School Principal in the Poland Central School District. In both roles, he has worked as Acting Superintendent. He began his career as a social studies teacher, working at New Hartford High School and at a middle school in Virginia, and has coached track, basketball, and football. He has also worked as an English as a Second Language tutor at Donovan Middle School in Utica.

Mr. Mitchell completed the Educational Leadership Mohawk Valley program and subsequently served as a mentor. He is the treasurer of the Oneida County History Center Board of Trustees, a certified trainer in the OLWEUS bullying prevention program and served on the Mohawk Valley School Administrators Organization's Assessment Committee and as a New Principal Mentor. Mr. Mitchell received a 2013 Genesis Award for Excellence in Education, the New York State Council on Leadership and Student Activities' Administrator of the Year Award in 2013 and a 2007 Accent on Excellence Award for Mohawk Valley leaders under age 40.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Hamilton College, where he also completed a teacher education program; a master's degree in social studies from SUNY Albany; and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership and Administration from Utica College.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected as Madison's next Superintendent of Schools. I am excited to work in a community so supportive of its school and its students," Mr. Mitchell said. "I graduated from, and have 11 years of administrative experience in, small rural schools. As a result, I have an appreciation for both the benefits and challenges of rural education. I look forward to building relationships of trust and collaboration with school and community stakeholders and working together to move our district forward. It will be our collective goal to make Madison a model of excellence for other districts, whether they are large or small, rural or urban. Go Blue Devils!"

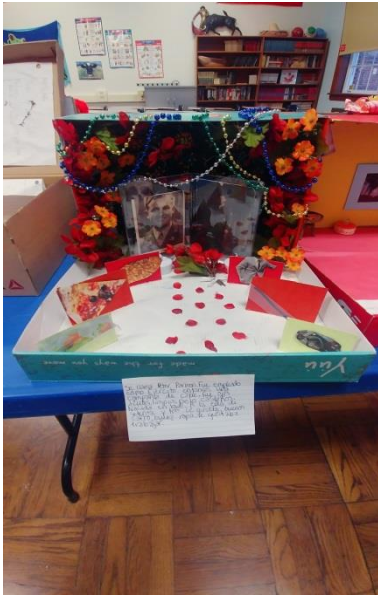
The Board of Education began its search for a new Superintendent of Schools in August and engaged with community stakeholder groups to determine expectations, needs and goals for the district, the search process and the new Superintendent. After a careful and thoughtful screening process, the Board felt Mr. Mitchell was the right fit for the district and will be an asset to the entire community.

"The Board is so excited to announce Jason Mitchell as the next Superintendent of the Madison Central School District," Board of Education President Jennifer Lavoie said. "We believe Jason possesses the knowledge, experience, skills and shared vision needed to improve the educational opportunities for our students. We are pleased with the process and the outcome of the search and are very excited to see what the future holds for Madison Central School under Jason's leadership. We would also like to thank all those who helped with and participated in this process."

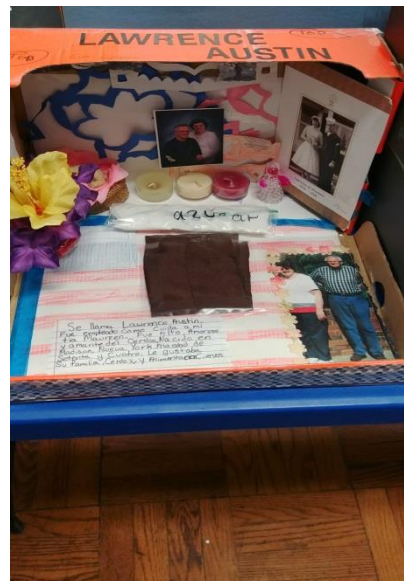
For more information, please contact Jennifer Lavoie, Board President, at jlavoie@madisoncentralny.org

WELCOME TO MCS MR. MITCHELL

Day of the Dead



Exploring diverse cultures provides us the opportunity to promote understanding and empathy. Señora Suba's Middle School Spanish classes recently celebrated the Day of the Dead, a day of remembrance and family tradition. Mexico and many Central American countries celebrate this holiday of love and remembrance during the last day of October and the first days of November. To share in that experience, Madison 8th graders created Ofrendas, or tributes, in honor of their ancestors. Students used class time and worked at home to build their Ofrendas and presented their final project to the class. Projects were on display in the classroom for over a week and were viewed by many students, staff and administrators. Day of the Dead is a celebration of life and death, when the spirits of the dearly departed return to Earth for a family fiesta. This year's projects were both beautiful and emotionally powerful tributes to beloved family members.



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Join us in celebrating the season with some beautiful music performed by our talented MCS students!

The MCS concert schedule is as follows:

December 5th: 3rd-5th grade concert at 6:30pm

December 12th: 6th-12th grade concert at 6:30pm

December 18th: K-2nd grade concert at 6:30pm

The 4th-12th grade choruses will be caroling at Ray's BBQ on December 4th at 5:30pm.

Congratulations to Jaiden Baker, Faith Camp, Brenah Curtis, Miah Idzi, and Anna McNamara for their performance in the Area All State Choruses at SUNY Oneonta; Jaiden Baker, Brian Sitts, Bethany Boehlert, and Klara Burkhart-Spiegel for performing in the 2020 All County Band; and to Hunter Sherman, Spencer Clark, Caleb Schenk, and Dalilah Martin for performing in the 2020 6th grade All County Chorus!

The MCS Musical will be on March 27th and 28th at 7pm. You won't want to miss it!



Anna and Brenah



Faith, Miah, and Jaiden

FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY

Mrs. Bergeron's Second graders had an amazing time celebrating our Reading and Writing Successes this month with a celebration. We brought in our sleeping bags, pillows, favorite books and a flashlight. We snuggled in and read books in the dark; we had a wonderful time celebrating with FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY. We created our own Nonfiction books to share with each other. We look forward to our next reading celebration.



COMING EVENTS

December 4	Caroling at Ray Brothers- 5:30 pm
December 5	Staff Development-Students dismissed at 11:20
December 5	Pictures with Santa-5:30 pm
December 5	Grades 3-5 Winter Concert- 6:30 pm
December 10	Elementary Movie Night-3 pm
December 12	Grades 6-12 Winter Concert- 6:30 pm
December 16-20	Spirit Week
December 17	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
December 18	Pictures with Santa-5:30 pm
December 18	Grades K-2 Winter Concert- 6:30 pm
December 19	Madison PTO Meeting-7 p.m.
December 23- January 3	Winter Recess
December 30	Sledding Day Party-Sponsored by the Class of 2023
January 7	Elementary Movie Night-3 pm
January 16	Madison PTO Meeting-7 p.m.
January 20	No School – MLK Day
January 21-24	Regents Week
January 21	Board of Education Meeting – 7 pm
January 24	Elementary Carnival- sponsored by the Class of 2021
January 31	Community Fun Night- sponsored by the Student Council
February 4	Elementary Movie Night-3 pm
February 7	Staff Development-Students dismissed at 11:20
February 7	Jr. High Semi Formal-6-8 pm
February 8	FFA Toy Show-10 am
February 8	Sr. High Semi Formal-7-10 pm
February 11	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
February 17-21	Mid Winter Recess
February 20	PTO Meeting-7 pm

JANUARY REGENTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 21

8:15

- English Language Arts

12:00

- Living Environment

Wednesday, January 22

8:15

- U.S. History & Government
- Geometry

12:00

- Algebra I
- Physical Setting/Physics

Thursday, January 23

8:15

- Global History and Geography

12:00

- Algebra II

Friday, January 24

8:15

- Physical Setting/Earth Science
- Physical Setting/Chemistry

