

# SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

San Leandro Unified School District

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**Attendance Line**  
If your child will be  
absent from school,  
please call the  
**ATTENDANCE LINE**  
**895 – 7940**

**October 12, 2016**

## Important Dates to Remember

### October

#### **Tuesday, October 18**

PTO Carnival Planning Meeting 6:30pm

#### **Wednesday, October 19**

ELAC/SSC Meeting 6pm Library

#### **Thursday, October 20**

Papa Murphy's Fundraiser

DELAC @ FTK 6:00-7:00pm

#### **Friday, October 21**

Coffee and Conversation w/the Principal @ 8:15am

#### **Tuesday, October 25-Thursday, October 28**

PTO Carnival Planning Meeting 6:30pm

#### **Saturday, October 29**

School Carnival 10:00am-3:00pm

### November

#### **Tuesday, November 1**

PTO Meeting 7pm

#### **Sunday, November 6**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

#### **Thursday, November 10**

DELAC @ FTK 6:00-7:00pm

#### **Friday, November 11**

No School, Veteran's Day

#### **Thursday, November 17**

SSC Meeting 6pm Library

#### **Monday, Nov. 21-Friday, Nov. 25**

No School, Thanksgiving Break

## **2<sup>nd</sup> TECH Night at Madison is a big success.**

More than 75 Mustangs (parents and scholars), came to our second TECHnology awareness night. TEC leaders Justin Perras and Julia Chivers coordinated a great presentation and supported student learning by showcasing the SLUSD LCAPP funded chromebooks and online programs designed to create access to learning from home at night and on weekends. I also would like to give a big shout out to our fifth grade student Nayana Clinton-Torrence who kicked off the evening by creating and presenting a great slide deck presentation (learned in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade).

## **Attendance Matters! Absence and Tardy policies.**

*"Arrive before eight, start your day great!"*

Attendance line 895-7940

Someone really smart once said that 90% of success is just showing up. I want you to know that 100% of learning can only happen when you attend school 100% of the time! Every absence needs to be verified (notifying the school as to why a child is absent). An absence can be excused (medical apt, illness or death in family) or unexcused (any other reason other than the three listed). Three unexcused or unverified (or any combination thereof) will trigger a truancy from the school/district. Additional unexcused and unverified absences will result in a 2nd truancy letter and a school attendance review team (SART) meeting. When a student arrives at school after 8:10 they are considered tardy. Three or more tardies will trigger tardy letters.

Remember, arriving late to school is like arriving late to a movie...it makes it hard to keep up in class. Don't forget, free breakfast is served every day at 7:45am.

## **Dovetail Learning, Toolbox comes to SLUSD and Madison**

Have you noticed new behaviors in your child? For instance, taking a deep breath with their arms outstretched? Finding a quiet safe place? Putting stressful moments in an imaginary garbage can? No, your child doesn't need help.

In fact, they are learning to help themselves through twelve essential strategies which help students manage their own emotional, social and academic success. Each of the 12 tools link a gesture with a concept. All staff are reinforcing each child's intrinsic ability for self-awareness, self-management and sound decision making. More information about Dovetail Learning Toolbox will take place at the next Principal's Chat on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:15 in our Multi-use room.

## **Papa Murphy's pizza nights are the third Thursday of each month.**

If you visit and order from Papa Murphy's the 3rd Thursday of each month, a portion of your dollars spent will go to Madison. It's great pizza and great support for our school.

Gift certificates can be purchased in the office and Madison makes up to 60%.

## **Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting for Outdoor Ed. @ 6:00pm**