

Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School



December/Diciembre del 2021

A Message From The Principal

Dear Jaguar Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of our 2nd quarter, which means our students' final grades will be posted to their report cards when we go out for winter break. If your child is struggling in any class please have them reach out to their teacher for support. Our counselors are also a great resource for support, so please don't hesitate to call the office for an appointment if you need any guidance or assistance in supporting your child. Please encourage your students to finish strong and we will do our best to support them along the way!

Noel Jimenez, Principal



PBIS and Kindness with Student Activities

Our leadership students continue to do a fantastic job hosting lunchtime activities for our students! It is so much fun watching our students participate in friendly competitions. Take a look at the pictures and you will see that the students love it as well! It is great to see our students proud of their accomplishments on Friday's when they are redeeming their Jagbuck tickets for modeling our 3 R's and Kindness. We are very proud of them and will continue encouraging them to keep up the great work! Here are some pictures from our Friday rewards!



After School Program

The after-school program will be providing the students with the following enrichment for the month of December. They will be cooking, playing video games, conducting sports activities and

cosmetology. We are currently focusing on the community within the program where we have food events with the students. Includes full meals, hot chocolate & pan dulce, and movie nights.

Ms. Vargas would like parents to know that students must be picked up at the same time that they sign the release time. ASP wants students to be able to participate in the activities and recommends that students stay for at least 1.5 hours after school. Also, just a reminder that when students are in ASP, they need to continue to follow school rules, any lack of following the rules could result in their exit from the program. Again, the Afterschool Program is offered Monday- Friday from 3:30-6:00 pm.

MTEC Parent Meeting (current 7th grade).

**MADERA TECHNICAL
EXPLORATION CENTER**

**7TH
GRADE**

**PARENT
INFORMATION
MEETING**

**December 9, 2021
5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

Learn about MUSD's newest CTE Program
and what students' can do:

- Learn with peers from across Madera
- Get hands-on instruction in a state-of-the-art facility
- Get involved in the community

MTEC

◆◆ See you there! ◆◆

955 Lilly Street ◆◆ 559-416-5935
Spanish translation will be provided.
Be sure to wear a mask!

Health and Wellness

Winter is the most magical of seasons. Between frosty days, winter break, and the holidays, it can be a joyous time. But it also can bring stress, loneliness, and unhappiness for some. One way you can support your children during winter break is by practicing social and emotional learning (SEL) while they are home for the holidays.

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is skills that help students:

- Stay focused and engaged in learning
- Work through strong emotions
- Remain connected with others at school and home
- Achieve academic success

[Linked here](#) is a challenge of SEL activities developed by *Aperture Education* that your family can practice during break. The challenge is like bingo and can be completed many ways - straight across, diagonally, or complete every task for a “blackout.” See how many challenges your children can do, and make it a whole-family activity. Take time with loved ones to relax and recharge during the winter break and create some joy!



Counselors

- On November 30th, Counselors visited 8th grade PE and Family Life classes to present information about expectations in high school. We also administered the Career Interest Inventory in the College Next platform with our 8th-grade students. We are doing this so students are prepared for high school class registration, which takes place in January!
- On December 7th, Counselors will visit all 7th-grade History classes to register students for elective classes for next year. 7th graders will have the option of applying to MTEC. They will receive information on what is available at MTEC during PE on December 6th. Even if 7th graders want to apply to MTEC, they will need to complete the elective choice form to indicate their class preference for MLK. Please make sure your 7th graders are present at school on December 6th and 7th!
- Counselors have been meeting with students who are at-risk of not promoting. This is defined as being at or below a 2.2 cumulative GPA. Please encourage your students to turn in missing assignments and work in order to finish the 2nd quarter successfully!

Athletics

Here is a copy of our Winter sports schedule: [2021/22 Winter Sports Schedule](#)

We offer the following sports during the Winter season:

7th & 8th Girls Basketball (3:30-5:30)

7th & 8th Girls Soccer (3:30-5)

7th & 8th Boys Basketball (3:30-5:30)

7th & 8th Boys Soccer (3:30-5)

Wrestling (Girls and Boys) (3:30-5:30)

Gymnastics [Middle School Gymnastics Flyer](#)

Sport	Date	Day	Home	Away	Location	Release	Depart	Start	Return
Wrestling	11/27/21	Sat	Central High			8:00 AM			
Girls Basketball & Soccer	11/30/21	Tue	MLK	Glacier Point	MLK	2:45 AM		3:30	
Boys Basketball & Soccer	11/30/21	Tue	Glacier Point	MLK	Glacier Point	2:10	2:15	3:30	6:00
Girls Basketball & Soccer	12/6/21	Mon	MLK	Reedley	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Boys Basketball & Soccer	12/6/21	Mon	Reedley	MLK	Reedley	1:45	1:50	3:30	7:00
Wrestling	12/7/21	Tue	MLK	Kerman	MLK	2:30		3:30	
Girls Basketball & Soccer	12/8/21	Wed	MLK	TJ	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Boys Basketball & Soccer	12/8/21	Wed	TJ	MLK	TJ	2:30	2:35	3:30	6:00
Wrestling	12/10/21	Fri	MLK	Rio Vista	MLK	2:30		3:30	
Wrestling	12/11	Sat	Coalinga						
Girls Basketball & Soccer	12/13/21	Mon	EI Cap	MLK	EI Cap	2:10	2:15	3:30	6:00
Boys Basketball & Soccer	12/13/21	Mon	MLK	EI Cap	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Wrestling	12/14/21	Tue	Sanger	MLK	Sanger	1:40	1:45	3:30	6:00
Girls Basketball & Soccer	12/15/21	Wed	Kerman	MLK	Kerman	2:10	2:15	3:30	6:00
Boys Basketball & Soccer	12/15/21	Wed	MLK	Kerman	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Wrestling	12/23	Thur	Lemoore						
Wrestling	1/7	Sat	Clovis East						
Wrestling	1/7/22	Sat	Clovis East			8:00 AM			
Girls Basketball & Soccer	1/12/22	Wed	MLK	Desmond	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Boys Basketball & Soccer	1/12/22	Wed	Desmond	MLK	Desmond	2:30	2:35	3:30	6:00
Wrestling	1/14/22	Fri	MLK	Selma	MLK	2:30		3:30	
Wrestling	1/15	Sat	Selma						
Wrestling	1/18/22	Tue	MLK	TJ	MLK	2:30		3:30	
Girls Basketball & Soccer	1/19/22	Wed	Rio Vista	MLK	Rio Vista	2:10	2:15	3:30	6:00
Boys Basketball & Soccer	1/19/22	Wed	MLK	Rio Vista	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Wrestling	1/21/22	Fri	Glacier Point	MLK	Glacier Point	2:00	2:05	3:30	6:00
Girls Basketball & Soccer	1/24/22	Mon	Dinuba	MLK	Dinuba	1:45	1:50	3:30	7:00
Boys Basketball & Soccer	1/24/22	Mon	MLK	Dinuba	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Wrestling	1/25/22	Tue	MLK	Desmond	MLK	2:30		3:30	
Girls Basketball & Soccer	1/26/22	Wed	MLK	Sanger	MLK	2:45		3:30	
Boys Basketball & Soccer	1/26/22	Wed	Sanger	MLK	Sanger	1:45	1:50	3:30	7:00

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Alex Smith at alexandersmith@maderausd.org or work cell (559) 674-4681. We are looking forward to a great season and are so excited to give our student-athletes this opportunity.