

The View From The Top

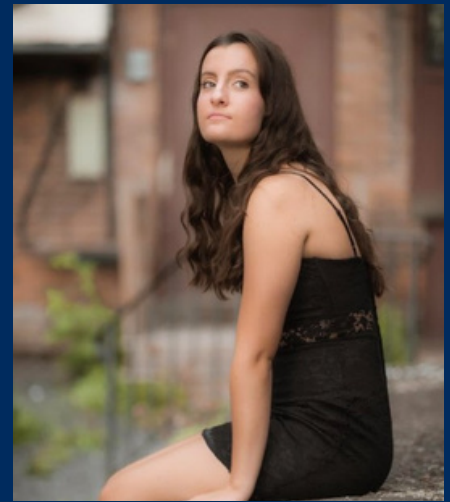
The Madison Central School District is proud to announce the students who have achieved top ten academic status for the Class of 2023.

VALEDICTORIAN: ABIGAIL COOK

Abigail Cook, daughter of Stephen & Jeannie Cook of Madison, is this year's Valedictorian.

Abigail has an overall weighted average of 100.24. She plans to attend college in the fall and is currently deciding on a major.

As an active member of her school community, she has participated in several activities. She is a four year member of the varsity softball team and senior band. She has also participated in varsity soccer, prom committee, foreign language club, National Honor Society, and National Junior Honor Society.



SALUTATORIAN: ANTHONY DODGE

Anthony Dodge, son of Nancy Dodge of Canastota and Stephen Dodge of Madison, is this year's Salutatorian.

Anthony has an overall weighted average of 99.93. He will attend SUNY Geneseo or Keuka College in the fall to study Business.

Anthony has been involved in many activities and is a prolific athlete and musician. He is a four-year member of the varsity soccer and varsity basketball teams. He is a multi-time Central Counties League All-Star selection in both sports, including first team honors in both as a senior. He has also participated in two seasons of varsity baseball. In music, he is a four-year member of senior band and marching band along with two years as a member of the jazz band.



Completing the list of top 10 students for the class of 2023 are:

- Tyler Fellows, son of Mary Fellows of Madison
- Caleb Lutke, son of Jake & Beth Lutke of Oriskany Falls
- Mara Wasuck, daughter of Ivan & Tina Wasuck of Munnsville
- Brianna Usborne, daughter of Sean & Alyson Usborne of Munnsville
- Delaney Livermore, daughter of David Livermore of Madison and Cheryl Livermore of Munnsville
- Fiona Abrams, daughter of Donald & Heather Abrams of Oriskany Falls
- Colby Bingel, son of Cory & Bobbi Bingel of Oriskany Falls
- Liliana Setlak, daughter of Peter Setlak of Munnsville and Amy MacLaury of Madison



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MCS Community Members,

Please allow me to begin this year's budget letter with a brief update on the capital project that our community graciously approved in May 2022. At the end of March 2023, we finally received approval of the project from the NY State Education Department. Work will begin this summer. Below is the current timeline for the renovations:

- **Summer 2023 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year**
 - Elementary classroom renovations
 - floors, ceilings, lighting, bathrooms
 - Soccer field resurfacing
 - Exit behind athletic fields onto North Street
 - Parking lot resurfacing
 - Though not part of the capital project, the playground will be upgraded and an outdoor basketball court will be installed. (these are grant-funded)
- **Spring 2024-Summer 2024**
 - Library renovation
 - Nurse's Office renovation
 - Some door and window replacements
 - Upgrade PA, clock, alarm systems
 - Some roofing replacement
 - Some flooring replacement

We are excited about the impending upgrades for MCS.

As always, this year's budget process was guided by the goals set for the District by the Board of Education. You can review our Board goals on our website at <https://www.madisoncentralny.org/board-of-education/index>.

The first item on the ballot for your consideration will be the proposed 2023-24 budget. Highlights of the budget include:

- Total adopted budget of \$12,410,918, a 6.43% spending increase over 2022-23
- Increase in State Aid of \$591,351, an increase of 8.34%. Since the State budget has not yet been passed as of this writing, this is an estimate based upon the Governor's proposed budget.
- A proposed tax levy increase of 5.47%

Please note that the increase of 5.47% is inflated by the addition of the Munnsville windmills on the tax rolls for the first time.

Previously, the District received a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the company that owns the windmills.

The 5.47% increase in tax levy is broken down, approximately, as follows:

Madison Taxpayer Portion	2.60 %
Windmill Portion	2.87 %
Total tax levy increase	5.47 %

The second item on the ballot for your consideration will be the proposed creation of a \$1,000,000 capital reserve.

This will allow the District to begin saving for future capital improvement projects.

The third and final item on the ballot will be the vote to fill one (1) Board of Education seat. The name of the candidate for the Board seat will appear on the ballot as follows: Brett Reiter

Our Budget Hearing will take place in our Auditorium on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. We will also hold a budget presentation at the Knoxboro Town Office Building on May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend one of these informational sessions. The annual budget vote will occur at Madison Central School on May 16, 2023 from noon until 8:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Education, our students, faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support for MCS as we strive to move our district forward. Go Blue Devils!

In partnership,

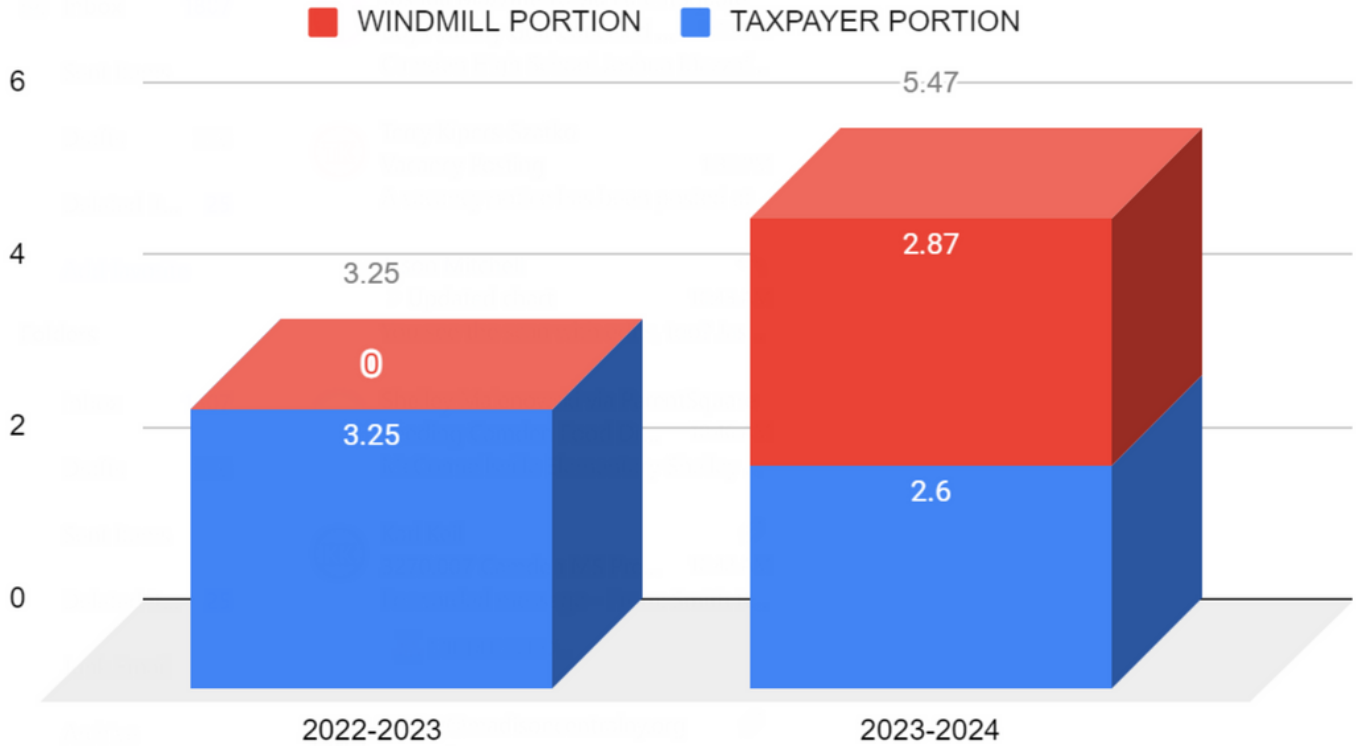
Jason A. Mitchell
Superintendent of Schools



Understanding Your Share Of The Proposed Levy Increase

The 2023-24 figures seen here reflect the addition of the Munnsville windmills to the tax rolls.

% TAX LEVY INCREASE (Approximated)



BUILDING A BETTER BACKYARD

We will expand our playground area this summer using a portion of our remaining American Rescue Plan funding. The playground expansion will feature a new pre-k play area along with new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant features. Students had the opportunity to add their voice to the process with a vote on the color scheme.

Not pictured is the addition of a new outdoor basketball court. Our existing facilities will remain alongside these new additions.



Madison Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 11,660,590	\$12,410,918	\$12,397,468
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$750,328	\$736,878
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.43 %	6.32%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,516,310	\$3,708,748	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,516,310	\$3,708,748	\$3,695,298
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,529,436	\$3,708,748	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,516,310	\$3,708,748	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$13,126	\$0.00	
Administrative Component	\$1,090,599	\$1,137,046	\$1,136,896
Program Component	\$8,563,284	\$8,797,723	\$8,791,723
Capital Component	\$2,006,707	\$2,476,149	\$2,468,849
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p>			
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	Description		Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$547.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Madison Central School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Madison Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Madison Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$17,805	\$18,080	\$275	1.54%
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$330,739	\$344,205	\$13,466	4.07%
FINANCE	\$80,000	\$85,168	\$5,168	6.46%
STAFF	\$45,225	\$45,796	\$571	1.36%
SPECIAL ITEMS	\$207,429	\$216,200	\$8,771	4.23%
ADM. & IMPROVEMENT	\$210,436	\$223,249	\$12,813	6.09%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$198,965	\$204,348	\$5,383	2.71%
PROGRAM COMPONENT	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
INSTRUCTION	\$2,468,725	\$2,582,406	\$113,681	4.60%
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$1,835,483	\$1,925,581	\$90,098	4.91%
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$130,755	\$133,414	\$2,659	2.03%
PUPIL SERVICES	\$583,089	\$514,185	-\$68,904	-11.82%
TRANSPORTATION	\$575,207	\$619,583	\$44,376	7.71%
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,970,025	\$3,022,554	\$52,529	1.77%
CAPITAL COMPONENT	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$595,898	\$614,271	\$18,373	3.08%
REFUND OF TAXES	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,119,423	\$1,567,424	\$448,001	40.02%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$288,886	\$291,954	\$3,068	1.06%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$11,660,590	\$12,410,918	\$750,328	6.43%

ESTIMATED REVENUE

REVENUE TYPE	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
REAL PROPERTY TAX	\$3,516,310	\$3,708,748	\$192,438	5.47%
COMBINED STATE AID	\$7,086,541	\$7,677,892	\$591,351	8.34%
DRRSA/ESSER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER	\$657,739	\$624,278	-\$33,461	-5.09%
FUND BALANCE	\$150,000	\$150,000	0	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE TRANSFER	\$250,000	\$250,000	0	0.00%
ACCRUAL	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$11,660,590	\$12,410,918	\$750,328	6.43%

Voter Information

Tuesday, May 16th - Noon to 8 PM - MCS Foyer

Voter Requirements

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a resident of the school district at least 30 days prior to the meeting which he/she offers to vote.
- Must not be prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law (having been convicted of a felony or adjudged mentally incompetent)
- Must present proof of residence with a picture, such as a driver's license or non-driver identification. (upon request)



Absentee Ballot Procedure

- Qualified voters who wish to vote using an absentee ballot can request an application from the District Clerk at Madison Central School.
- Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 10th, 2023 in order to receive an absentee ballot by mail.
- Any applications received after May 10th must appear in person at the District Office, located in Madison Central School at 7303 State Route 20, to pick up an absentee ballot. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023. Completed ballots received after this time cannot be accepted.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Six MCS Students Inducted Into NTHS

Six students from Madison Central School recently received the honor of induction into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The Madison-Oneida BOCES chapter made that honor official with an induction ceremony held on Thursday, March 30th in the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School Auditorium.

The Madison students were part of a historic induction class that featured a record 129 honorees from nineteen Career and Technical Education programs and eleven school districts.

NTHS is an honor society recognizing exceptional student achievement in career and technical education. To be eligible for membership, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in their CTE program and their high school and demonstrate excellence in extracurricular activities, character and community service. NTHS membership is a distinction achieved by less than 5 percent of CTE students nationwide.

New members receive an official NTHS membership certificate, the NTHS pin, a graduation tassel, graduation honor cords and a window decal. An official NTHS seal will be applied to each member's high school diploma upon graduating. The inductees will have the privilege of wearing their graduation cords at their CTE completion ceremony and at their high school graduation.

The following Madison students were recognized as part of the evening's events.

Katie Schultz – Cosmetology
 Carolanne Hopkins – Early Childhood Education
 Lillyan Harvey – Manufacturing Technology
 Alex Hoff – IT Systems/CISCO Networking
 Delaney Livermore – New Visions Government, Law & Public Administration
 Braxton Fleming – Outdoor Power Equipment



Crane Advances To Regionals in Optimist Oratorical Contest

The Madison Optimist Club brought back its annual school-wide oratorical contest for 2023. The contest helps students grow towards overcoming the widely-held fear of public speaking, while also developing presentation skills. The club works with MCS English teachers to hold the first round of speeches in class. Top students advanced to a school-wide contest that included students Michael McBride, Olivia Crane, Emily Turcotte, Mackenzie Cotter and Grace Lutke.

McBride was the top prize winner at the school level with Crane coming in second. The pair advanced to the zone-level competition held at Waterville. Crane ascended to the top spot in the zone competition, with McBride placing third.

With her zone-level victory, Olivia advances to the Northeast Regional competition on Saturday, May 6th in New Hartford.



MCS Team Attends MOBOCES Annual Meeting

Madison brought another impressive contingent to the 2023 Madison-Oneida BOCES annual meeting held on Wednesday, April 5th in Verona. Six out of seven members of the Board of Education were present, placing our District at the forefront of our peers in board member attendance.



Joining the board were District Treasurer Mel Brouillette, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education Brian Latella, Superintendent of Schools, Jason Mitchell, and MOBOCES Board Representative Richard Engelbrecht.

The evening provided a tremendous opportunity to collaborate with our MOBOCES peers and celebrate regional achievements in public education. The audience was also presented with a brief video that featured a cameo appearance from MCS student McKenzie LaMunion. We look forward to next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit MadisonCentralNY.org for a full calendar!

- Tuesday 5/2**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Budget Hearing**
- Friday 5/12**
Progress Period 4 Ends
- Tuesday 5/16**
Noon - 8 PM **Budget Vote and BOE Elections**
- Tuesday 5/16**
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Spring Concert - Grades K-2
- Thursday 5/18**
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Three and Me Program
- Thursday 5/18**
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Spring Concert - Grades 3-5

- Friday 5/19**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Parent/Child Dance
- Saturday 5/20**
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Junior Prom
Coronation held at 5 PM in MCS Auditorium
- Monday 5/22**
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM NHS Red Cross Blood Drive
- Wednesday 5/24**
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Spring Concert - Grades 6-12
- Saturday 6/3**
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Madison Optimist Spring Fling

SAVE THE DATE! Commencement 2023
Friday, June 23rd - 6:00 PM

THE MCS Students Presented "Cinderella" on 3/31, 4/1

SLIPPER FITS!



The MCS Drama Club was pleased to present two performances of *Cinderella: Retold as a Musical Play* during the weekend of April 1st.

Our community audiences were spellbound as students performed this musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale. The unlikely love story was told through nine enchanting musical numbers.

What may be most exciting for this group of students is the future. This production featured a fairly young group of students playing large roles, and that experience will pay dividends for years to come!

- Cinderella:** Alyssa Braun
- Bellagrizel:** Jenna Burns
- Ettagrizel:** Alexis Rundle
- Lady Imagrizel:** Zoey Billings
- Rover:** Justin Burns
- Fairy Godmother:** Grace Davie
- Prince Charming:** Anthony Mancuso
- The Queen:** Megan Smith
- The King:** Shea Allen
- Royal Page:** Emma Bergeron
- La Marquesa di Roma:** Lily Bush
- The Duchess of London:** Lana Pisiak
- Princess Royal of Luxembourg:** Kenzie Looman

Lords and Ladies: Aliyah Chalker, Destiny Soule, Lily Bush, Lana Pisiak, Kenzie Looman

Queen's Court: Amanda Barton and LeeAnn Cucci

Fairy Godmother Entourage: Molly Tehan, Miranda Liebel, Morgan Mudge, Brandon Cudak, Avery Gallagher, Andilynn Staring

THE CAST



MADE In Madison

Paige Stone '09 Uses Her MCS Experiences In Higher Education

Over a decade has passed since she went to MCS, but Paige Stone is still very comfortable at school. In fact, she's never left the educational setting. She works as a mental health counselor at Hartwick College, where she helps many students each year while drawing on the experiences that shaped her, starting in her hometown of Madison.

Stone graduated third in her class as a member of the Class of 2009. She was a dynamic three sport athlete competing in soccer, basketball and softball. She was editor of the MADKA yearbook, student council president, a National Honor Society student, an FFA member and played flute and baritone saxophone in school bands. That willingness to try and do everything fit right into the appeal of her Madison experience.



"I loved to be a part of everything," Stone said. "I didn't have to specialize in one thing. I could play three sports. I was able to be in yearbook, be in band and participate in plays. In big schools, you can usually find students who are hyperfocused in one or two areas, but at Madison, we were able to explore the different areas."

The other part of the Madison experience that appealed to her was the family atmosphere that extended from faculty, staff, fellow students and quite literally, her own family. Stone attended school with two younger siblings and a group of first cousins that numbered in the teens. The responsibility to set a good example for them was never lost on her.

"I was one of the older ones as the third-oldest," Stone said. "There was kind of a responsibility to foster the younger cousins and my siblings through the school, and making sure they get on and off the bus okay. It was really cool to have that kind of family responsibility."

While she was part of the support system for her family within the school, members of the MCS staff served as her support system.

"There's times where I would be having issues with friends, or other trouble as you know any teenager would have," Stone said. "And as a member of the LGBTQ community, I struggled in finding my way and finding acceptance. And the teachers, counselors and support staff at Madison were amazing. I could go into anyone's office or classroom and cry or laugh or vent and they would be totally judgment-free and accepting."

Staff members such as Mrs. Mortensen, Ms. Barnes, Mr. Burdick and Mr. Saulsgiver left their mark as mentors for Stone and their kindness became a source of her inspiration to help others.

"I use that philosophy of being judgment-free and accepting to my current students today," Stone said. "If anyone walks into my office, I give them my full attention and I make sure I'm fully invested in what's happening in their lives, because that's what my teachers at Madison did for me."

After graduating from MCS, Stone enrolled in tiny Wells College in the Finger Lakes region. She picked it, in part, because the institution felt like Madison.

"I went on probably eight visits and I specifically remember when we went to Ithaca College," Stone said. "We walked around there and we were downtown and I was like 'I love this area but it's huge'. The campus felt so big. And then we went up the lake to go to Wells and it was perfect. It was a half hour from Ithaca and I still get those opportunities, but I don't have to be in a huge campus setting. I could stay in a smaller school and it fit perfectly."

Just as she was at Madison, Stone became a three-sport athlete at Wells. She graduated with her degree in Psychology and began working in admissions shortly after to launch a career that has been exclusively in higher education. When the time came to pursue graduate-level work, she attended St. Bonaventure and obtained a job in the Opportunity Programs office to help pay for her masters' degree. She described the experience as one of the most rewarding and eye-opening of her life.

After departing St. Bonaventure, she moved to Oneonta, NY to take a job at Hartwick College supporting student-athletes as the Associate Director for Student-Athlete Success, where she was able to draw on her own experiences at Wells.

"I was able to support them in a way that maybe someone who hadn't experienced college athletics could not," Stone said. "I understood the demands of practice, and that you could be on a bus for hours, miss class, compete, come home and have to go to class the next day. It was cool to be a part of that."

After a brief stint as the Director of Academic Support, she moved onto her current role in the counseling office in 2021. She is currently pursuing her license in the field in hopes of opening her own practice someday. She resides in Oneonta with her wife Meagan and their seven-month-old son.

While Stone is enjoying where she's at now, she urges current students to do the same at Madison.

"Take advantage of the opportunities in front of you," Stone said. "You don't get that at a lot of bigger places. So if you can handle being involved in all of the things, do that. Enjoy where you're at with Madison because you're not going to get that anywhere else."

Kindergartners Take Trip To Stanley



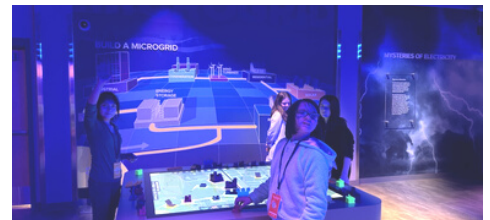
On Friday, March 31st, our Kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Stanley Theater in Utica for "Bluey's Big Play". Our students set a great example of our school-wide expectations as well-behaved audience members!

First Graders Have STEAM Exploration Day



MCS First Graders held a STEAM activity day on Tuesday, April 4th. During the morning session, students experimented with virtual reality goggles to take a "field trip" while their classmates did some hands-on play-based learning with building toys in the library. Each classroom rotated through both activities.

Sixth Graders Explore Electrical Power



Sixth grade students at Madison Central School had an electrifying field trip experience on Wednesday, March 29th. The students toured the New York Energy Zone located on the grounds of the Utica Zoo.

Students learned more about the dynamic world of electrical energy and New York State's part in the history of electric power through a variety of interactive activities. They had the opportunity to run a simulated control room, fly a drone simulator, see a 3D movie presentation and demonstrate a variety of electrical concepts through hands-on exhibits. They also took advantage of the chance to visit with a few of the animals on the property.

Mancuso Cooks Up Authentic Spanish Dish

MCS student Anthony Mancuso brought and shared a fantastic treat with members of the MCS Culture Club recently. He prepared a dish called Patatas Bravas, which is a favorite item in Madrid, Spain.

Anthony told the club that he enjoyed gathering the ingredients and cooking this fried potato dish topped with a smoky paprika sauce. ¡Qué delicioso, Antonio!



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BUDGET VOTE

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Noon to 8 PM

SCHOOL ADDRESS

7303 US-20, MADISON, NY 13402

SCHOOL WEBSITE

WWW.MADISONCENTRALNY.ORG

ON FACEBOOK

MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL - MADISON, NY

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

TO REACH MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL BY PHONE, YOU SHOULD FIRST DIAL 315-893-1878, OR 315-893-1879. WHEN PROMPTED, DIAL THE EXTENSION OF THE PARTY YOU ARE TRYING TO REACH.

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NURSE'S OFFICE: EXTENSION 214
BUS GARAGE: EXTENSION 215

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