

James Madison Elementary School

February 7, 2022



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## IMPORTANT UPDATES



We had a great first month back from break. Students had the opportunity to review behavior expectations and lots of benchmark testing.

As the year progresses, please continue to communicate with your child's teacher. If you want your child to strengthen skill in math and reading. We encourage students to log in from home to the following two programs. Khan is for math and Lexia is for reading. It is important that your student is spending dedicated time each day on both programs.

Please make sure your student has a quiet place to work, free from distractions. These programs are accessed through Clever.



Parents please help us to reinforce MUSD board policy in regards to cell phone use here at school. Many students are using their phones during school or taking them out to the playground/into the restrooms. We know and support their intended use (communication before and after school). Students should not be messaging or making calls during school time. When they enter campus phones are turned off and placed in backpacks. We ask that you communicate with the office/teacher if there is an extenuating circumstance. We appreciate your support with this.



## Graffiti

We are writing to share information about graffiti at James Madison Elementary School. Staff members discovered graffiti images in school grounds and in the boys and girls bathrooms. We are taking these incidents very seriously and are working actively with the Madera Police Department as part of the investigation. Due to the on-going incidents we will ban "Sharpies" at school. Please ensure that your child keeps "Sharpies" at home.

Parents, we ask that you speak with your children to ensure that they understand that if they participate in these types of vandalism on school grounds, they will be subject to disciplinary action. By working together we can keep James Madison School a safe and respectable learning environment.

## DROP OFF & PICK UP Reminders:

**Thank you for doing your best to get students to school on time and well rested--it makes a world of difference!**

### Adult Supervision:

There is no adult supervision on campus prior to 7:25 am. For the safety of your child, please do not drop students off prior to 7:25. Thank you for your assistance with this safety matter.

### Bus Loading Zone:

The front roundabout driveway is for our buses to be able to safely drop off and pick up your children every day between 7:25 am - 8:00 am & 2:40 pm- 3:15 pm. Please be sure you are using the back parking lot to drop off your child by car. We try to always put up cones as a reminder to parents both in the morning and afternoon however sometimes our staff is limited and unable to put these cones up. If you see buses in the lot, please do not enter. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**Back Gate Drop off:**

Thank you for using the back parking lot to drop off and pick up your child by car. Please remember to drive up to the drop off zone prior to letting your child out of the car. This will help us avoid cars going around others because their child has already unboarded the vehicle, keeping staff and students safe throughout the process.

# 6th Grade Science Camp

## March 23–25, 2022

Dear Parents,

This year the 6th grade students will be attending **Science camp on March 23-25, 2022** at **Sierra Outdoor School at Five Mile Creek**. Please click on the attached links to find out what your child needs on this trip.

[What do I need for my trip - Link](#)

[Information in English](#)  
[Sierra Outdoor School](#)

## HEALTH AND 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.

## Breakfast and Lunch

[February Breakfast Menu](#) (English)

[February Breakfast Menu](#) (Español)

[February Lunch Menu](#) (English)[February Lunch Menu](#) (Español)[Child Nutrition Website](#)

# CLIMATE & CULTURE – PBIS Updates

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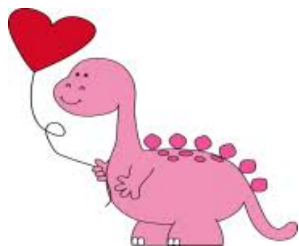


February is Black History Month. This month-long observance in the US and Canada is a chance to celebrate Black achievement. Interestingly enough, the field of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) was developed by a black college professor.

Dr. James Comer was the first African-American to become a full professor at the Yale School of Medicine. Since 1976, he has served as the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center and the Associate Dean at the Yale School of Medicine.

His pivotal research paved the way for the eventual emergence of social-emotional learning. SEL is the process through which people acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. In Madera Unified,

Kindergarten-Eighth Grade students receive weekly SEL instruction through our board-adopted core curriculum: *Second Step*. Thank you Dr. Cromer for over 45 years of work to advance these important social-skills.



## Valentines Grams

Valentine's Grams are now on sale in the office for \$1.00. **The last day to purchase will be this Thursday, February 10th.** Each gram will be delivered with a yummy treat! Half of the proceeds will benefit the Maverick Store. The best time for parents to purchase grams is after 3:00 pm in the office.

## Maverick School Spirit Fridays





Congratulations to Miss Villar's class for showing the most school spirit and winning first place for the second week in a row, in the TK-3rd grade category. Miss. Villar's class had 100% school spirit, way to go! The winning class in the 4th through 6th grade category is Mrs. Kerr's 5th grade class with 67% of students showing school spirit! Congratulations, this is their second time winning first place for most school spirit!

Mavericks please remember to wear your Madison tee shirt every Friday. Two classes will be recognized as having the most school spirit. One class from TK-3rd grade and one from 4th-6th grade. The class with the most participation will receive bragging rights and visits from our stuffed mavericks.



*Miss Villar's second grade class has the most school spirit for two week in a row! Congratulations!*



Mrs. Kerr's fifth grade class shows the most school spirit from all of the 4th through 6th grade classes! This is their second time winning this year. Congratulations on winning this week!

## Quote of the Week



Fourth Grade student, Rafael, reads the weekly quote during a quick PE break. The weekly quote is announced every morning and encourages students to reflect on positive messages. You can also discuss the positive message with your child at home! The quote of the week for this week is **"However long the night...the dawn will break."** - African Proverb

## PBIS Maverick Store & Raffles

### Spring 2022 Schedule

Maverick Store biweekly schedule and quarterly raffles



February	11, 25
March	11, 18 (3rd quarter raffle), 25
April	8, 22
May	6, 20
June	3 (4th quarter raffle), no Maverick store

Thank you,  
-James Madison Elementary PBIS Team

## PARENT SUPPORT

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 @

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### "Loving Solutions"

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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## Upcoming Events

**February 7-** School Site Council @ 5:00 p.m.

**February 11-** Flag Football Game vs. Washington @ Madison

**February 14-** Non school day

**February 18 -** Lincoln's Day - Holiday- NO SCHOOL

**February 21 -** President's Day - Holiday- NO SCHOOL

**April 11- 18 -** Spring Break

**April 15 -** Holiday

**May 30 -** Memorial Day



