

# WARHAWK WORLD

## MADISON NEWS YOU CAN USE

Welcome to the first of six installments of the Madison Newsletter. Please enjoy updates, previews, and important news regarding your child's learning and growing at Madison Jr. High.

Madison kicked off the year with a motto "We are ONE". As our staff focus on ensuring *all students learn at high levels* we will be focusing on leveraging the District 203 SEL (Social/Emotional Learning) curriculum to reinforce moments of empowerment for all students. There will be four key areas that we will explore as we facilitate student growth and reflection from the "inside/ out".

### **RESPECT INCLUSION DIVERSITY EQUITY**

Our focus will be to facilitate opportunities for students to reflect on who they are, the dreams that they have, and the power they have to help others. These lessons will be both integrated within the curriculum as well as in team settings and whole school community experiences.



### **KELLY'S HOLLYWOOD**

comes to

### **NAPERVILLE**

On September 23, Madison will welcome documentary film maker, Brian Donovan. Brian Donovan has been a professional actor for more than 25 years in film, television and radio. He has worked on-screen with such luminaries as Jim Belushi, Jim Carrey and Angelina Jolie. He has been the voice of countless animated heroes; currently as Rock Lee from the juggernaut hit, *Naruto*. Later this year, he can be seen in the indie film, *Somebody's Mother*. [www.briandonovan.org](http://www.briandonovan.org)

In addition, Brian has been the executive director of the Los Angeles Repertory Theater ([www.larepertorytheater.org](http://www.larepertorytheater.org)) since 1994, producing and directing more than 50 inner-city high school workshops and live shows. He is also the creator, writer and producer of the Mighty Me Training Camp ([www.mightyme.com](http://www.mightyme.com)), a top ranking children's self-empowerment program streamed by Discovery Education for more than five years. Brian currently lives in Los Angeles with his family and dog, Cosmo.

### **QUOTES FROM PAST EVENTS**

***Kelly's Hollywood made me want to be a better person.***

*Brian's message is inspirational for all ages.*

**The film & Mr. Donovan's speech inspire everyone to live more, laugh more love more.**

[Listen to Mr. Brian Donovan talk about "Best Buddies"](#) .

[Movie Trailer](#)

## ***MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23 IS CRAZY SOCK DAY!***

**Wear your craziest socks**



**Wear mismatched socks**

*Monday our students will have the unique opportunity to watch a modified version of the original documentary, "Kelly's Hollywood". In the film Kelly, who happens to have Downs Syndrome, shared her life dreams, hopes, fears and challenges. Our school assembly will feature Brian, who documented her life and carries on her message of positivity to communities across the country.*

*After the viewing of the 45 minute version of the movie, the entire Madison community will transition to an assembly to meet Brian Donovan and be inspired by his story and his passion to make everyone a Superhero in their own lives.*

*As we focus on Respect, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity we will empower our Madison Warhawks in pursuing their dreams and supporting others in positive and proactive ways.*

**District 203 Junior High**

Fall 2019

### **Grading Practices**

Part of the learning philosophy in D203 is a focus on student learning related to the instructional standards. That being said, our teachers are monitoring student daily work, and providing feedback on practice, however, not taking a grade. It is our belief that classwork and homework are opportunities for students to practice skills, explore concepts and apply new learnings. Therefore, formal grades in the Campus portal will reflect formative assessments and end of unit learning such as summative tests or projects. We believe this allows the focus to be on the learning and mastery of the standards.

If you have specific questions regarding your child's learning progress please feel free to reach out to the teacher at any time.

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