



**MADRAS
EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION**

Mentoring – Empowering - Advocating for Teachers

YOUR ADVOCATE

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OUR MISSION

We represent Madras Education Association members. Our first mission is to unify and strengthen the teaching profession while presenting a positive image of the teachers in the community.

Welcome Teachers – It's Great to be Back!



The beginning of a new school year here at Jefferson County School District 509J is always an exciting time! We missed our students from last year, and are eager to meet new students this year.

We welcome some new teachers to our buildings:

Nathan Green & Pat Mulcahy at MHS; Teresa Hancock at the ESD; Susan Starkey at Buff Intermediate; Brooke Johnson & Claire Foskolos at Madras Primary; Susan Ahern (an MHS graduate!) at Warm Springs Elementary; and Amy Gervais, Charlotte Sipe, Henry Coates, Janice Wright, Josh Kleeberger, Lisa Laplante, Natalie Hill, Paul Harris, Rachelle Templin, Savannah Rehm, Seth Burke, Suzanne Yecha, and Tifinie Hadley at JCMS.

**LET'S HAVE A
FANTASTIC
YEAR!**

Highlights for 2011-2012

Here are some highlights of issues for the coming year:

- ✓ **Bargaining.** Believe it or not, we will start negotiating a new contract during this school year. Stay tuned, and get involved.
- ✓ **Events.** From our Fall Event to Read Across America, our Association will provide opportunities to network, socialize, and support our students.
- ✓ **Organizing.** We will need volunteers to assist with the Bargaining team, to plan special events, to represent the membership in the community, and to help in ways large and small. We need **you!**
- ✓ **Advocating.** Recent trends towards hiring as many teachers as possible on a temporary basis, last-minute non-renewals, high turnover rates, and other disturbing issues will be addressed.

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Madras High School

Julie Nisley
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Andrew Smiley
Steve Fisher

Buff Intermediate

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Kermit Kumle
Laurie Sensibaugh

Madras Primary & Big Muddy

Mike Craig

Warm Springs Elementary

Dorothy Jewell
Alisha Howe

JCESD

Joyce Hoffman

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

are held the 2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7PM. Check the MEA
Calendar for details. We
strongly encourage our members
to attend!



Scan with your Smart Phone to
access the **MEA Website!**



Save the Dates:

9/12 – **Health & Benefits Fair**, 4PM, MHS
Commons

9/19 – **First Building Meeting**, 4:30 PM, MHS
Room 8

Fall Event: TBA



Google Calendar, Events, and More!



Already using Google Calendar at school and/or at home? Want to see all the District inservices, Parent conferences, Late Start dates, holidays, MEA meetings and events all in one place? Check out the Google Calendar on the MEA website! Instructions are posted for importing the calendar into the calendar you're already using. Simple!

The website is also where you can find MEA Documents, Twitter feed, and Minutes from meetings. Let us know if there's anything else you'd like to see on the website.

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Hey! I love Monkeys!!!



You should have received an email requesting that you let us know what you'd like to see MEA do for you, and inviting you to tell us how you can help. Whether you're a first-year teacher or a veteran in our district, your help is needed and appreciated! talent is needed! Whatever your interest, you can email Carrie McPeak at cmcpeak@madraseducation.org, or complete the survey on SurveyMonkey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RS3B29Q>. Thanks for participating!