

Department of Family and Community Services

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NEWSLETTER
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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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS ON THE RISE AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL



At Washington School, parent involvement has shifted from surface level participation by parents (classroom volunteer, field trip chaperone, etc.) to a more family engagement perspective. Parents have been motivated to become volunteers and are participating in various parent engagement programs that help families develop lifelong skills.

Parent volunteerism is gaining momentum at Washington school. Parent Club members have made a commitment to volunteer their talents teaching a literacy class for parents who are learning the basic Spanish reading and writing skills. A group of 20 parents and 24 children have engaged in a series of writing and reading exercises as well as incorporating the arts to make learning fun.

39 parents completed the ValleyPBS Ready to Learn program. A family reading program that teaches parents the importance of establishing a family reading routine with their children. Classes were held once a week where parents engaged in family reading, improving English language skills and strengthening parents and child interaction. Each week the parents were given a book to take home and read with their children.



Ready To Learn.



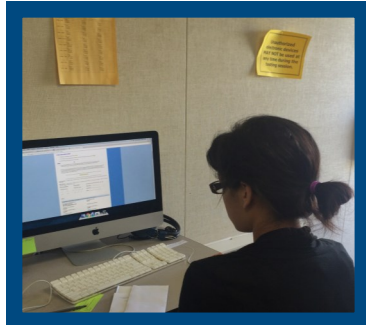
Aeries—Parent Portal Project

The Department of Family and Community Services, Parent Resource Center Staff and the Department of Performance Management and Internal Communications have joined forces to expand awareness of the Aeries Parent Portal. The Aeries Parent Portal is available districtwide to help parents access and monitor their students academic performance and maintain day-to-day communication with teachers.

The Aeries Parent Portal provides parents/guardians with four key benefits:

1. Facilitate the school registration process
2. Secure on-line access to children's grades, assignments and attendance
3. Email or text alerts of absences and grade average changes
4. A two-way communication tool for parents and teachers

Staff is currently working with Preschool parents to pre-register students for kindergarten. In addition, the Parent Portal will be used as a vital tool to enable parents to register students for the 2016-2017 school year.



Parent Of The Week

Rosa Cervantez is being recognized as the Parent Of The Week for her great leadership and facilitation of the Parenting Partners class and her work with the CalViva Health and Wellness Program and Family Literacy Nights.

Encouraging parents to participate in children's academic success is something Ms. Cervantes is passionate about. "We as parents are the key to our kids success in school" is a statement she frequently shares at programs she attends. Mrs. Cervantez is a champion for parent engagement and continues to support MUSD schools by taking an active part in educating the Madera community through her various associations with community groups and associations.

