

Principal's Message

Welcome to the Maverick family! This year our focus in Madera Unified is to bring "Joy" into student learning. "Madison's Teachers are encouraged to follow suit with this focus and find ways to bring Joy into their classrooms every single day! We want students to have so much fun as they are learning in school that they don't want to miss a single day. We hope that you will help us with this by reminding your children how important their education is to brightening up their future! -Mrs. Guillen

Joyful learning can flourish in school - if you give joy to chance - Steven Walk

Important Safety Updates

Arrival and Dismissal Time:

Parents and caregivers who drive on campus and in neighborhoods near school can play an important role in enhancing safety near schools by following safe driving practices. It's important that parents comply with local school drop-off and pick-up procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.

- Our number #1 priority on a daily basis is the safety of your child.
- Please note: There is **NO SUPERVISION ON CAMPUS** for students who arrive BEFORE 7:25 am.
- The front driveway of the school is designated as the **BUS LOADING ZONE**. If you are dropping off or picking up your child by **CAR** please be sure you do so in the **BACK PARKING LOT** located off of Santa Cruz Street. ([school map](#))
- Parking in the drive thru area in front of the office is limited to Staff, School Buses, and vehicles displaying a handicapped parking permit. Your help in abiding by this safety measure is greatly appreciated!
- Walkers after-school - Walkers are directed to meet the crosswalk duty personnel at the basketball courts after school. From there staff will take students to cross at the following 3 crosswalk locations:
 - Stadium Road (to cross at Olivo Ave.)
 - Kindergarten Cross Walk (on Stadium Road near the Kinder playground)
 - Santa Cruz Street (to cross towards Taco Express)
- After-school** - For your child's safety, please do not ask your child to cross the street while you are stuck in traffic, idling in your car. Kindly arrange with your child to meet you in the designated **CAR drop off / pick area** located at the back of the school.
- Remember to obey the rules of a Red Zone** area as identified by the department of motor vehicles - if a vehicle parks or idles in these red zones, it causes a serious traffic hazard where staff and students are put at risk as they try to safely cross the street. Vehicles in red zones obstruct the view of oncoming traffic.

Safety and Health Protocol

Your child's safety and well-being is a priority at our school. Your support in following these safety / health protocols is much appreciated. As parents, you are all valuable partners in helping to slow the spread of illness that comes into the school system from the community.

- If your child is sick, please keep him / her at home. Familiarize yourselves with the [Symptoms of COVID](#) to help become vigilant at home in monitoring your child's health. The more we can work together on health and wellness, the safer our learning environment will be for all of our students.
- Parents / visitors are not allowed to enter the school campus at this time as another safety protocol. The only exception is for TK / Kinder parents who can **ONLY** enter campus to pick up their child during dismissal at approximately 2:40 pm
- Students who bring snacks / lunch to school are highly discouraged from sharing their food with other students to avoid the spread of germs ...

NWEA Assessment Continue September 1 - 24, 2021

This week your child will begin the NWEA Map Reading assessments. Let's work together to make your child's experience a positive and successful one! As we continue to prepare the students academically at school, we ask that parents / guardians prepare the students prior to the assessments.

Here are some suggestions that you can do to help every day.

- Ensure your student attends school on time
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast
- Ensure your child gets a good night sleep
- Encourage your student to do their best

We appreciate your help in ensuring your student's success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Welcome our PBIS TEAM !!

PBIS Mission Statement: James Madison Maverick school promotes a positive and safe learning environment where all students showcase **PRIDE** (preparation, respect, integrity, determination, and enthusiasm) and experience success.

Parents, help us to welcome and congratulate our newest members to the PBIS Team: **Amelia Jauregui and Aida Romero** (Parent Representatives), **Mrs. Stephens, 1st grade, Mr. Ival, 2nd grade, Mrs. Laghair, 4th grade, and Mrs. Ramirez 5th grade** (all communication coordinators). Also, congratulations to our **PBIS Team Leader: Ms. Karon Mendoza**.

PBIS is a School-wide multi-tiered framework to make schools more effective places. It establishes a social culture and the behavior supports needed to improve social, emotional, behavioral, and academic outcomes for all students.

During the first week of school the staff focused on teaching and defining our school's positive expectations and behaviors called PRIDE.

Karon Mendoza, Team Leader
 Marcela Olmos -Data Manager
 Amelia Jauregui Martinez, Minute Taker / Secretary
 Aida Romero, Parent Representative
 Nora Guillen, Principal

C. Communication Coordinators:
 Marisol Magana, Kinder
 Martha Stephens, 1st Grade Teacher
 Luz Bravo-Madrical, 2nd Grade Teacher
 Roberto Ival Jr., 3rd Grade Teacher
 Tara Laghair, 4th Grade Teacher
 Elizabeth Ramirez, 5th Grade Teacher
 Leopoldo Lopez, 6th Grade Teacher
 Dearnia Medina, Psychologist
 Susan Madrigal, School Counselor
 Tawana Norton, RTI



Maverick JOY - Photo



David Ramos, 4th Grade Teacher

Mr. David Alexander Ramos, 4th Grade DLI Teacher is a new teacher and James Madison. Mr. Ramos hobbies are martial arts, basketball, cooking and reading. Mr. Ramos was in the Madera Teacher Residency Program. This is Mr. Ramos' 1st year as a teacher at James Madison Elementary School.

Mr. Ramos is one of those teachers that goes above and beyond on his regular duties, during recess, Mr. Ramos spends quality time building positive relationships with students by playing basketball with 4th and 5th grade students. Nevertheless, Mr. Ramos has been observed during lunch time eating lunch with a group of students that need extra support and guidance. Thank you, Mr. Ramos for teaching our students that Maverick is a school that demonstrates "Joy" in building relationships with our students.

[Joy in the Classroom](#)

Counselor's Corner



Susana Madrigal, School Counselor

Parents, feel free to reach out to me, if you have any concerns about your student or another as it relates to this or any mental health issues please contact me at susanamadrigal@maderausa.org



Suicide is the second leading cause of death among school age youth, however, suicide is preventable. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs of their distress. Parents, teachers, and friends are in a key position to pick up on these signs and get help. It is very important to never take these warning signs lightly or promise to keep them a secret.

Suicide Warning Signs

- ☐ Talking about wanting to die or kill oneself
- ☐ Looking for a way to kill oneself
- ☐ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- ☐ Talking about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain
- ☐ Talking about being a burden to others
- ☐ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- ☐ Acting anxious, agitated, or reckless
- ☐ Sleeping too little or too much
- ☐ Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- ☐ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- ☐ Displaying extreme mood swings

Maverick family

Welcome our new staff members!

(Maria Sanchez, 5th Grade teacher (no picture), Eddie Cortez, PE Specialist, Natalia Sanchez Barajas, 1st grade DLI teacher, Edgar Jose Mascorro, 1st Grade DLI teacher, Julian Gonzalez, Head Custodian, Ivof Roberto, 3rd Grade DLI Teacher, David Alexander Ramos, 4th Grade DLI teacher)



Eddie Cortez, PE Specialist



Natalia Sanchez Barajas, 1st Grade DLI Teacher



Edgar Jose Mascorro, 1st Grade DLI Teacher



Julian Gonzalez, Head Custodian



Ivof Roberto, 3rd Grade DLI Teacher



David Alexander Ramos, 4th Grade DLI Teacher

SSC / ELAC

ELAC Committee Representatives

Congratulations to Madison's new ELAC Representatives:

Aida Romero, President
Cafina Gonzalez, Vice President
Aurelia Villareal, Secretary / Monitor
Alfredo Mendez, DELAC Representative
Angoica Martinez, DELAC Alternative

Our next ELAC Meeting will be on
September 29 - via zoom
[ELAC Schedule](#)

SSC Committee Meeting

PARENTS, WE NEED YOU! Nominate someone, or if you are interested, please email me your name by **September 15th** at maricela@mos@maderausa.org

This council does not have "positions" or "duties" but 5 parents need to be on the committee to help make vital decisions regarding the school and especially how to spend Title I monies.

If we get more 5 interested parents in SSC, we will then send out a voting ballot / survey for all our parents to vote for the top 5 for SSC.

Our first SSC meeting will be on
September 21 - via zoom

Parent Club "Hispanic Heritage Month"

James Madison Caleleria

Parents are working diligently !!



Parent Club is in the process of transitioning to Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We have not done nominations due to the transition. We will keep everyone informed of the Nominations. In the meantime parents are involved in the decoration of the cafeteria. The theme is Hispanic Heritage Month.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the following parents that have put in a lot of hours of hard work to make this big project possible:

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Our next Parent Club Meeting will take place on September 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm via zoom.

Upcoming Events

September 6 - Labor Day
 September 10 - Progress Reports are sent home
 September 15 - PTA Meeting
 September 16 - Mexico Independence Day
 September 16 - Fire Drill
 September 17 - Basketball Tournament
 September 20 - DELAC Meeting @ 6:00
 September 21 - SSC Meeting @ 6:00
 September 28 - MUUSD Board Meeting
 September 29 - ELAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm
 September 30 - Picture Day

October 8 - Quarter Ends
 October 11 - SAP Day (Non-School Day)
 October 12 - MUUSD Board Meeting
 October 15 - Report Cards are Sent Home
 October 18-21 - Parent / Teacher Conferences
 October 25 - DELAC Meeting @ 6:00
 October 25 -29 - Red Ribbon Week
 October 26 - SSC Meeting
 October 27 - ELAC Meeting @ 6:00
 November 11 - Veterans Day