

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

September 28, 2016

Important Dates to Remember

October

Saturday, October 1

Beautification Day!

Tuesday, October 4

PTO Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, October 5

Make-Up Picture Day

International Walk and Roll to School Day

Thursday, October 6

Family Tech Night 6:00pm

Friday, October 7

No School! Staff Development Day

Tuesday, October 11

PTO Carnival Planning Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 18

PTO Carnival Planning Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday, October 20

Papa Murphy's Fundraiser

Friday, October 21

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

Tuesday, September 25-Thursday, September 27

PTO Carnival Planning Meeting 6:30pm

Principal's Message:

As we get into the thick of the school year
**Attendance Counts! The first step is
starting the day on time.**

So much of learning and student success
depends on being at school on time and ready
to learn. Students who arrive late and leave
early miss important aspects of each lesson.

Starting the day

Frontloading key vocabulary, connecting
concepts to the real world, organizing the
students and clarifying expectations are all
components that teachers use to set up
successful learning for the day. When
students arrive late they miss key elements of
the lesson plans and they can struggle
throughout the rest of the day.

Ending the day

When students are picked up early they miss the
validation of their hard work. The teachers often review
homework and reconnect it to the days learning.
Teachers look back over the day to see how much
students retain and what they have learned so that they
can adjust the next day's lessons to meet the needs of all
children.

Missing the day

Life does not stop or hold still for school. We
know that children get sick, have appointments,
and family emergencies. Unfortunately, the State
of California only funds the students who attend
each day! When a student misses the entire day,
funding is lost. This hurts everyone, salaries,
programs, and services. The State does provide
funding for partial days. If you must schedule an
appointment having your child here some of the
day counts. **Remember three unexcused or
unverified absences will trigger an Irregular
attendance letter.**

Health and Wellness focus

Both the District and James Madison are prioritizing health
and wellness. As a part of the Wellness Policy we are
encouraging all families who wish to celebrate their child's
birthday to think of a healthy treat. We have many students
with food allergies and we want to promote a healthy
lifestyle. We ask you not bring in cupcakes or other sweet
treats. Instead a healthy snack would be welcomed or even
just a pencil/eraser. We appreciate your understanding and
fostering a healthy lifestyle for all of our students. Thank
you!

School Site Council and ELAC

The School Site Council is a governing committee made up
of 5 elected parents, 3 teachers, a classified employee and
the principal. The School Site Council meets once a month
to revise and implement the Single School Plan. The
meetings are open to the public and we encourage
participation. Nominations are being accepted until October
6th. Ballots will be available the following week October 11
– October 18. The first meeting is scheduled for October 19.
Meeting schedule:

Oct.19th Combined ELAC / SSC Wednesday 6:00

Nov.17th SSC

Dec. 15th ELAC

Jan. 19th SSC

Feb. 16th ELAC

Mar. 23rd SSC

May. 18th SSC / ELAC Combined

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accepted.**