



James Madison Elementary School

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Gerhard Grotke, Principal

August 9, 2018
Principal's Message

Welcome Back Distinguished Mustangs,

The first day of school is always a great day at James Madison Elementary School. For those of you who are new to the school welcome! We hope you feel at home right away! If you are returning to James Madison, you are in for some big improvements! Last year San Leandro Unified School District passed a facilities bond and we are moving full speed ahead to begin the process of implementing improvements to create the best possible learning environment for all students.

Student Safety is our first priority.

Before we can provide your children with the best learning possible, we must get them to and from school safely. Safety is always our first concern in San Leandro. We are fortunate to have a **drive through drop off zone** that supports the safe delivery and pick up of students. Remember you can park at the park and walk a block to help ease traffic. Be patient, follow the arrows and follow the signs. No waiting or parking will be permitted in the drop off zone.

Beginning of the school year requires adjustments and flexibility.

Classes are subject to adjustments the first two weeks of school. We start the year on our early dismissal schedule. This allows us to assess students in order to design instruction to best meet the current levels of each student.

Every Wednesday is early release 11:40 for Kindergarten and 1:50 for grades 1 – 5.

All Elementary Early Dismissal Schedule 8/15 - 8/24

Additional Early Dismissal day 8/28 Contract Ratification

Back to school night 9/13

If you ever have questions, please check our school website or call us at the office.



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Enrollment and classroom adjustments

All schools need to adjust and balance classes to ensure the best learning environment for all students. Grade levels that are over 25 students per class need to be balanced by the enrollment center. Teachers will use this shortened day to schedule time after school to meet and conduct beginning of the year assessments. This information is used to plan and design instruction.

The Parent Teacher Organization makes good things happen for children, join the PTO!

Our PTO provides field trip funding for busses, assemblies, movie nights and so much more! It is easy to join. For a small membership fee, you can ensure that Madison has the funding to make learning come alive. Join the PTO and support the assemblies, field trips, and events that help make our school a great place to learn.

Save the Date

Back to School Night Wednesday September 13th

Please join us as we kick off the school year at back to school night. We will meet for a short presentation at 6:30 in the Multi-use room. Two separate classroom presentations will begin at 7:00 and 7:30 in order to accommodate parents with children in two classes. Back to school night is for parents and guardians only. No students will be allowed in the classrooms during the teacher presentations. It is a night for adults to learn and teachers to clarify the instructional program and behavioral expectations for their class and grade level.



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