Weekly Updates
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In an effort to streamline our communications during school closures, we have created a weekly community newsletter. This communication is the district's main form of communication with parents and the community. The newsletter will be available on our website and will be shared via email, text and voice message, and social media. It will be sent every Friday morning.

Superintendent's Message

Superintendent's Video Message for April 23, 2020

Please take a few moments to watch this important video message where the Superintendent provides a district update.

Superintendent's video message 4.23.2020

Student Care Calls

This week was the soft launch for Student Care Check-ins where we are testing the system. Next week, Madera Unified will officially launch the Student Care Calls. We would like to thank our teachers and support staff for their work in the implementation of the student care check-in system. Thanks to their work, we are able to get a true insight into our students’ needs.
Child Nutrition

Meal Distribution

Our next meal distribution date for families will be on Tuesday, April 28. Meals can be picked up at any one of our K-6 and K-8 school sites.

Student and Family Support Services

Essential Community Services During COVID-19

A quick guide to community resources for parents and families to navigate and prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

Use this link to view the document.

Resources from the California Department of Education Regarding an Available Food App for Locating Local Food Distributions

Use this link to view the document.

Information Regarding Open Enrollment

This is a reminder that the open enrollment window is now open and closes April 30th. The applications are online only and can be accessed on the district website at www.madera.k12.ca.us under the Department tab and then under Student Services – Transfers – Open Enrollment.

Use this link to view the document.

Social Emotional Resources

MUSD Counselors, School Psychologists, Clinicians, and BCBA are in the process of collecting and curating social-emotional resources to support our students and families during the school closure.

Use this link to view Social-Emotional Resources.

Educational Services

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Communication Page

Use this link to view DELAC information.
Physical Education

MUSD’s Physical Education (PE) Department is providing ongoing instruction to students via Google Classroom and other digital learning platforms.

Use this link to contact a PE Teacher.
Use this link to access updated instructional logs, videos, and materials.

Best Community for Music Education

For the fourth consecutive year, the Madera Unified School District received the distinction: "Best Community for Music Education", determined by the National Association of Music Merchants. Madera Unified is one of the 754 school districts that are among the best communities in the nation for music education. The program recognizes the outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders, who have made music education part of an Integral education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high engagement and access to music education. The NAMM Foundation recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education and efforts to ensure access to music for all students as part of a comprehensive education. School districts are surveyed to determine the award. The survey was developed in partnership with the University of Kansas Music Research Institute. The survey questions are aligned with the goals of equity and access to musical education for all students, and also with the national standards for musical education.

Elementary Music Students

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts has developed updated elementary music packages for music students. The packages have been distributed to schools and have been made available to students on the VAPA website. With the distribution of Chromebooks to students by the school district, students will be able to access the Internet, download materials and communicate more directly with teachers. All teachers have been asked to communicate regularly with students and document their communication.

Additional Resources: Link
Fluff Boy Goes to Art School

One of MUSD's middle school art teachers, Mr. Donald Duncan, Desmond Middle School has written a book. Congratulations Mr. Duncan! The book is available on Amazon. Feel free to order and enjoy!

Use this Link to order your copy.

Accountability & Communications

Updated Q3 MEtoBE Reports

The English and Spanish versions of the Quarter 3 MEtoBE reports for 2nd through 8th grades, that includes the most recent grades, assessment results and Grade Level Readiness, are now available in the Aeries School and Parent Portals.

As a reminder, the MEtoBE Grade Level Readiness report sprouted from the idea of helping students grow. The cover of each MEtoBE report is personalized with the student's photo, their name, the school they attend, their grade level, and graduation year. It is an individualized booklet containing multiple data points that make up a student's grade level readiness score.

For more information on the MEtoBE reports please visit https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/domain/3110

Personnel Commission

Congratulations to Syria Obregon, recipient of the Classified Quarterly Employee Award

The Personnel Commission Board recognized Syria on April 16, as an employee who exemplifies the District's standards for excellence, high expectations, and who is a Student Champion. Syria will have the opportunity to meet for lunch with Superintendent Lile at a future date.
Madera Minutes

Madera Minutes video for 4/21/2020

https://youtu.be/Nsxj6ANGA_M

Weekly Highlights

Madera Unified School District is proud to have been recognized by the California Department of Education for keeping families connected, informed, and updated through informative video stories, safe distance car parades, providing meals, distance learning, & Chromebook distributions. They also thanked us for supporting our students & school community. Thank you, California Dept. of Education!
James Monroe Elementary Staff put together 670 school supply bags to be added to their student packet distribution on April 20, 2020. The bags were filled with pencils, color pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, and a notebook. School Principal Leonard Perez, said he felt it was important to buy these supplies to make sure students had what they needed in these stressful times where a lot of parents are not working. Please click here or on the image to see their We Believe video story.

Since the school closures due to COVID-19, the Madera Unified School District Child Nutrition Department has been working hard to make sure students at MUSD receive their meals. Here is a behind the scenes look of the department, that shows what it takes to put together over 12,500 meal kits which amounts to 125,000 breakfast and lunch meals for the students. Please click here or on the image to see their We Believe video story.
Lincoln Elementary staff put together a special video to share with all their students to show them how much they miss them. Please click here or on the image to see their video.