



ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shorewood

Atwater Elementary School

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THE SCOOP - *April 10, 2025*

Hello Atwater! On this page you will find a Table of Contents (of sorts) to The Scoop. If you click on the link, it will take you to the corresponding information later on in the newsletter. Feel free to either click on the most relevant information to you, or scroll down to read the entire Scoop! After each section, there is a Back to Menu link to go back to this page.

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Popcorn Sale!

This Friday
\$1/bag
Support
the 6th grade
celebration



Thursday, April 10, 2025

Good Afternoon Atwater families,

As the weather varies from snow to rain to sunny skies; please remind your scholar to dress for the weather. We go outside each and every day unless it is raining so please ensure your little ones dress in layers and have those wonderful rubber boots handy. Inexplicably, our wonderful scholars manage to find the puddles of mud no matter the number of warnings. Thank you in advance for supporting our students and engineering staff.

Please join us this evening at the Shorewood Art show taking place at the Shorewood library from 6 until 7:30 pm. Our very creative art teacher Mrs. Hayes has been instrumental in putting together an outstanding display of student work! Please make it a priority to drop by the exhibit if you cannot attend tonight as it will remain on display until May 8th.

Our FORWARD testing is resuming next week for grades 3 - 6th. ([here is the schedule for your planning purposes](#)). Please be sure that scholars leave their chromebooks at school or return each day with them fully charged in addition to bringing their headphones. 🎧 This test is a data point that directly informs our state report card so we want our scholars to truly showcase their talents by doing their best. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Just a reminder that we ask all families/caregivers to provide us with feedback about our District and schools. Survey links will be sent via email to Shorewood School District families. **The School Perceptions Families/Caregivers and Residents Survey window is open throughout the month of April.** Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.

Finally, we are enrolling for the upcoming school year. Please direct interested families to our district [website](#), for further information. We would love to enroll more families here at Atwater.

POPCORN SALE THIS FRIDAY 🍿

Take care,



Janice Carter
Principal
Atwater Elementary School

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Mrs Mautner
School Counseling Corner

Email: mmautner@shorewood.k12.wi.us



6th Grade Students:

TRANSITION NIGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL IS

APRIL 23RD, 6:00 - 7:00 PM AT SIS

THIS IS THE CORRECT DATE

Click for [More information](#)

Resources for Parents from Children's Wisconsin



Virtual Triple P Classes

Hello and happy February from the Children's Wisconsin Triple P Team! While the weather outside is staying chilly, we have been adding some more classes to our calendar for hot parenting topics such as Coping with Stress, Supporting Your Child's Self Esteem, and Coping with Teenager's Emotions. Please share with the families and communities you work with!

Thank you for your continued partnership,

Your Children's Wisconsin Triple P Team

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[Important Information
for 6th Grade Families](#)



- April 10 - District Art Show Opening Reception
- April 11 - 6th Grade Popcorn Sale 3:25 - 4:25 PM
- April 14 - Atwater's Got Talent Auditions 3:30-5:30PM
- April 16 - Atwater's Got Talent Auditions 2:30-4:30PM

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION / BELL AND LUNCH SCHEDULES



414.963.6962 Press 1

Leave message including :

- Name of Student
- Name of teacher
- Reason for absence
- When they will return

OR

Email **Atwater Elementary Attendance** (We will not respond to emails but we will note the absence)

Per state guidelines, families are allowed to excuse up to 10 days of school each year. This includes appointments, funerals, and vacations or other family events. Absences to observe religious holidays or to obtain religious instruction will be excused by the school. **Additionally, if you bring in a doctor's note, appointments or absences will not count toward the 10 day total.**

ATWATER SCHEDULE

Schedule		Lunch and Recess Schedule	
5K - 6th grade M, T, T, F 8:15 AM -3:25 PM	4K AM M, T, T, F - 8:15 - 11:05 AM Wednesday - 8:15 -10:35 AM	5K Lunch: 11:00 - 11:20 Recess: 11:20 - 11:45	3rd/4th Lunch: 11:55 - 12:15 Recess: 12:15 - 12:40
Wednesday 8:15 AM - 2:25 PM	4K PM M, T, T, F - 12:35 - 3:25 PM Wednesday -12:05 - 2:25 PM	1st/2nd Lunch: 11:30 - 11:50 Recess: 11:50 - 12:15 Bell	5th/6th Lunch: 12:20 - 12:40 Recess: 12:40 - 1:05

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April 10, 2025

Hello Atwater Families!

📚✨ Regional Battle of the Books Tournament Results ✨📚



On Wednesday night, three teams from Atwater Elementary competed against nine other SE Wisconsin schools in the Battle of the Books Regional Tournament. Making it to the Regional Tournament is a great accomplishment in and of itself, but on top of that, I am ecstatic to report that **5 out of the top 9 teams** came from the Shorewood School District! WOW! Way to go, Shorewood Students!!

- 🐸🐼 **4th Grade:** The Reading Rascals (Lani, Anya and Sarina) - 1st Place
- 🧠🌩️ **5th Grade:** The Brainstormers (Lola, Nia and Elizabeth) - 6th Place
- 🐭👨🍳 **6th Grade:** The Ratatouilles (Elle, Sarah and Ava) - 1st Place

Congratulations to these ravenous readers!! These teams worked hard all season long—reading stacks of books, practicing questions, and collaborating like pros. Their dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm made this season a huge success.

👏 A Huge Thank You

To our incredible parent volunteers—your support made the tournament and in-school battles possible! To all the teachers who helped get students to their battles—thank you! We couldn't have done it without your support, reminders, and flexibility. And to our families: thank you for

cheering your students on at home, encouraging their reading, and helping them show up ready to battle!

We're already excited for next season... but for now, it's time to **celebrate** all of our amazing teams and the hard work they put in! In the spring, all participants will celebrate the end of the Battle of the Books season with a much-loved pizza party!

For students who would like to get a head start on next year's Battle of the Books reading, the 2025-2026 list will be released in May, and copies will be available outside of Room 203.

***Please remind your students to return any of the books that they've checked out from the Advanced Learning Library.** We are missing quite a few books, and need to make sure we have our full library for our future Atwater super readers.

Other Advanced Learning Updates:



WordMasters

The 6th grade independent study WordMasters students met this week to work on the review sheets in the third and final packet. Students should study the definitions, and complete the activity sheets in preparation for the final challenge meet which will take place next **Thursday, April 17th**.



6th Grade Coding Club

The keyboards are ready, the code is waiting—let's get programming! The 6th Grade Coding Club met again this week. Students are now working on their final project which will be presented within the next month. This will give students an opportunity to showcase their skills before celebrating their coding achievements at an end-of-year celebration.

Upcoming Local Events

A new UWM Planetarium show, "Stars in the Tropics", begins on Friday, April 11th, from 7-8pm. Escape the winter with a simulated trip to the tropics! In this live, interactive show, you will travel to different cities near the equator to view vibrant landscapes, cosmic night skies,

and ancient astronomical monuments. This event is open to the public, but is not recommended for children under 4. For tickets and more information, please click [here](#).

Summer School Opportunities

The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted (WATG) is proud to offer Summer Scholarships to support gifted students in pursuing enriching educational experiences beyond the traditional classroom. These scholarships provide financial assistance for students to attend summer programs, camps, and other specialized learning opportunities that align with their unique talents and interests. Whether exploring STEM, the arts, leadership, or other advanced studies, our scholarships help ensure that all gifted students have access to meaningful growth experiences. WATG is committed to fostering the potential of Wisconsin's gifted youth by expanding access to high-quality learning opportunities. As part of the application, students must submit either an essay or a video/multimedia presentation, along with one reference letter from a teacher or a non-family member. Applications are due **May 1st**, and more information can be found [here](#).

UWM offers a summer reading skills program for students entering **grades K4-11th**. This program is offered multiple times throughout the summer, and at multiple locations throughout the Milwaukee area. Click [here](#) for more information about this program.

The **Planning For the Future Program (PFF)** at **UWM** hosts an **Academic Year** and **Summer Program** for students in **grades 6th-8th**. PFF offers a range of program sessions including after-school tutoring, reading, academic skill building, and hands-on workshops. Planning For the Future is currently accepting applications for their summer academic enrichment program. Planning For the Future Summer Camp is a three-week camp that provides academic enrichment in reading, writing, science and math. Students will be taught the core subjects in preparation for the upcoming school year. Curriculum will be delivered through various hands-on activities, group projects, classroom instruction and presentations. Field trips will take place on Fridays. Students will stay one night in the Residence Halls on July 24th. The camp will end on Friday July 25th at 9:00 am. DPI Scholarships are available for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Click [here](#) for more information.

Northwestern University offers a variety of online and in-person options for students in K4-8th grades throughout the year and during the summer. These include family-oriented online models; live, cohort-based online models; flexibly paced online models, and in-person experiences. Both enrichment and credit-bearing courses are available. For more information, please click [here](#).

[Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth \(MITY\)](#) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides academic enrichment programs to advanced learners in **grades 1st - 11th** at multiple locations in the Twin Cities. One of the opportunities they are offering is a **residential enrichment camp option** for current 8th - 11th grade students to stay in the dorms at **Macalester College**. **Need-based financial aid is available**; and they encourage all bright and motivated students to apply. This summer they are offering over 100 unique classes in STEM, humanities and the fine arts, all taught by experienced educators. Small class sizes, field trips and a focus on experiential learning empowers students to pursue their passions with peers from around the world who share their interests. 100% of last year's participants said they had a "great overall experience at MITY". Attached is information about their [Expand Your Mind \(EYM\)](#) program for current 8th - 11th grade students.

Please email [Mrs. Kim](#) with any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with your students for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

The Advanced Learning Department

Hilary Kim - Advanced Learning Aide - Atwater (hkim@shorewood.k12.wi.us)

Jennifer Murphy Damm - Advanced Learning Coordinator (jdamm@shorewood.k12.wi.us)

Sean Wiler - Advanced Learning Aide - Lake Bluff (swiler@shorewood.k12.wi.us)

Jake Reynolds - Advanced Learning Teacher (jreynolds@shorewood.k12.wi.us)

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[General Music - Mrs. Altman](#)



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[Orchestra - Mrs. Nolan](#)



[PE - Mr. Stefanich](#)



Spanish - Mrs. Hildebrand



[Art - Mrs. Hayes](#)



4/10/2025

Hello Atwater Families,



Atwater families, as you have likely seen in the previous PTO newsletters, AGT is returning on Friday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.! We can't wait to celebrate our amazing and talented students once again this year! Try-outs will be held on Monday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 16th right after school in the music room. Below is a google form that is required for all students who will be trying out. It must be filled out by parents/guardians by Friday, April 4th. On the form you will see all the important information related to AGT as well as all the dates to note for try-outs and rehearsals!

<https://forms.gle/4vnsYtPUzSQtdJLR8>

Thank you!

Amanda Root, PTO Chair

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District News



A Message from Michael Joynt, Director of Teaching and Learning

Shorewood Families,

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is a state-mandated assessment used to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Wisconsin students in grades 3-8 and 10 will participate in the Forward Exam during the March 17 – April 25, 2025 testing window. Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities will be administered Wisconsin's Alternate Assessment, the [DLM assessment](#).

The Forward Exam assessment is administered at the following grade levels:

- grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics
- grades 4 and 8 in Science
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies

You can access the [Forward Exam Information for Families](#) brochure for additional information about the exam, how it will be scored, and access links to sample/practice questions. The exam is administered using a computer and is not timed. Accommodations and support are available for multilingual learners and students with disability-related needs. Student performance on the exam does not affect their current grades. Families should encourage their students to take the exam seriously and do their best. The exam results will be used to help school staff make determinations to best support students. Your student's school will provide additional information regarding school and grade-level specific testing dates. The dates will be shared through each school's Weekly Bulletin. Families should avoid making appointments on these dates if possible. Students not in school on testing days will be scheduled for make-up testing prior to the close of the testing window. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school for additional information.

Thank you.
Michael Joynt
Director of Teaching and Learning

School Perceptions Survey



Since 2017 we have partnered with School Perceptions, an independent educational research firm, to conduct District community surveys. These surveys are a key tool in evaluating what we are doing well and where we should focus our improvement efforts. We value your input and I am writing to ask you to participate and share your views. All surveys are conducted anonymously.

Information about Survey



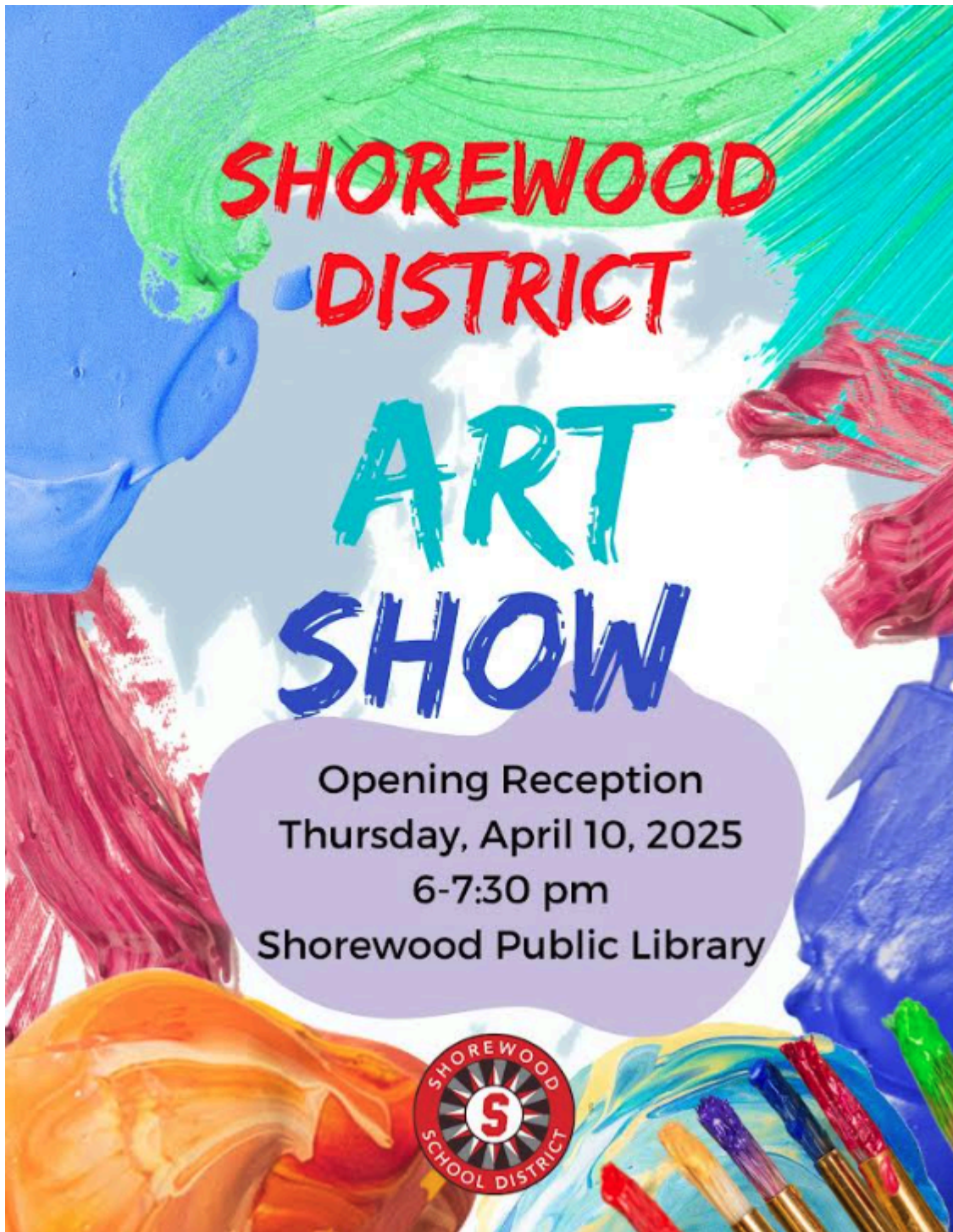
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District Art Show (K-6)- TONIGHT

Mark your calendars and show support to our young artists! The Shorewood District Art Show is happening on Thursday, April 10th at the Shorewood Public Library.



DONATE WINE & SOCIALIZE AT SCOUT – APRIL 9

Join us on April 9th for a SEED Social at SCOUT and help make the Swing Gala's Wine Pull a success!

Donate a bottle (or two) while enjoying a fun evening with friends. As a thank-you, SCOUT will offer 10% off your wine purchase.

Don't miss this chance to give back and raise a glass to a great cause!

WHERE: SCOUT WINE, 4512 N Oakland, Shorewood, WI

DATE: April 9th

TIME: 7 pm



READ FOR SEED – APRIL 13

On Sunday, April 13th, Wonderland Bookshop is teaming up with SEED and will donate 10% of all sales that day to help support Shorewood schools!

Wonderland will be open 11am to 4pm on April 13th, and will host special elementary guest readers at 11am and 2pm!

Please bring your children to enjoy the guest readers, light snacks, and a fun activity, all while browsing the amazing selection of books offered at Wonderland!



WONDERLAND
BOOKSHOP

SWING WITH SHOREWOOD – MAY 3, 2025

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual gala on May 3rd, held at the stunning St. Kate The Arts Hotel! This special evening promises great entertainment, community, and a chance to support our shared mission of excellence in education. Join us as we celebrate the incredible community of families, businesses, teachers, and administrators that makes Shorewood Public Schools exceptional. Visit our event page to RSVP or learn more:

<https://www.shorewoodseed.org/events/swing/>

If you can't attend in person, don't worry! Our online auction, running from April 25–May 4, offers you an opportunity to participate from afar and help us continue the vital work we do for Shorewood's schools.





Inspiring Creativity and Learning - SEED Annual Campaign 2024-25

Our 2024-25 Annual Campaign is kicking off soon. Watch your mailbox for more information, or learn more on our [Annual Fund](#) page or go to [Donate to SEED](#) to make a donation.



Donate to SEED through United Way

United Way's annual campaign is going on now. Although SEED is not included on their list of organizations, you can write in "Shorewood SEED Foundation" and your donation will be directed to SEED. Thanks for your support!



Marcus Center Fundraiser

When you attend events at the Marcus Center you can save on tickets while fundraising for SEED. Click [here](#) to view available shows and purchase tickets using our group code: SEED.

Shorewood SEED Foundation, PO Box 71235, Shorewood, 53211

Please go to Donate to [SEED](#) to make a donation. Thanks for supporting Shorewood Schools' award-winning programs. Your donation makes a difference for our schools and community.

[Information about Seed Foundation](#)

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Greetings from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is scheduled to reconstruct WIS 32 (N. Lake Drive) between East Edgewood Avenue and East Kensington Boulevard in the Village of Shorewood, Milwaukee County, starting in February 2025.

Attached is an [overview of the work](#) that will be done as part of the WIS 32 project. All work is scheduled to be completed in late fall 2025.

REMINDER: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hosting a project open house public involvement meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Shorewood Village Center, 3920 N. Murray Avenue. A short presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

Project team members will be available to answer questions regarding construction.

If anyone you know would like to receive updates or forecasts for this project, please have them contact the public involvement team at ConnectSE@devorpr.com or call 262-933-0467

WIS 32 - Shorewood Reconstruction
Public Involvement Team
ConnectSE@devorpr.com
262-933-0467



Shorewood Little League



We are the Shorewood Little League and Softball committee, and would like to get the word out about the Shorewood Girls Softball season. Would you be willing to distribute the below information in a school newsletter or other communication? Thank you for your consideration and support!

Vivian Yates

Registration for the 2025 SLL Softball season is officially OPEN! To register, go to ShorewoodLittleLeague.com and click on the Registration tab to get started.

Our program is open to girls who are currently in grades 3 through 8. Families who register more than one player (including in SLL baseball) receive a discount.

Practices will begin at the start of May, with games running through June and July. We encourage beginners as well as athletes who are active in other sports to participate in this summer program. We are planning on a fun and competitive season where girls get to play with their friends while making new ones. Games and practices will mostly take place in Shorewood.

If you have any questions about registration or the program, please let us know.

SPRING CLINICS

Shorewood Little League and the Grey Falcats co-op, the high school program that includes Shorewood High School, Brown Deer High School and the University School of Milwaukee, will once again host spring clinics for youth players at Shorewood High School this spring. Clinics will be led by Grey Falcats varsity coach Chris Miller. The clinics are a great way to hone your skills and get ready for the coming season.

There are two sets of clinics.

1. Softball Camp, on four consecutive Sundays from Feb. 23 through March 16, focused on hitting, fielding and conditioning.

2. Pitching Clinic, on April 6, 13, 27 and May 4.

To register, go to ShorewoodRecreation.org, click on the "Youth Sports" tab, and then "Softball."

Please contact Vivian Yates (vivianpyates@gmail.com) with any questions.

Join District 10 Representative Darrin Madison

Join District 10 Representative, Darrin Madison, and his staff every other Friday from noon to 2pm for Office Hours.

Rep. Darrin Madison will share your questions, concerns, and ideas for District 10 and Wisconsin.

Here's the upcoming schedule, with locations and dates:

- April 18th @ Glendale Stone Creek (6969 N Port Washington Rd)
- May 2nd @ Riverwest Colectivo (2999 N Humboldt Blvd)
- May 16th @ Shorewood Colectivo (4500 N Oakland Ave)
- May 30th @ Glendale Stone Creek (6969 N Port Washington Rd)



The poster features a light orange background. At the top, the text "Office Hours" is written in a large, black, cursive font, with "w/ Rep. Darrin Madison" in a smaller, red, cursive font below it. Underneath, a dark orange rounded rectangle contains the text "Every other Friday 12pm-2pm" in a white, cursive font. Below this, there are two rounded rectangles containing lists of dates and locations. The left rectangle lists: "March 7th @ Glendale Stone Creek (6969 N Port Washington Rd)", "March 21th @ Riverwest Colectivo (2999 N Humboldt Blvd)", "April 4th @ Shorewood Colectivo (4500 N Oakland Ave)", and "April 18th @ Glendale Stone Creek". The right rectangle lists: "May 2nd @ Riverwest Colectivo", "May 16th @ Shorewood Colectivo", and "May 30th @ Glendale Stone Creek". At the bottom left is the Wisconsin State Representative logo for Darrin Madison, District 10, featuring a blue and gold dome icon. At the bottom right is a portrait of Rep. Darrin Madison, a Black man with a beard, wearing a dark suit and blue tie.

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WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DARRIN MADISON
DISTRICT 10

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