

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

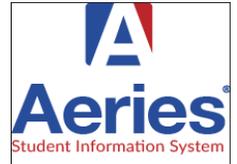
Madera South H.S.
Portable 2
705 W. Pecan Ave.
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-4450 Ext 1082

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 Portal Registration, Coming to a School Near You

Madera Unified School District encourages and appreciates having positive communication between students and their parents or guardians and has a desire to continue to support parents who want to be involved in their student's educational experience.



The Aeries Parent Portal is a tool that helps keep parents involved and avoid surprises when a progress report or report card arrives. Parents now have daily web access to the kind of information that was previously only available through parent/teacher conferences. It is the district's intent to keep parents aware and involved so each student can achieve their full potential.

The Aeries Parent Portal provides secure, self-service web-based access to parents so they are informed about their child's daily progress in school. Parents will benefit from real-time, online access to grade averages, progress reports, homework, missing assignments, announcements, attendance, and discipline information. Parents can access the system from any location with an internet connection.

The Parent Resource Center Staff are currently visiting MUSD schools to assist parents with the Aeries Parent Portal Registration Process. See the schedule below for the week of April 25th-29th.

Registration Date	School Site	Time	Room #
April 25-Monday	Washington	8:00 AM- 8:00 PM	3
April 26-Tuesday	Howard	8:00 AM- 8:00 PM	Library
April 27-Wednesday	Desmond	8:00 AM- 8:00 PM	502
April 28-Thursday	Nishimoto	8:00 AM- 8:00 PM	1602
April 29-Friday	Lincoln	8:00 AM- 8:00 PM	707



School Smarts Academy for Parents



Parents, do the SMART thing, get involved.

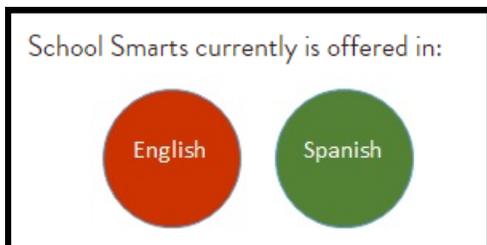
The School Smarts Academy for Parents is a new parent engagement program supported by the California Parent Teacher Association. The program is designed as a best practice model for creating meaningful and diverse parent involvement program with an operating principle of inclusion — reaching across all parent groups and bringing them together in support of their common interest in helping children succeed.

The School Smarts program increases parents’ knowledge of the importance of their role as their child’s first teacher, why involvement in their child’s education is essential, and encourages the continuum of learning at home. The School Smarts program strengthens the school community by educating a diverse group of parents on meaningful parent involvement and effective communications with school personnel.

The program includes a (7) seven-session parent academy with information sessions on education, communication and leadership. Each session includes instructional art activities that reinforce key lessons, which help build a sense of community and underscore the importance of a complete education that includes the arts.



School Site	Date	Time
Washington	<i>In progress</i> Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00PM - 8:00PM
La Vina	<i>In progress</i> Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00PM - 8:00PM
Eastin-Arcola	Monday, April 25, 2016	6:00PM - 8:00PM
Madison	Monday, April 25, 2016	8:00AM - 10:00AM



Parent Of The Week

Reina Cortes is being recognized as the Parent Of The Week for her impressive level of parent engagement. Reina participates in Family Literacy and Math nights hosted by the Monroe Parent Resource Center.

In addition, Reina is currently enrolled and exercises perfect attendance with the Parenting Partners program held Wednesday night. She the mother of three children enrolled at James Monroe Elementary School. She is motivated to be an active participating parent because she wants her children to have a bright future and wishes they reach a high level of professionalism. She also firmly believes if she is involved in her childrens school activities, they will in general be better children.

