



THE
MADISON
SCENE

SUMMER 2021

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Update from the Superintendent

During times of turmoil, one's heart and resilience are revealed. The heart of the Madison Elementary

School District revealed how deeply everyone cares for children. While there are differences of opinion as to how to educate and care for students in the midst of a pandemic, the resilience of Madison allows us to move forward with understanding, compassion and grace.

I am thankful for the messages of love and support; I am also thankful for the messages of concern, anger and disagreement. Such messages strengthen who we are as a school district and community. It allows us to learn from our successes and errors. Madison has the very best teachers and staff who stand ready to ensure learning gaps, that were created as a result of the pandemic, are addressed. Through our summer program and newly established 2021-2022 tutoring program, we will work hard to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all students.

To our families who continue to be concerned about sending their children to in-person learning, we have taken the year to design the Madison Virtual Academy (MVA), Madison's new signature program and ninth school.

To our families who wish to have their children learn in person, we will work hard to make sure students will learn in a safe and joyous environment. Madison is committed to fostering success for *all* through dynamic, engaging, and relevant learning experiences focusing on students' academic, social, and emotional growth.

On behalf of the Madison Governing Board, thank you for remaining engaged and active. Let us unite and work together to reach our vision of inspiring passion for learning and leading in an ever-changing world. Together, let us demonstrate to others, and to ourselves, that we can bend, but we will not break. Because together, we are strong. Together, we make a difference. And together, there is nothing we cannot do. Because together, we are Madison!

– Dr. Kenneth R. Baca, Superintendent



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Happening Around Madison



Madison Meadows 6th grade students recently honored their friend and classmate, Hollis, who passed away in 2017 after a 7 month battle with brain cancer. The group of students created the mural as a symbol of Hollis' lasting positive impact on the Madison community. He will always be a part of the Madison family.



Madison Park students in Ms. Smith's class had the opportunity during the past year, to be virtually visited by Dennis Gardeck, linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals! Dennis recently started a virtual book club where students read *The Coffee Bean*. Every time he meets with students, he teaches them how to be a coffee bean, someone who transforms their environment when it tests who they truly are. At the end of the year, Dennis was able to visit the students in person for their final meeting!



Madison Rose Lane received a Gold Designation from the Round Table Advisory Committee for AZ Arts Education's Exemplary Arts Schools program! The Exemplary Arts Schools program was created to recognize Arizona schools that are providing excellent arts education programs.



Madison is excited to announce the launch of **Parenting Future-Focused Kids** a resourceful podcast for families. The podcast will focus on topics such as social/emotional wellness, early childhood education, nutrition and physical wellness, social media, independent learning and more. To learn more visit madisonaz.org/podcast



Madison No. 1 Welcomes New Principal & Assistant Principal



Ms. Amy Ball was approved as the next principal of Madison No. 1 Middle School. Ms. Ball was an elementary school teacher for 12 years, has been the assistant principal at Madison No. 1 for the past two years and served as Arizona Teacher of the Year

Ambassador for Excellence. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with minors in Early Childhood, Mathematics & Science, and Integrated Creative Arts. She also earned a Master of Arts in Education in Educational Administration. Throughout the process of selecting a new leader for Madison No. 1, the Principal Selection Committee spent time listening to staff, family and community members.



Madison No. 1 will also be welcoming Dana Ramos as the new assistant principal next year. The interview committee was impressed with her immense passion for working with middle school students, understanding the need to set high expectations, and her authentic and











genuine heart. Originally from Seattle, WA, she has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology and a Master of Secondary Education from Arizona State University, as well as a Master of Educational Leadership from NAU. Mrs. Ramos taught middle school English Language Arts for six years in the Phoenix Elementary School District before moving into a leadership position at Emerson Elementary School in 2019. Ms. Ramos will join the No. 1 team in July.

Welcome Back! Getting Ready for the New School Year

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to welcome our students back into the classroom and continue learning with our students online in the Madison Virtual Academy! Here are some back to school tips that will help your child prepare for the upcoming school year.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

-  Plan on attending **School Check-In Days** on **July 27 – 29** (*more info at madisonaz.org/enrollment*).
-  Mark your calendars for the first day of school: **Tuesday, August 10.**
-  Review the **District and school COVID-19 mitigation plans** and monitor for updates at madisonaz.org/covid-19-information
-  Familiarize yourself with **dress code and/or uniform policies** and suggested **school supply list** before you begin your back-to-school shopping.
-  **Follow us on social media** to keep up-to-date with what's happening around Madison.
-  Familiarize yourself with **drop-off /pick-up procedures and bus routes.**
-  Check out the **interactive breakfast and lunch menus** at madisonaz.org/foodandnutrition
-  If your child has been enjoying an alternative sleep schedule during summer break, **consider a shift to your school sleep schedule** a week before to ease the transition.
-  Make sure your child has a **healthy breakfast each day.**
-  **Get ready for another year of learning with Madison!**

Arts Opportunities Around Madison



The Madison Center for the Arts is the District's state-of-the-art performance hall, bringing first class productions home to the Madison community. Built in 2019, this theater also provides learning opportunities for students, houses school performances and hosts 8th grade promotion ceremonies. The coming months will bring exciting events to entertain all ages, including: ***Animaniacs in Concert***, ***Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville*** and ***Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience***.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit themadison.org.

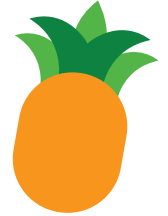
COVID safety protocols will be aligned to measures recommended for public venues at the time of each event.



The Madison Education Foundation provides arts opportunities and experiences for students across all Madison schools impacting ALL Madison students in a variety of ways:

- Supports the Arts Masterpiece program for all 8 schools
- In partnership with the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM), provides complimentary field trips to all Madison teachers and their students who are able to participate
- Awards Arts in Education teacher grants
- Supports all student and educational performances at the Madison Center for the Arts

Learn more about the Madison Education Foundation and how you can help at madisoneducationfoundation.org



Free Meals for all Children 18 years of Age and Younger and Free Bulk Bag Program

All meals are free to all children 18 years of age and younger through June 30, 2022, regardless of eligibility or financial status. These free meals are made possible by the USDA and Arizona Department of Education.

Summer Meal Program - Tuesday Free Breakfast and Lunch & Thursday Weekend Meal Bundles: Madison Camelview Elementary School will be open every Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 22, 2021 and ending on July 22, 2021 from 9:30-10 a.m. Please note that we will be closed on July 6th and 8th. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be opportunities for families to pick up breakfast and lunch for that day or for more days, called meal bundles. Breakfast and lunch, or 2-day meal bundles, are available on Tuesday. Breakfast and lunch, or 5-day meal bundles, are available on Thursdays. Breakfast and lunch are walk-in. Meal bundles are available upon request by emailing Valerie Martinez vmartinez@madisoned.org or calling (602) 664-7297. Parents can pick up meals for their children without a child present inside our cafeteria.

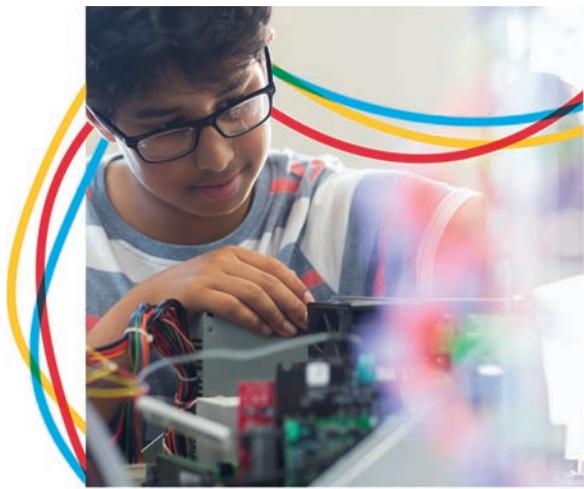
Free Bulk Bag Program: Madison No. 1 Middle School will be open every Wednesday beginning May 26, 2021 from 4-5:30 p.m. via car drive-thru pick up service. This bulk bag program will continue for as long as pickup numbers remain consistent. These bulk bags include 7 days worth of breakfast and lunch for one child. Pre-orders are required in order to pick up a bulk bag for your child at <https://bit.ly/2L1KcyO>. Pre-order forms close either when we reach our own max capacity or on the deadline, whichever occurs first. The deadline to submit bulk bag pre-orders for the next week's distribution day is every Thursday at 1 p.m. The pre-order form for bulk bags re-opens on Thursdays between 1:30-2:00 p.m. for the next distribution date.



Fall 2021 Important Dates

- July 27** New Student, Kindergarten, and 5th Grade Check-In Day
- July 28-29** Returning Student Check-In Day
- August 10** First Day of School
- September 6** Labor Day - No School
- October 1** Teacher Planning day - Half-Day Schedule
- October 4-8** Fall Break - No School
- October 20-22** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 11** Veterans' Day - No School
- November 24-26** Thanksgiving Break - No School
- December 17** Teacher Planning day - Half-Day Schedule
- December 20-31** Winter Break - No School

For a full listing of important dates, visit the Madison School District calendar at madisonaz.org




2021-2022 Open Enrollment




Madison is committed to inspiring passion for learning and leading. Focused on academic, social and emotional growth, Madison's schools offer signature programs such as Spanish Immersion, STEAM, Traditional Academy, REACH - Profoundly Gifted, International Baccalaureate, Visual & Performing Arts, and Virtual Academy. If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2021-2022 school year, there's still time! Visit madisonaz.org/enrollment to learn more!

1 MADISON CAMELVIEW ELEMENTARY (Preschool – 4th)
Madison Camelview, named a 2018 A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Education Foundation, focuses on providing students with an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education. Led by award-winning Principal, Hilary O'Brien, leadership, community and a growth mindset are a priority at this top-rated school.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7200
2002 E. Campbell Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016


2 MADISON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY (Preschool – 4th)
Madison Heights offers two signature programs: Spanish Immersion and REACH—Profoundly Gifted. Certified bilingual teachers are dedicated to boosting language and literacy development as well as cognitive skills for students. For 50 percent of the day, students learn and interact using the Spanish language. REACH is a self-contained accelerated program for students who are profoundly gifted.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7800
7150 N. 22nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85020

3 MADISON ROSE LANE ELEMENTARY (Preschool – 4th)
Madison Rose Lane offers a focus on the visual and performing arts. Students have a number of opportunities to explore the arts by joining the Rose Lane Children's Choir, theatre, participating in multimedia art projects or enjoying a variety of dance classes. Rose Lane students can become eligible for advanced dance and theater at Madison No. 1 Middle School.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7400
1155 E. Rose Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85014

4 MADISON SIMIS ELEMENTARY (Preschool – 4th)
The International Baccalaureate® Programme at Madison Simis aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people. Instruction is student centered with a hands-on approach to develop lifelong learners. Madison Simis has had three Arizona International Baccalaureate Schools 'Primary Years Programme Teacher of the Year' and two 'Primary Years Programme Student of the Year' award winners.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7300
7302 N. 10th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020



New for 2021-2022

A Madison Education, Wherever You Are

MADISON VIRTUAL ACADEMY (3rd – 8th)

Madison Virtual Academy (MVA) offers families flexible online learning utilizing Madison's established, proven curriculum. Uniquely, MVA **offers online students access to in-person opportunities** with other Madison students including science labs, field trips, special area classes, clubs, and teams.

Courses feature both **self-paced and daily live instruction** formats. Math is self-paced with support from a Madison teacher. Science courses are semi-self-paced with weekly recorded lessons and opportunities to participate in on-site labs. English Language Arts and Social Studies feature daily live online group instruction with a Madison teacher. MVA students have the **ability to participate in special area activities online or at one of our physical school sites.**



Learn more: (602) 664-7900 or madisonaz.org/mva

5 MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL (5th – 8th)

A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School, Meadows' rigorous International Baccalaureate® Middle Years Programme focuses on the development of students' intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being that prepares them for research-based learning, problem solving and success in high school and college.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7600
225 W. Ocotillo Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013


6 MADISON NO. 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL (5th – 8th)

No. 1 Middle School is a Performing and Visual Arts school that also offers a Spanish Immersion Program and REACH—Profoundly Gifted Program for middle school. Students may participate in theater, dance, strings and choir based on their ability rather than their grade level. REACH gifted students develop appropriate social and emotional skills with students their own age while diving deeper in engaging academic areas two grade levels ahead.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7100
5525 N. 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016


7 MADISON PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL (5th – 8th)

Park Middle School's STEAM program prepares bright minds for high school and college success. Students learn to use and manage technology through an interactive multimedia program while engaging in problem-based learning. Community partnerships and STEAM Family Nights share student learning and accomplishments with the community. Park students grow to be communicators, designers, problem solvers and innovators.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 664-7500
1431 E. Campbell Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014

8 MADISON TRADITIONAL ACADEMY (Preschool – 8th)

Madison Traditional Academy is the only Preschool - 8th school in the district. Featuring a traditional philosophy, MTA was created as a "school of choice" and has no neighborhood boundaries. MTA's curriculum features a solid foundation of fundamental and higher-level thinking skills through a structured curriculum. All grade levels receive math instruction at a one-year accelerated level.

 **Schedule a tour:** (602) 745-4000
925 E. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014



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Attention All Madison Families:

All Madison families will need to complete the check-in process prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year



DURING CHECK-IN DAYS, FAMILIES WILL:

- Update Emergency Contact information
- Update immunization records
- Update any medical information
- Sign up for PTO, clubs, etc.

DATES:

- JULY 27 - NEW STUDENT, KINDERGARTEN, AND 5TH GRADE CHECK-IN
- JULY 28 & 29 - RETURNING STUDENT CHECK-IN

For more information about Check-In Days, or to enroll your child in Madison School District, visit madisonaz.org/enrollment

Madison is Hiring

The Madison Elementary School District was recently recognized by the Healthy Arizona Worksite Program as achieving the Gold level of excellence in worksite wellness!

The Healthy Arizona Worksite Award recognizes employers that are making efforts to positively affect the health and well-being of their employees, their families and their community by implementing comprehensive worksite wellness strategies.

Join Our Team

If you are looking to join a **healthy workplace** that offers **amazing benefits, paid time off** and more, visit madisonaz.org/jobs to view the current job opportunities! Current opportunities include:

- **Math Teachers** • **Before & After School Club Leaders** • **Secretaries** • **Food Service Staff...** and more!

APPLY TODAY AT [MADISONAZ.ORG/JOBS](https://madisonaz.org/jobs)



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