MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student LEARNING GAINS are very important as they determine if your scholar is growing academically. Every Student at Imagine Madison is STAR testing from 12-3-18 to 12-14-18. The winter reading and math learning gains for our students will be calculated following the end of this session of STAR testing. Please speak with your scholars about the importance of this assessment as it helps us individualize their instruction to prepare them for the next grade level and determine if they are on track for the next grade level. We calculate their learning from the beginning of the school year to now. Please see the information below regarding learning gains:

What is a learning gain? A learning gain is the measurement of the improvement of knowledge made by students during a specific time period.

What does it mean? At Imagine Madison our goal is for every student to reflect learning gains of 1.07 or higher in Math and 1.07 or higher in Reading. If your student is on track and reflecting learning gains of 1.07 (math)-1.07 (Reading) they are on track for the next grade level. If you would like to know your student’s learning gain from the beginning of the year to now, please contact the main office.

What were the last calculated learning gains at Imagine Madison for the midterm STAR testing session?

Reading
K: 1.11 – 1st: 1.03 – 2nd: 1.05 – 3rd: 1.03 – 4th: 1.02 – 5th: 1.04- School wide: 1.04

Math
K: N/A – 1st: 1.09 – 2nd: 1.05 – 3rd: 1.05 – 4th: 1.04- 5th: 1.04- School wide: 1.06

As you can see, we are on our way to achieving our goals however we still have a lot of work to do. Please check with your child’s teacher to see how you can help your child and our school reach our learning gain goals of 1.06 in math and 1.08 in reading.

Lindsey Day, Principal
**Why I Love Imagine Madison.**

5th Grade Teacher... **Mrs. Mims** – “I really enjoy the scholars at Imagine Madison. Our students love the arts focus.”

5th Grader... **Anastasia Collmar** “I love that Imagine Madison has different options to choose from like, Drum Corp, STEP, and Basketball. You can do whatever you have an interest in at Imagine Madison! Imagine Madison inspires me!”

Parent... **Natasha Brown** “The Teachers are very caring and loving. They teach the kids in fun and creative ways. I’m proud to be a part of such a wonderful school!”

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**Cold Weather**

Parents, it is getting colder. The students are required to go outside for recess if the temperature is 30 degrees or higher. Please ensure that your scholar comes to school with a hat, gloves, and winter coat! Please see Mr. Ransom if you have any questions or are in need of a winter coat.

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**Winter Extravaganza**

December 18th, our scholars in grades K-5th will be performing in Imagine Madison’s Annual Winter Extravaganza. Our students will be singing delightful songs that are guaranteed to get you in the mood for the Holiday Season! The program will begin at 6:00pm in the gymnasium. Our 3rd-5th grade students will be performing with a focus on the electives they have chosen to take part in this quarter! You’re in for a treat! We look forward to seeing you as we support our students and their amazing talents at Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!**

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**Food and Non-Perishables Holiday Drive**

Thanks to everyone that donated food and non-perishables to the holiday drive. As a result of your kindness, we were able to assist 8 Imagine families for the Thanksgiving Holiday! The PTO is still accepting donations for our holiday food drive until December 19th. Please turn in canned goods, laundry items, hygiene items etc. to your scholar’s classrooms.

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**STUDENT/STAFF/PARENT OF THE MONTH**

**Student of the month** - **D’Nayzia F.** (Ms. Kochendorfer’s-4th grade)- D’Nayzia is known for being caring and helping her peers. She is constantly on task and willing to lend a helping hand.

**Parent of the month** - **Autumn C.** (Proud parent of Matthias C.)- Our parent of the month is known for always being available to help teachers and always volunteers in class and family game nights!

**Staff of the month** - **Tina Keel**- Mrs. Keel is known for demonstrating Imagine’s 6 Measures of Excellence. Mrs. Keel always makes her students the 1st priority.

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**School Wide Goals:**

- **Reading:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the mean Reading Learning Gain for all students will improve from 1.06 to 1.07, as measured by the fall to Spring STAR Reading Assessment.
- **Math:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the mean Math Learning Gain for all students will improve from 1.06 to 1.07, as measured by the fall to Spring STAR Math Assessment.
- **Economic Sustainability:** By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, the school is economically sustainable, as measured by the school budget.
- **Shared Values:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the overall agreement rate (strongly agree & agree) for Shared Values survey items will be at least 97% in the Imagine Schools Student, Staff, and Family Surveys.
- **Parent Choice:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, 90% of students will re-enroll, as measured by enrollment / retention records.
- **Character Development:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the overall agreement rate (strongly agree & agree) for School Culture/Climate survey items will be at least 92%, as measured in the Imagine Schools Student, Staff, and Family Surveys.