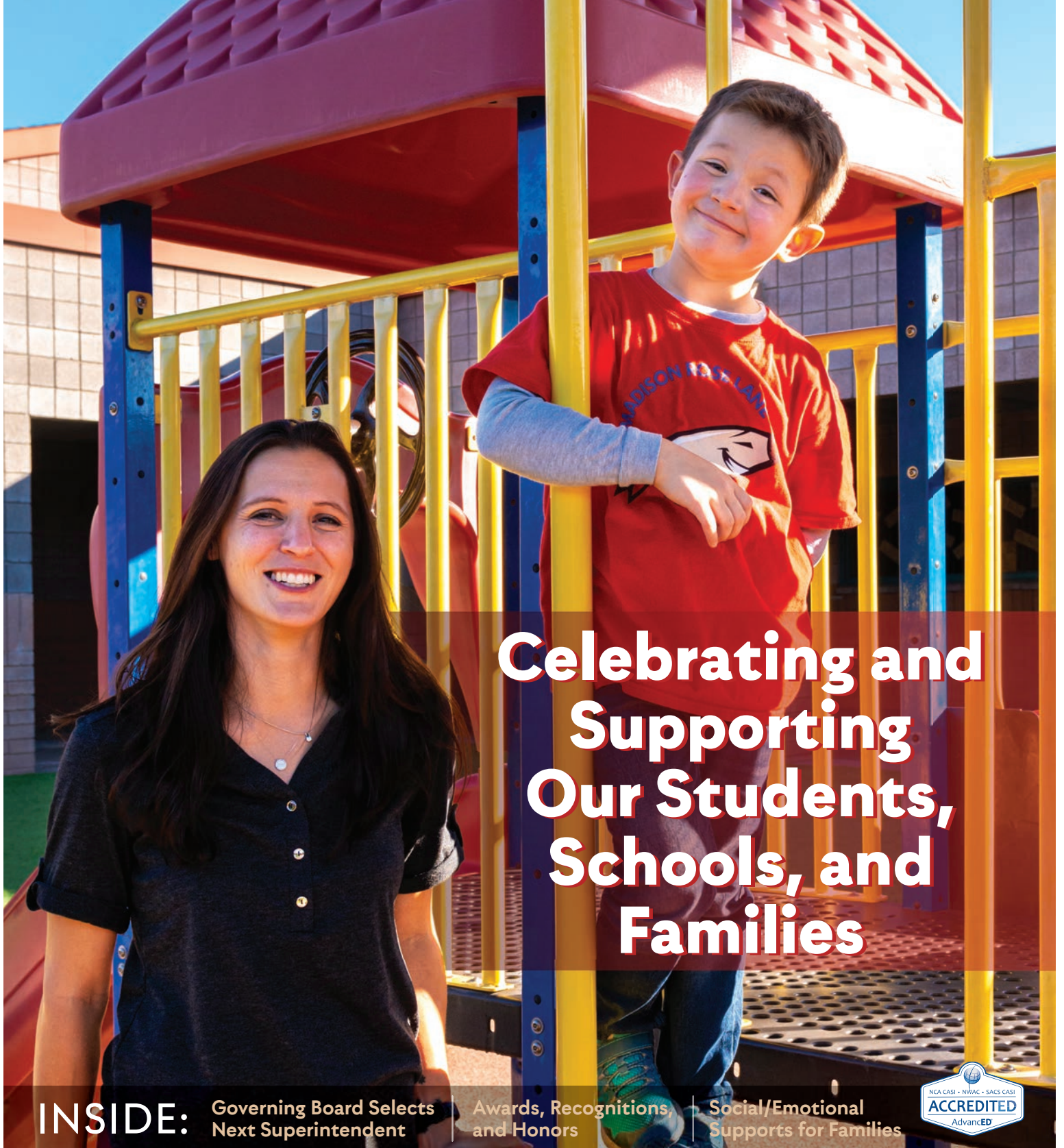




# THE MADISON SCENE

WINTER 2022



## Celebrating and Supporting Our Students, Schools, and Families

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# Message from the Governing Board

**Gratitude** has been shown to improve our mental health and enrich our relationships with each other. I hope we can each think intentionally about individuals we appreciate and express our genuine thanks to them. At the same time, we must also recognize that individual success is not achieved in a vacuum. We each rely on others for support in one way or another every day. Acknowledging this strengthens the continuous thread that runs through Madison, making our District a community that cares.

I am grateful for my family and friends as well as my colleagues in Madison. I am grateful that Madison students are able to learn in person with their peers and that Madison teachers and staff continue to work together to ensure every student realizes their full potential despite the challenges we face right now. These are complicated times, and it can be easy to forget what we have accomplished and actively appreciate the gifts that we do have. Loss can

cloud gratitude and we have each lost quite a bit. Many families have lost loved ones. Others have lost time with extended family or have experienced financial hardship. It is important to allow ourselves the space to grieve during this difficult time. However, even within loss, even within grief, there can be joy. These human emotions coexist within each of us and for that I am grateful. It is a gift to be able to express gratitude and feel the corresponding joy that comes with it.

William James, an American philosopher said, "The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated." I believe this statement to be true. With that, thank you to each student, parent, teacher, staff member, administrator, neighbor, first responder, medical professional, business owner, coach, foster parent, and grandparent for your continued support of each other. You make Madison a community that cares.

— Sarah Speer, Past Governing Board President (2021)



## MEET MADISON'S NEXT SUPERINTENDENT

### Dr. Kimberly Guerin

On December 7, 2021, the Governing Board voted to enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Kimberly Guerin to serve as Madison's next superintendent, effective July 1, 2022. The Madison School District Board worked diligently on this process and considered feedback from all stakeholders.

Dr. Guerin currently serves the Scottsdale Unified School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Prior to her current role, she served the Paradise Valley Unified School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Leadership -

Elementary, Director of Elementary Education, Assistant Director of Curriculum, and Principal of Echo Mountain Elementary School. Dr. Guerin grew up in the valley, graduating from a neighboring school district. She will celebrate her twenty-fifth anniversary with her husband Jeff, who is a Madison alumni. They have two children.

## MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

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**Karen Gresham**, Governing Board Member  
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**Sarah Speer**, Governing Board Member

# Voter Support In Action!

## YOUR DOLLARS HELPING STUDENTS

Thanks to our community and voter support, Madison School District utilizes bond dollars to modernize campuses and enhance safety and security measures. We will prioritize optimizing resources to ensure that Madison students are provided a modern, safe environment to continue learning and leading in an ever-changing world. We are grateful for our community and the ongoing support. Listed below are just a few projects that are made possible by you:



### MADISON PARK CAMPUS REBUILD

The Madison Park project is anticipated to start at the end of this school year. Madison's architect for this project has surpassed the 90% mark on design and project documents, and will be submitting for permits in the near future. With nearly 110,000 square feet of new building space, a football field, running track and baseball/softball fields, this campus will truly be another amazing result of Madison Community support through Bond Dollars. The new campus design boasts innovation, energy conservation and security features that will set the bar for our District. As a phased, but contiguous, schedule it is our goal to complete the rebuild in the Summer of 2024.



### DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES

Added safety and security for students, staff, parents, and community is essential. As part of the 2019 Voter approved Madison Construction Bond program, industry professionals identified that additional safety and security upgrades were warranted. While some elements of these projects have already been completed, others are in process and/or scheduled in the near future. All of Madison's properties were assessed and are undergoing construction that make it safer yet still inviting for all. Madison continues to not only improve in this endeavor, but to also continue to be forward thinking when it comes to facilities, technology, and practices.



### MADISON NO. 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA REMODEL

Madison No. 1 will receive a full kitchen remodel thanks to our amazing community. This project will include a dining room remodel, upgrades to exterior dining, and construction of a concessions building. The project is expected to be completed in December 2022.



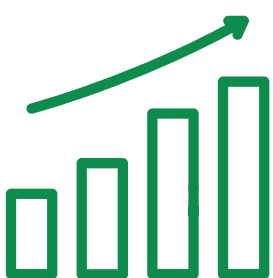
### MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM REMODEL

Meadows will be receiving a new gym and the project will begin in Spring of 2022. This project will include the replacement of locker rooms, restrooms, and support areas. It will also add an addition of a flex room for various programs as well as concessions with indoor/outdoor serving windows. The project is expected to be completed in December 2022.

## Madison Receives

# Aaa Bond Rating

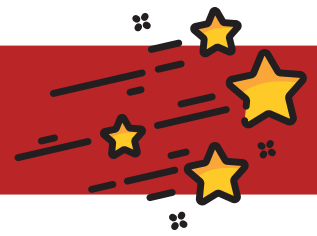
## from Moody's Investor Service



Madison was recently upgraded to an "Aaa" rating by Moody's Investor Service. This designation is the highest possible rating to be assigned by any rating agency. **Aaa bonds exhibit the highest level of creditworthiness** because their issuers are able to meet financial commitments and have the lowest risk of default. A high credit rating will lower Madison's cost of borrowing which **results in a lower tax rate for our community.**



# Awards & Recognitions!



## ★ Bus Driver Appreciation Day



In the fall semester, Madison School District students, staff, and families held a **bus driver appreciation day!** We recognized our amazing transportation team with an appreciation lunch. Thank you to our extraordinary bus drivers and the rest of our transportation team, who ensure our students make it to school and home safely! You are appreciated for your dedication and for always going the extra mile for our students!

## ★ Fiesta Bowl Teacher Grants



**Micaela Saucedo**, band, guitar, and choir teacher at Madison No. 1 Middle School was awarded by Fiesta Bowl with a \$1,000 DonorsChoose gift card for her classroom as part of the College Football Playoff Foundation on September 14, 2021!

Additionally, Camelview coding and art teachers, **Jessie McKinley** and **Demetria Schweizer** received \$2,500 for their classrooms from The Fiesta Bowl Wishes for Teachers. Mr. McKinley got to participate in the Fiesta Bowl parade, as well!

## ★ AZ IB Student & Teachers of the Year



On September 10, 2021, Arizona International Baccalaureate Schools (AZIBS) awarded two Madison teachers, **Megan Tracy from Madison Meadows Middle School**, and **Jaime Monroe from Madison Simis Elementary**, the **IB Arizona Teacher of the Year award!** **5th grade student Kyleigh S. was also chosen as Student of the Year!** Congratulations to Ms. Tracy, Ms. Monroe, and Kyleigh. Through the IB curriculum at Madison schools, students become independent learners capable of in-depth research, report writing, and taking action. Students inquire within the six IB transdisciplinary themes to become internationally minded. For more information about Madison's IB program, visit [madisonaz.org/signatureprograms](http://madisonaz.org/signatureprograms).





# 12NEWS A+ Teachers of the Week



**Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Lavina Bahm for being awarded the 12News A+ Teacher of the Week recognition!** Mrs. Bahm is a preschool teacher at Madison Rose Lane for Madison School District Community Education. Mrs. Bahm was nominated by Olga, a parent from her 4-year-old classroom. Here's what Olga said about Mrs. Bahm's amazing work: "She is compassionate, creative, nurturing, and passionate not only about educating the kids, but also about keeping them safe and comfortable during this difficult time... Mrs. Bahm has made the transition to school... easier for our kiddo (who said 'my teacher is perfect' after the first week) and also for the parents." "She is never too busy to hear your concerns and has many tricks up her sleeve as we have learned in the short time we have known her. She is a gem and we are so lucky to be in her classroom. She deserves to be recognized!" Congratulations, Mrs. Bahm!

**Mrs. Nancy Magnusson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Madison Simis Elementary was also awarded the 12News A+ Teacher of the Week recognition!** Mrs. Magnusson was nominated by Lisa, a parent of two students who have been in Mrs. Magnusson's class. Here's what Lisa had to say: "My daughter had the blessing of being taught by Mrs. Magnusson last year and I was so impressed with how she handled a challenging time learning online and being able to make such a positive impact on each student, especially my daughter. My son has her this year and I was over the moon when I learned he would be in her class. She recognized he needed extra support with reading and has come up with creative ways to help him succeed. She is beyond caring and an extraordinary teacher!" Congratulations, Mrs. Magnusson!



# National Board Certified Teachers



**Madison School District recognized our recently awarded National Board Certified Teachers!** According to the Arizona K-12 Center, "National Board Certification is the highest certificate an educator can achieve in the United States. Administered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National Board Certification is a rigorous and reflective process that requires teachers to showcase the National Board Standards in their practice."

**Congratulations to teachers: Kyra Emmerich, Madison Camelview Elementary; Tiffani Vanore & Nancy Magnusson, Madison Simis Elementary; Jamie Allen, Madison No. 1 ; and Bridget Brown, Madison Rose Lane Elementary**

**Thank you for your dedication to providing the best education to our students!**

# Helping Families Support Their Child's Academic, Social, and Emotional Wellness

Madison School District is committed to educating the whole child; supporting not only the academic, but also the social and emotional well-being of all of our students. By addressing social and emotional wellness, students are better able to succeed in their academics, make the most of their education, and grow to become successful future-focused leaders. As educators and parents, our number one priority is the well-being of the children in our care, which is what makes a successful school-to-home connection so important. We are not only committed to supporting our students, but also to helping families support their students as well. This year, we have launched several online resources for families, including our podcast "Parenting Future-Focused Kids" as well as a new interactive online series called THRIVE (previously Parent University). Additionally, we always encourage families to reach out to your child's teacher, principal, school counselor, or school social worker to discuss your child's school experience. Thank you for helping support your child's success and passion for learning!



## PARENTING FUTURE-FOCUSED KIDS PODCAST

Parenting Future-Focused Kids is a podcast for families that provides tips for supporting your child's academic success, social, emotional and physical wellness. Each episode focuses on a different topic such as early childhood education, independent learning, social/emotional support, and more. Learn how to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking all while preparing your child for the future at [madisonaz.org/podcast](https://madisonaz.org/podcast). Also available on Spotify!



## THRIVE: PARENTING SERIES

Parent University is now *THRIVE: Together, Healthy, Resilient, Informed, Values aligned, Empowered*. As the landscape of childhood continues to evolve, it is imperative that parents are steeped with resources to approach and support their child in ways that align with the students of the Alpha and I Generation. Madison School District is excited to launch our THRIVE series of interactive online offerings for parents and community members. For more information about upcoming events, visit [madisonaz.org/thrive](https://madisonaz.org/thrive)



## Important Dates & Reminders



### DATES:

- FEBRUARY 2 – 4: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- FEBRUARY 21: PRESIDENTS' DAY – NO SCHOOL
- MARCH 11: TEACHER PLANNING DAY – HALF-DAY SCHEDULE
- MARCH 11: 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER ENDS
- MARCH 14 – 18: SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- MARCH 21: 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER BEGINS
- APRIL 4 – 22: STATE TESTING AND/OR MAKE-UP TESTING
- APRIL 15: SPRING HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
- MAY 25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – HALF-DAY SCHEDULE

For a complete list of important dates and upcoming events, please visit [madisonaz.org/calendar](https://madisonaz.org/calendar)



# Students Take Center Stage at The Madison Center for the Arts!



This fall, students from across Madison have had the opportunity to develop their craft and showcase their work and talents at the Madison Center for the Arts.

Students from Madison Camelview Elementary performed their winter concert for families and had the opportunity to showcase their winter themed artwork in the theater lobby for all to enjoy!

Madison middle school students also had several unique opportunities to learn directly from professional actors, dancers, and acrobats. Students worked with **Zoe Jensen from the Angelica Cast of "Hamilton"**, **Yan Chen, Rehearsal Director and Soloist with the American Ballet Theater**, as well as the acrobats from **"Santa's Circus."** We are proud to be able to offer such amazing MasterClass opportunities for our students and thankful to the artists for taking the time to help our students grow and develop their skills!



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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, and Visual & Performing Arts.** If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2022-2023 school year, visit [madisonaz.org/enrollment](http://madisonaz.org/enrollment) to learn more!



## Madison is Hiring *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](http://madisonaz.org/jobs) to view the current job opportunities!

**Current opportunities include:**

- Teachers & Guest Teachers
- Before & After School Club Leaders (MAC)
- Custodians
- Food Service Staff
- Bus Drivers
- Counselors and Psychologists
- ... and more!



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