

# SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

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**Spring Break  
is April 17-21**



## April

**Fri., Apr. 7:** Multicultural Night 6-8pm

**Fri., Apr. 7:** School Smarts 8:15am-10:15am

**Fri., Apr. 7:** Mobile Market @BLC

**Wed., Apr., 12:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Residency Verification @ John Muir 3-7pm

**Fri., Apr. 14:** Principal's Coffee Chat 8:15am

**Fri., Apr. 14:** School Smarts Graduation @ 8:15-10:00am

**Mon., Apr. 17-21:** Spring Break

**Thu., Apr. 19:** Papa Murphy's Fundraiser Day

**Mon., Apr. 24:** Madison Spring Concert @ AEC 6-7pm

**Mon., Apr. 24:** SBAC Testing Begins Grades 3-5 only

**Tue., Apr., 25:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ John Muir 6-7pm

**Attendance Line  
895-7940**



**Newsletter  
April 4, 2017**

## Principal's Message

### April is Autism Awareness Month

Our school will be joining the Warriors and the rest of the NBA by celebrating Autism Awareness Month. We will be raising awareness about autism and encourage early diagnosis and early intervention. By understanding the characteristics of autism, we can develop support plans and strategies to provide the best instruction possible for each student. Look for the blue puzzle pieces around the school for interesting facts and information about autism.

### Internet Safety

There used to be a public service advisory that stated, "It is 10:00, do you know where your child is?" Your child is at home, using the computer, but do you know where they are going on the internet? This year our school has addressed issues of cyber bullying in the fourth and fifth grades. Certainly parents are challenged by the amount of information available through the internet. Children at any age can access information that is not intended or appropriate for developing minds. Video games depict war and violence as a pastime rather than as the worst tragedies of humanity. Our responsibilities as parents and educators are significantly more challenging than the previous generations. San Leandro Unified School District and James Madison take great care and responsibility when allowing students to use technology to enhance their learning. We have filters and safe guards which monitor and inform us of inappropriate internet use by students. For more information on internet safety, go to [Commonsense.org](http://Commonsense.org)

**Lost and Found** will be donated over spring break. Please check the lost and found and take home items that belong to your child.