



## James Madison Elementary



### Upcoming Events

02/01 - 02/05 - 2nd week of Parent/Teacher Conference

02/03 - Kinder Material & Food Distribution

02/08 - Lincoln's Day  
NO SCHOOL

2/10 - Kinder Material & Food Distribution

02/12 Progress Reports

02/15 Washington's Day  
NO School

2/17 4th Grade Material & Food Distribution

2/22 SSC Meeting @ 3:30

2/24 Kinder Material & Food Distribution

Material & Food Distribution is from 11:00 -12:30 pm

### Students Health & Wellness



The most important relationship to a child is the one they develop with their parent or caregiver. Children learn about the world around them through a positive parent-child relationship. As they are growing and changing, children look to their parents to determine whether or not they are safe, secure, and loved. It is also the foundation from which they will build their future relationships.

You can build a positive parent-child relationship by being in the moment with your child, spending quality time together, and creating an environment where they feel comfortable to explore, and by listening and acknowledging your child's feelings. By listening and empathizing with your child, you will begin to foster mutual respect.

There is no secret handbook or guaranteed approach to get this relationship right, and you'll likely experience a few bumps along the way. However, if you keep working on improving your relationship, your child will surely blossom.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to our teachers and families for another successful round of Parent Teacher Conferences. Communication in regards to your child's progress and overall well being between the school and our families is more important than ever! If you were unable to connect with your child's teacher, please reach out to the office so that we can support your efforts.

Regular checks on the AERIES portal will allow you to stay on top of your child's efforts, work completion, etc. Again, thank you to all for working to make the best out of a very difficult situation.

# School Climate and Culture

## PBIS

February is all about showing **RESPECT!** Teachers will focus on the different elements of how students can show PRIDE in different ways throughout the school day. Some things you can do to help us reinforce what is being taught are:

1. When asking your child about their day, ask them to tell you a way that they showed respect that day
2. Brainstorm ways that they can show respect at home
3. Ask them ways that you as the adult can show respect
4. Discuss what respect looks like when communicating with other siblings, people at the grocery store, etc.

We will continue to have weekly winners in each grade level for those going above and beyond to show respect in the classroom.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madison now has a NEWS TEAM! Mrs. Schallberger, Matthew Serrano, Genesis Pacheco, Mia Hernandez, and Elizabeth Herrera-Aldeo will be highlighting various events happening on our virtual campus. Be sure to ask your child about what they learned on Inside Edition.

Ms. Ochoa and Mrs. Royston will also continue weekly announcements. This month there will be a joke every week--if your child has a joke that they would like to share, please email MERCEDES OCHOA or Robyn Royston and it might make it into the announcements!

## KINDNESS MONTH

February is Kindness Month. Discuss different ways to be kind to your peers. Write your child's teacher a note that tells them why you appreciate them. Write a note to another student, a grocery store worker, or a family member! Being kind to others not only makes that person feel good, it makes you feel good too!

Mavericks show **PRIDE** when we are...

Virtual Learning Matrix		
<b>P</b> Prepared	*Ready to learn *Present in mind and body *Proactive *Putting first things first	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize your materials</li> <li>Log in on time</li> <li>Charge your device</li> <li>Dress appropriately</li> <li>Choose a distraction free space</li> </ul>
<b>R</b> Respectful	*Listen to learn *Considerate *Kind *Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mute yourself when asked</li> <li>Wait your turn to share</li> <li>Speak/type kind words</li> <li>Respect others opinions</li> </ul>
<b>I</b> Integrity	*Honest *Trustworthy *Reliable *Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete assignments on time</li> <li>Make yourself visible</li> <li>Always do your best</li> <li>Use technology for its intended purpose</li> </ul>
<b>D</b> Determined	*Persevere *Brave *Problems to solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth Mindset: you can do hard things!</li> <li>Remain on task and engaged</li> <li>Ask for help</li> <li>Stay on top of assignments</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> Enthusiastic	*Excited *Eager *Positive *Motivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embrace new learning</li> <li>Celebrate progress</li> <li>Interact with your teacher and peers</li> <li>Set and CRUSH goals</li> </ul>

# Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Students will be learning about the African American trailblazers of our past and the impact their contributions have had on our country today. We encourage you to have conversations with your children about what they are learning and to make connections to today's current reality and some of the injustices that are still prevalent today. These conversations are critical to our growth as a community.

