

SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

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Principal's Message June 14, 2018

What an amazing year!

James Madison has had a record setting, goal breaking award winning school year! It started by eclipsing an all-time number of students attending Madison by going from 400 to 500+ students. We are more popular than ever. We started our year by celebrating a once in a lifetime viewing of a total eclipse of the sun. Our students safely viewed the eclipse with glasses purchased through NASA. Madison also added classes in our special education programs and supported two combination classes that allowed all students to continue to attend Madison. As the year progressed our PTO created one of our best school carnivals ever. Our families came together to celebrate our diverse cultures at our Multi-Cultural night. Some students were published in Scholastic News, some created professional internet messages about how kindness matters. Google Great Kindness Challenge 2018. We had the greatest choir and band of all time and enjoyed a great end of the year parade honoring our California Distinguished School Award. We finished the year promoting the largest class of fifth grade students ever from Madison. Thank you so much for the support and encouragement of our teachers and staff. This is a great community and we are proud of the progress and accomplishments of our students.

Summer Improvements:

Facility improvements will begin this summer starting with a new roof. More things to follow.

Kindergarten Orientation Planned for August 8, 2018

Save the date! This will be a great time to get information, and get your kindergartner off to a great start for the year.

First Day of School:

Please mark your calendars. Our first day back for the 2018-2019 school year is Wednesday, August 15. The 2018-2019 school calendar is available on our website under the Madison tab.

Common Core Standards:

New English language arts materials are coming to the district. After 10 years a new English Language Arts adoption will give our teachers the latest and greatest materials available to help each child succeed.

I have three wishes for our graduates of James Madison Elementary School

My first wish is to provide our children inspiration. Give them perspectives that allow them to see the positive potential in themselves and others. There will always be a million things wrong with the world, but I want our students to be able to see through the problems in order to create the solutions.

My second wish is that our children stay resilient. No great accomplishments were ever easy or without obstacles. We learn as much from our failures as we do our successes. The key is to keep learning.

Last, I wish that all of our graduates remember to appreciate the family, friends and teachers that have helped to support their success.



We look forward to seeing you back on the first day of school:

Wednesday,
August 15