

SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

San Leandro Unified School District

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NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Week Break
February 20-24

February

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Pennies for Patients Fundraiser Begins

Tuesday, Feb. 7

PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm

Friday, Feb. 10

School Smarts Parent Engagement and Principal's Coffee Chat @ 8:15am

Pennies for Patients fundraiser ends

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Fundraiser for the American Heart Association begins

Thursday, Feb. 16

ELAC Meeting @ 8:15am

Papa Murphy's Night

Mon., Feb. 20- Fri., Feb. 24

Presidents' Week Break

March

Fri., Mar. 3

School Smarts @ 8:15am

Fri., Mar. 10

School Smarts @ 8:15am

Fri., Mar. 17

School Smarts @ 8:15am

Mon., Mar. 20-24

5th Grade Outdoor Education

Attendance Line
895-7940

February 2017

Principal's Message

We are just past the halfway point of the school year and the time is flying by. Our school will begin the process of creating a new two-year school plan and the district is in the process of creating a new three-year strategic plan. Before we continue the cycle of continual improvement at the district and site level it is important to celebrate the collaborative success of the past cycle of planning.

In three years we have gone from students visiting a computer lab once or twice a week to students having a 1 to 1 device with lightning fast internet access. We have gone from the school library being unable to open to the library being fully staffed and open from 7:45 AM – 5:00 PM. In addition, we have students from Kindergarten to Fifth grades accessing programs from school and home. We have multiple systems of communication from school to home to support our families.

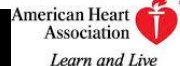
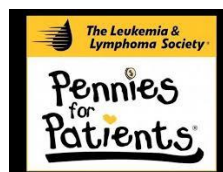
I want to honor our parents for walking hand in hand with teachers and students as we shift and deepen our learning for students through common core standards. Much has happened in the last three years with your help and input. Our district leadership has sought out and heard our parents' voices and applied resources to the priorities developed in our strategic plan. I want to thank the School Board and Superintendent McLaughlin for the vision and leadership to transform our school by supporting students, staff, and the community. Madison is working better than ever and I look forward to dreaming big as we continue planning for the future success of our children.

Your Principal,
Garry Grotke

Mustangs Make Change Happen!

Once again our Student Council is sponsoring the Pennies for Patients fundraising drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Your child should have brought home a parent letter and a collection box. Students know they need to ask permission before bringing donations to school. We are hoping to raise \$2000.00 for this amazing organization!

Another exciting opportunity to give back to the community will be our Jump Rope for Your Heart fundraiser. There will be an assembly on February 15 for the students so they can learn how to support the American Heart Association raise funds for continued research and support.



**IT TAKES HEART
TO BE A HERO!**