

James Madison Elementary School

December 13, 2021



## Important Updates

*Dear Parents, and Guardians,*

*As this year comes to a close, we would first like to congratulate our hardworking staff and students for their efforts. Thank you parents for the support you have given both to your child(ren) and to the school. We wish you all a great week ahead. Let us reflect on where we have been and rejoice in how far we have come. We have great hope for a year ahead filled with smiles and joy!! Maverick Madison PRIDE.*

***School closes for the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 20th and students will return to school on Tuesday, January 11th 2022.***



# ***James Madison Elementary School invites parents to be part of the following Parenting Classes!***

## **"Parent Project"**

**COMING SOON! February, 2022**

<https://parentproject.com/>

The Parent Project is a community-based parenting skills program adopted in Madera County. The program works directly with parents to help improve children's/adolescent school attendance and performance, reduce family conflict, curb drug and alcohol use, prevent runaways, stop violent behavior, and develop healthy in-home prevention and intervention strategies.

The Project Project comprises two independent programs, Loving Solutions (Parents with children 5-10) and Parent Project (Parent with children 11-up).

## **Strengthening Families**

Effective parenting is a matter of strengthening the bond between the parent and child, and building positive parenting skills. In many cases, it may take only a few positive adjustments in the interactions between the parent and child.

**Starts: February 7, 2022**

**Referral: [Registration and Referral](#)**

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**Our Mission...**  
Helping people, changing lives and making our community a better place to live by providing resources and services that inspire personal growth and independence.

**Our Vision...**  
By 2015, CAPMC will be recognized as a premier social service agency that eliminates the effects of poverty by helping people obtain the knowledge and skills to achieve self-reliance and economic stability... one life at a time.

**Our Promise...**  
Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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**Strengthening Families Program**

**Sharing the Spirit of Hope, One Family at a Time.**

**Funded By**  
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## **Second Step**

Dear Family,

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be using the Second Step program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills.

The Second Step program teaches skills in the following four areas:

1. **Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
2. **Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
3. **Emotion management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
4. **Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year – and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year, your child will be bringing home Home Links that go with several of the second step lessons. Home Links are simple, fun activities for you and your child to complete together. They are a great way for you to understand what your child is learning and for your child to show you what he or she knows.

If you have any questions about the Second Step program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

## Holiday Spirit Week!

The Rally Committee came up with some Holiday dress up days for students to participate in the last week of school.

### Holiday Spirit Week December 13th to 17th

Students, join us in some holiday fun dress up days!

#### Holiday Dress Up Days

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>



**Monday 12/13- Pajama Day**

Wear your favorite PJs  
(Shoes must be worn)



**Tuesday 12/14- Scarf Day**

Wear a winter scarf.



**Wednesday 12/15- Holiday Headwear Day**

Wear your favorite holiday hat.



**Thursday 12/16- Ugly Sweater/Flannel Day**

Wear an ugly Christmas sweater or flannel.



**Friday 12/17- Christmas Spirit Day**

Wear as much **RED**, **GREEN**, and **WHITE** as you can!



# Information/Communication:

## Health & Safety

Madison Elementary would like to remind all parents/guardians to please continue to self-check your child every day before coming to school. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms please keep them home:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please continue to call our attendance office to report any absences.

## Culture and Climate

### PBIS Update:

**P**repared **R**espectful **I**ntegrity **D**etermined **E**nthusiastic

### Maverick Store



The Maverick Store will NOT be coming Friday, due to volunteer shortage. We will have a lunchtime raffle for students who have earned Maverick bucks on Friday, December 17th. All Maverick bucks collected since October will be entered for a grade level raffle.

PBIS raffle items are on display in the cafeteria, items to the left are for TK-3rd and items displayed to the right are for grades 4th-6th. Two prizes per grade level, with TK and Kinder to be raffled together as a grade level. The Maverick store will be back on the first Friday after winter

break.

Moving forward we hope to have a quarterly PBIS raffle for students at the end of each quarter.

This raffle is possible thanks to the support of the Madison DLI PTA. Thank you for generously supporting Madison students!

### **PBIS Maverick Store & Raffles**

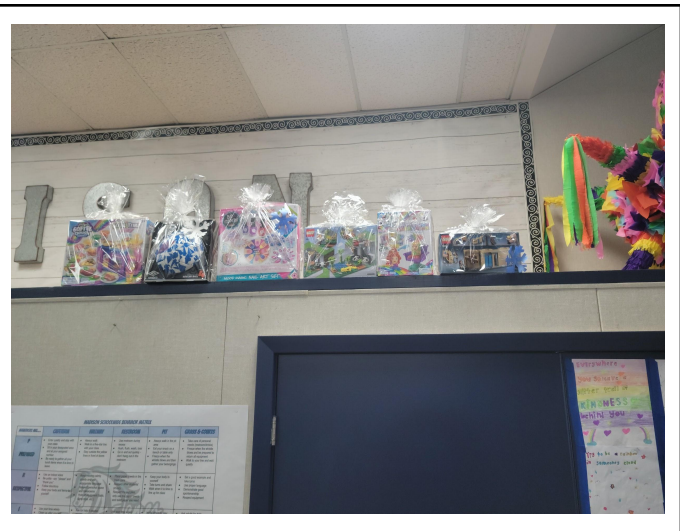
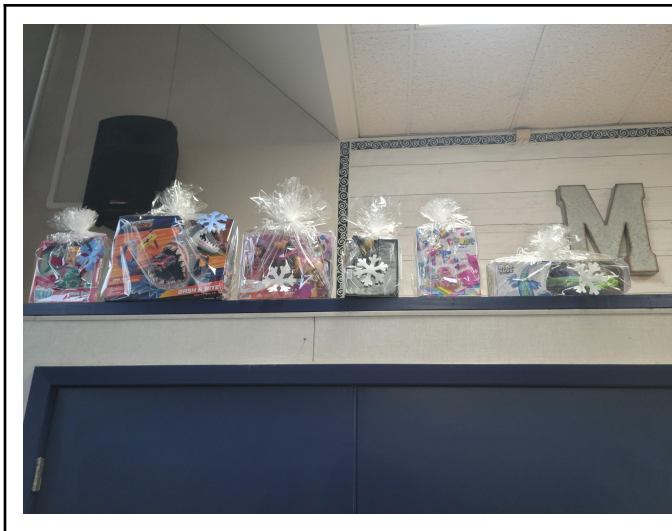
#### **Spring 2022 Schedule**

**Maverick Store biweekly schedule and quarterly raffles**

<b>January</b>	14, 28
<b>February</b>	11, 25
<b>March</b>	11, 18 (3rd quarter raffle), 25
<b>April</b>	8, 22
<b>May</b>	6, 20
<b>June</b>	3 (4th quarter raffle), no Maverick store

**If you would like to anonymously provide the [PBIS team feedback click here.](#)**

Thank you,  
-James Madison Elementary PBIS Team



*Raffle items on display, donated by Madison PTA, in the cafeteria. TK-3rd prizes to the left, 4th-6th prizes to the right. Thank you to noon aides, Ms. Silvia and Mrs. Mendez for wrapping the prizes.*



## **MHS Festival of Lights**

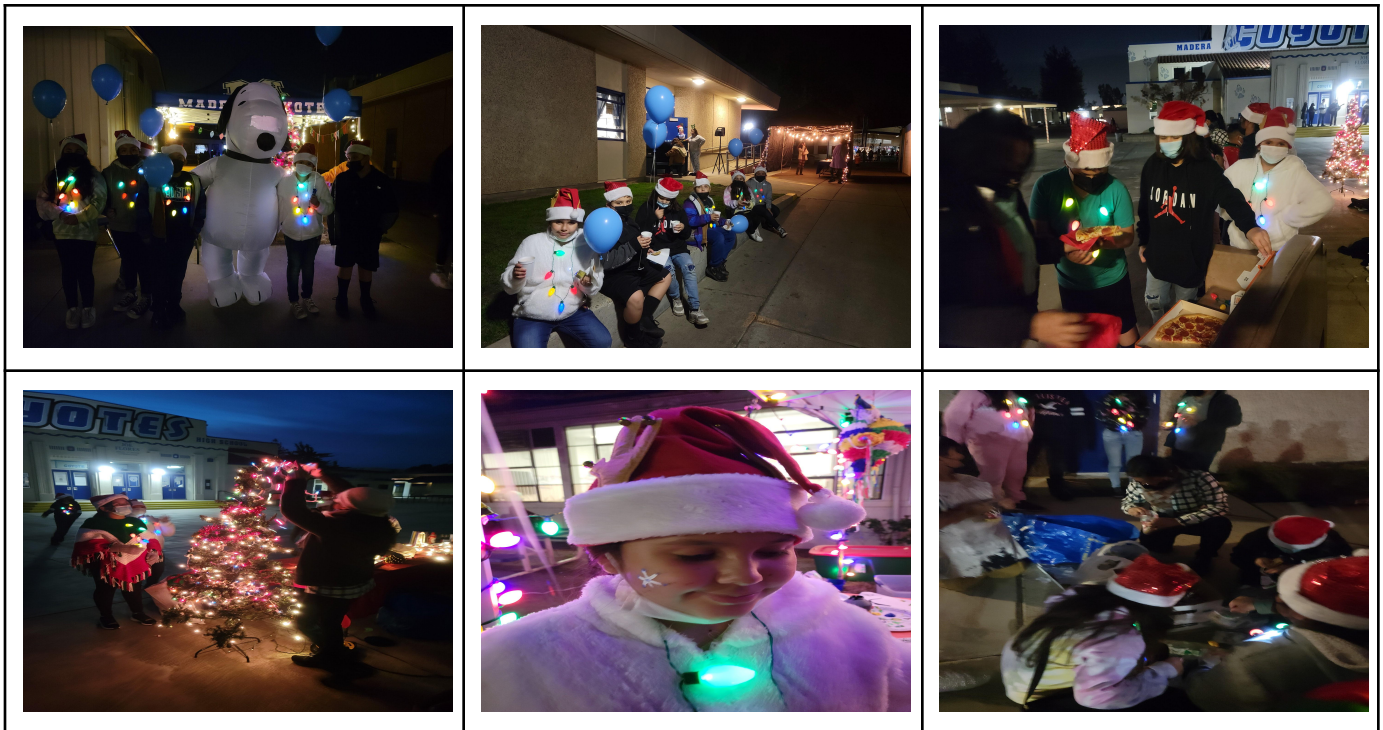
This past Wednesday, December 8th, a small group of fifth grade students had the opportunity to attend MHS's Festival of lights. Sra. Mendoza coordinated the event which was made possible to a large group of Maverick supporters! Thank you parents, teachers, staff, students, and Madison DLI PTA members who supported this event!

The students were so excited to participate and many said "It was the best day ever!" Students from Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Ramírez, and Mrs. Sánchez enjoyed a night of fun with pizza, hot chocolate, face painting, games, music, cookie decorating, photo booths, and of course giving treat bags to MUSD families! A big thank you to Sra. Pereyra (4th grade) and Mrs. María Mendez (noon aide) for assisting and chaperoning the event.

Once again thank you to Erica Simmons, Carmen Ramírez, Carina González, Erendira Magos, Aida Romero (all Madison Parents) and Ms. Rose Salinas and all others who supported this event with donations of pizza, Santa hats, necklaces, and decoration. Thank you for your continued support!



*Group of fifth graders at MHS's Festival of Lights.*



*Top: Fifth grade students pose with Snoopy, enjoy hot chocolate and a pizza dinner at the Festival of Lights. Bottom: Sra. Pereyra and students add the finishing touches to the display, a student poses with face paint, and students work together to prepare treat bags to pass out during the event.*

## ***Madison DLI PTA , Fundraised to support the PBIS Maverick Store!***

*Thank you to Maverick Families who supported Madison's PBIS first fundraiser during the Winter Program. All funds raised went directly to support the Maverick Store.*



# Parent Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer your time to support our school before and after school or when the Maverick store is open please email Sra. Mendoza or Sra. Olmos

[karenmendoza@maderausd.org](mailto:karenmendoza@maderausd.org) and/or [maricelaolmos@maderausd.org](mailto:maricelaolmos@maderausd.org)

## Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendar

December 13 - Wear your favorite PJ's!

December 14 -

- Wear a Winter Scarf
- MUSD Board Meeting

December 15 -

- Wear a Holiday Hat
- ELAC @ 6:00 p.m. via zoom

December 16 - Wear an ugly Christmas sweater or Flannel

December 17 -

- Wear as much Red, Green and White as you can!
- Quarter Ends

December 20 - January 10 - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

January 11, 2022 - Students Return- Welcome back to School!

