



Berenda Elementary

March 2022

From the Principal

Hi Broncos,

As you all know, we've made some changes to our drop off and pick up process this year. There are some exciting things that are going to be happening soon to our bus loading zone. It will take some time, but the process has started.

Now let's talk about the parking lot. We need to work together to keep our students safe and to keep the flow of traffic moving. Here is how we can do that.

1 - Let the cars driving west on Club Drive turn left into the parking lot. If we don't let those cars turn in, then the cars can't get out of the parking lot. And then nothing moves. So, by letting the cars turn left in front of you, you are actually going to get into the parking lot faster.

2 - In the parking lot, in the morning, please pull forward towards the office to drop off your child. By pulling forward, we allow multiple cars to drop off at the same time and this helps the flow of traffic.

3 - In the parking lot, at pick up time, we have designed the process to have your children wait by the youngest sibling. That way we spread out the students down the line.

4 - Cars enter the parking lot by the cafeteria and exit from the other two gates. This way we keep the flow moving safely.

5 - We do not allow students to enter or exit cars that are double parked, are in the street, or in the entry driveway. This is not safe and we don't want anyone getting hurt.

6 - We need to be very careful when pulling away from the curb after picking up or dropping off our own children.

7 - We need to keep our speed down in the parking lot. Occasionally we have cars traveling through the parking lot too fast.

Together, we can keep our Broncos safe and help everything run smoothly.

Be Safe (in the parking lot), Give Grace (to other drivers), and Thrive!

Mr. Christiansen

Important News

Cookie dough orders are due today - March 1st. We appreciate all the support we get from our families. We use the funds we raise to support our Broncos in many ways. We purchase rewards, we help pay for activities, and just recently we purchased more uniform shirts for our sports teams.

ELPAC testing is starting for our English Language Learners. It is very important that you child do their best on this test! Our goal is to reclassify each of our ELs (English Learners) to a status of R-FEP (Reclassified Fluent English Proficient). When an EL is reclassified, they are then able to get an elective class when they go to middle and high school. If they are not reclassified, they will be taking another ELD (English Language Development) class in middle and high school.

I know all this can be very confusing. Many of your questions are answered during our **ELAC meetings**. These are great meetings to learn more about Berenda and what we are doing to support our EL students. Our next ELAC meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

We are now starting **wrestling season**. Like our other sports, this is an opportunity to learn how to work as a team, build self-confidence, and improve overall health as we work to get into shape.

Registration for all NEW students to MUSD begins on March 1st. This is the time to get your **Kindergarteners** registered for the 2022-2023 school year that begins in August. How you ask?

Visit maderausd.org / Click on the REGISTRATION tab at the top of the page

Click on NEW STUDENT / Complete the online pre-enrollment process

Need help? Call Berenda or the MUSD Call Center from Mon-Fri, 8 am - 7 pm at 559-416-5879.

Transitional Kindergarten enrollment dates have been changed for the upcoming school year. Students turning 5 years of age between 9/2/2022 - 2/2/2023 will be in TK next year.

We are excited to announce that during conference week, at the end of March, we will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair**. Students will be able to purchase books in person and on-line this year. More information will come through your ParentSquare app soon.

Event Highlights

We just finished **football season**. Our Broncos had a lot of fun and represented us proudly on the field. I let them know that it isn't all about winning. It's about learning to play the game, work as a team, and grow as a student athlete. Thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Cantu and Mr. Cordero, for helping our students to learn and grow!

This was also the official season for **Cheerleading** and culminated with **Cheer Fest** where all the squads from all the schools in the district performed for each other. Both our Spirit Team and

Mini Pom did a great job. We are very fortunate here at Berenda because our Spirit Team and Mini Pom help to make our Morning Flag Salutes fun and exciting all year long.

Our **PBIS** focus for the month of March is Trustworthiness / Honesty / Loyalty / Integrity. As the month progresses, talk to your child about each of these words and what they mean to you. Share with them how important these traits are to you and how your child already acts out these traits with what they do on a daily basis at home.

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar.

- March 15 - Berenda Parent Club meeting 3:30 via zoom <https://maderausd.zoom.us/j/86042099959>
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Spirit Day - Wear Green
- March 23 - Spring picture retakes
- March 24 - Spring String Fling all Pyramids @ Madera South HS
- March 25 - 3rd quarter report card sent home
- March 30 - Red Pyramid Choir Concert @ Torres HS
- March 31 - Red Pyramid Band Concert @ Torres HS
- 3/28-4/1 - Conference week & early out days with a 1:10 dismissal
- 3/28-4/1 - Scholastic Book Fair

Student Health & Wellness

Please read this message from the department of School Culture and Climate at MUSD.

March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. You can focus on your family's nutrition and encourage healthy eating habits like:

1. Have regular family meals.
2. Serve a variety of healthy foods and snacks.
3. Be a role model by eating healthy yourself.
4. [Avoid battles](#) over food.
5. [Involve kids](#) in the process.



During the month of March make regularly scheduled meals a family priority. Young children need the reassurance of structured meal and snack times. Eating on the run can be sufficient for adults, but it doesn't work well for children. Whether you are eating at home or at a restaurant, take the time to sit down and eat with your child.

2022's National Nutrition Month theme is Celebrate a World of Flavors. Find some time with your loved ones to embrace new cultures and cuisine. Cooking global cuisine dishes is an amazing way for your kids to develop different nutrition skills and at the same time learn about different cultures.