

SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

San Leandro Unified School District

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Important!

**Wed., April 18th 5th Grade
Residency Verification @
Madison 1:50-5:30**

April

*Fri., Apr. 13: Principal's
Challenge Begins*

PTO Movie Night @ 6:30pm

*Mon., Apr. 16: SBAC Testing
Begins Grades 3-5 only*

*Wed., Apr. 18: PTO Restaurant
Night*

*Wed., Apr. 18: 5th Grade Visits
John Muir 9:00*

*Thur., Apr. 19: DELAC
Meeting @ BLC 6pm*

*Fri., Apr. 20: Principal's
Coffee Chat 8:15am*

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

*Wed., Apr. 25: Bike to School
Day and Bike Mobile*

*Fri., Apr. 27: Multicultural
Night 6-8pm*

*Mon., Apr. 30: Principal's
Challenge Ends!*

*Tue., May 8: Teacher's
Appreciation Day*

*Mon., May 14: Spring Book
Fair Begins*

Thur., May 17: Open House!

Fri., May 18: Book Fair Ends

**Attendance Line
895-7940**



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Principal's Message

Throughout my career I have had many opportunities to be a presenter at state and national educational conferences. The topics were always near and dear to my heart. I spoke about our school and the amazing success we have with our students. I often tell parents at events and public forums how our success at James Madison is not one dimensional. We not only help our students perform well on annual district and state assessments, but we also measure our own success by how engaged our students are in school. We have always focused on educating the whole child. The emotional growth, social growth, physical growth and cognitive development are all areas that students need to be well rounded, successful adults in an ever changing world.

Recently our school was recognized as a California Distinguished School. James Madison Elementary School was one of twenty-one schools in Alameda County who were eligible and completed the application process. In May we will be receiving the recognition at a statewide ceremony in southern California. I want to thank the team of Joyce Wagner, Olivia Emerson, Danille Gallagher, and Sara Lopes who helped me with the writing of the application. I also want to recognize the many years of teachers, staff and families that have supported our efforts to create the best learning possible for each child.



SBAC Testing window begins April 16th and goes until May 31st

As statewide testing approaches for 3rd through 5th grades, we want every student to show what they know. Everyone has worked extremely hard this year and we want all of that hard work validated in every way possible. The following tips will help every student perform their best when it counts the most. Remember to be **B-R-A-V-E**:

Be on time each day.

Remember to get a great night sleep, at least 8-10 hours.

Avoid appointments that would interrupt testing on that day.

Validate and encourage your student with positive words.

Eat a healthy breakfast, a good meal always helps on testing