

NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 29, 2016



A Parent's Best Resource Connection
The PRCs bring together a host of diverse programs and services under one roof, creating unique and centrally located services and resources dedicated to helping families with children.

VISIT US:

Monday-Friday
8:00-11:30 AM
2:30-6:00 PM

Lincoln Elementary
RM. 707
650 Liberty Lane.
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-4600 Ext 1707

Madera South H.S.
Portable 2
705 W. Pecan Ave.
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-4450 Ext 1082

Monroe Elementary
RM. 27
1819 N Lake St.
Madera, CA 93638
(559) 674-5679 Ext 227

Sierra Vista Elementary
RM. 35
917 E. Olive Ave.
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 674-8579 Ext 177

Department of Family and Community Services

David Hernandez, Director

The Parent Resource Center (PRC) staff takes great pleasure in promoting partnerships among parents, schools and the community. The PRC welcomes all members of our community to join us in our efforts to provide a full array of educational opportunities to serve the MUSD parent community.

The PRCs are designed to provide the proper resources to help and support parents with their children's education and promote parent engagement, by encouraging parents to take an active role in their children's educational development,

All parents of students who attend Madera Unified School District schools are welcome to take part in the educational programs offered through the PRCs. We look forward to seeing you soon! Come visit the PRC and see the many **FREE** resources available to **ALL** families and staff in Madera Unified!



Did You Know?

The PRC has books & other educational materials on a wide variety of topics including:

- Parenting
- Family activities
- Internet safety
- Nutrition
- Reading & Math fun

The PRC offers information sessions on a variety of topics, such as:

- Homework tips
- Parent Leadership
- College & Career
- Internet safety
- Adult Education Classes

You may call the PRC and make an appointment to talk with a PRC Assistant about:

- Parenting concerns
- Educational support
- Community resources
- Disability information
- Reading & Math assistance

Check the PRC website for our calendar of events. School staff, Parent Teacher Club and ELAC groups may make a request for an information session to be offered at your school. **Call us!**

Consider Sharing Your Time and Talents—VOLUNTEER!

Madera Unified School District values and promotes active engagement of the community in all of our schools.



Volunteers serve in our schools year round. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Serving as tutors, mentors, or guest speakers
- Providing assistance in classrooms, cafeteria, library, or main office
- Organizing student enrichment and recognition activities
- Supporting special events, athletics, and school planning councils
- Getting involved in your PARENT RESOURCE CENTER!

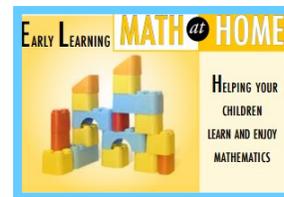
Parents and community members represent an active pool of talents and gifts that we want you to share with the students, staff and community of Madera Unified. When you showcase your talents, it helps enhance your children's education.

Just like every MUSD class is tailored to maximize our students' strengths while creating a positive, fun learning experience, we want every volunteer relationship to maximize a volunteer's strength in a way that feels fun and positive. We'd love to learn about you and your own unique skills!

Stop by your local Parent Resource Center and speak to a Parent Resource Center Assistant to obtain a volunteer packet and additional volunteer information needs.

For volunteer application questions, contact:

David Hernandez, Director of Family and Community Services
(559) 675-4500 Ext 242 or visit any of your local Parent Resource Centers



FINDING MATH IN YOUR HOME

IN A PLAY AREA, YOUR CHILDREN CAN:

- Count blocks as they build a tower.
- Sort buttons by size, number of holes, or color.
- Put dolls, cars, balls, or blocks in order from largest to smallest.
- Find different ways to sort all the shoes.
- Make a Geometry Picture Book by drawing and coloring objects with math shapes that they find around the house or outside.

IN THE KITCHEN, YOUR CHILDREN CAN:

- Name familiar shapes—circles, squares, triangles—such as a round plate or square napkin.
- Put cans of food in order by size or type.
- Sort silverware from the dishwasher to the silverware drawer.
- Count plates, utensils, cups, or even olives.
- Divide a plate of cookies evenly so that each family member gets an equal share.
- Find how many glasses of milk are in a full milk carton (you can always pour it back).
- With your help, double a favorite recipe.

AROUND THE HOUSE, YOUR CHILDREN CAN:

- Count the days on a calendar until a special event, such as a birthday or holiday.
- Find the length and width of a room by counting foot steps, one in front of the other.
- Draw a "map" picture of where things are located in their bedroom.

Parent Of The Week



Emma Blanco is a native of Oaxaca, Mexico and immigrated to the United States in 1994. She is married and has four sons ages 20, 14, 11, and 7. Her oldest graduated from Madera South High School and the other three attend MSHS, Nishimoto and Berenda. Mrs. Blanco's primary language is Mixteco and she learned to speak Spanish in Madera. Twenty years ago, she attempted ESL classes but raising a family proved more difficult than Mrs. Blanco anticipated. She is currently enrolled in an ESL class at the Madera South High School Parent Resource Center and is determined to prove to her sons that it is never too late to achieve your goals.