

# 2024 ALL SCHOOLS DAY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MADATHON

- Date/Time:** Friday, May 10, 2024, 1:00 pm. All teams should be on site no later than 12:45 pm.
- Place:** Linnea Park
- Cost:** There is no entry fee, but each participant and coach must wear a Madathon armband at all times during Madathon – ***NO EXCEPTIONS!*** Armbands may be purchased at the coaches meeting on May 6 or on All Schools Day at Madathon. Participants wearing an ASD button at the commencement of Madathon will receive a free armband.
- Teams:** Each team should have at least 8 participants. The Madathon games are designed for 8 kids, but will be modified to accommodate larger teams. We recommend that each team have at least one “alternate” so that if someone is sick or unavailable for any reason, the rest of the team has enough people to participate. Alternates will be included and participate in Madathon games. Any combination of boys and girls is acceptable.
- All participants should be 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at the same school.* You must contact the Madathon Chairperson before including a team member from a different school. Schools may have more than one team. Please contact the Madathon Chairperson if you need to alter these team arrangements to accommodate class sizes or for any other reason. No one
- No one will be left out!
- Volunteers:** Each team must provide at least one adult volunteer to help the Madathon Committee, either on Thursday afternoon/evening, Friday morning set up, or for cleanup after Madathon (usually not a good option for 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers as cleanup occurs approximately 2 hours after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Madathon concludes). Teams without adult volunteers will not participate – ***NO EXCEPTIONS!*** It takes many hands to fill over 1000 water balloons, move equipment, and more – all hands on deck, please!
- Coaches:** Each team should have at least one adult coach. The coach is responsible to organize the team, including getting the team registered, attending the mandatory coaches meeting on May 8, finding at least one adult volunteer for the team, making sure all participants have armbands, and controlling behavior of participants before and during Madathon. Older siblings are occasionally approved as coaches, but you must contact the Madathon Chairperson before using a coach that is not an adult.
- Meeting:** A ***MANDATORY*** meeting for all coaches will be held at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Office on Monday, May 6 at 5:30 pm sharp.
- Entry:** Registration forms are due Friday May 3. Completed registration forms may be mailed to Madathon Chairperson, Leslie Buettgenbach, 1204 E. Hulse St., McPherson KS 67460, but if mailed they must be received by May 3. Forms may also be dropped off on or before May 3 at that address or at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce office. Forms may be submitted electronically, in PDF format, addressed to [Istanford1979@gmail.com](mailto:Istanford1979@gmail.com).
- Releases:** A completed release form must be turned in for each participant (including coaches) no later than May 6th. Students (and coaches) who do not turn in a completed release form will not be allowed to participate – ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***

**Spirit:** *Madathon is not a competition!* It is intended as a fun event for all McPherson County 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Events change from year to year. Madathon equipment is not loaned to teams for practice. Prizes may be awarded to teams based on sportsmanship, spirit, and enthusiasm. Have fun!!!

**Warning:** Participants and coaches will get wet and dirty. The Madathon events are messy! Please dress appropriately. No sharp objects. No white t-shirts.

**Chairperson:** Madathon Chairperson, Leslie Buettgenbach, may be contacted by e-mail at [lstanford1979@gmail.com](mailto:lstanford1979@gmail.com) if you have questions or to make the inquiries described above.