



THE MADISON SCENE

SUMMER 2022



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STRONGER TOGETHER

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Madison Families and Community,

As we enter into the new school year, the Madison Governing Board thanks you for your support and perseverance. Every new school year brings some measure of change. The 2022 – 2023 school year will bring an extra layer of change with the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Baca. Through some of the most challenging years in public education, Dr. Baca has led with grace, resiliency, and compassion. The Governing Board extends our deepest appreciation for his leadership.

I have had the honor to be involved in the superintendent selection process. We are excited for the road that lies ahead with new Madison Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Guerin. Dr. Baca and Dr. Guerin have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. The Board is confident that Dr. Guerin will continue Madison's tradition of excellence, collaboration, and prioritizing community partnerships.

I know Madison staff are excited to enter into a new school year and welcome students in August. The Governing Board is just as excited to continue to serve our students, staff, families, and community.

Respectfully,
Dr. Marcus Osborn
Madison School District Governing Board President



WELCOME FROM THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

As I transition into your amazing school community, I want to thank each of you for the warm welcome. Madison truly is the special place I remember it to be.

Both my husband and I grew up in Phoenix, graduating from neighboring school districts. My husband is a former Madison student, attending both Vista Elementary and Madison #2. As a high school student growing up in North Phoenix, I had the privilege of creating before and after school programming at a middle school in the Madison School District as part of the Western Savings Community Service Scholarship Program. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my youth, and as a result, I decided to become an educator. Now, I have the privilege of joining the community that inspired me to take this path.

The past two years have been incredibly challenging. I have watched teachers, administrators, support staff, families, and community members all come together to focus on students. Now, more than ever, as we prepare for the new year ahead, we can do so with optimism. As we move forward together, we can embrace the joy of the new year, enjoy the events and activities we have missed, and welcome our newest kindergartners who will become the class of 2035.

I recently read the last edition of the Madison Scene, and Past President Sarah Speer shared her thoughts on gratitude and how it has played such an important part in our lives over the past two years. Please know, I am truly grateful to join the Madison family as we celebrate our students, appreciate our staff, and embrace our supportive community members.

– Dr. Kimberly Guerin
Madison Superintendent

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Madison Students Supporting Community

SIMIS & MEADOWS STUDENT COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Madison Simis Elementary and Madison Meadows Middle School offer the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Programme. The IB Programme aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Throughout the school year, students research different topics and develop projects to support fellow students and the community.

This spring, Madison Simis fourth graders presented their Exhibition Research Projects to fellow students and families. The Exhibition is a culminating experience where students have the opportunity to exhibit the IB Learner Profile attributes. Students engage in a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involves identifying, investigating, and offering solutions to real-life issues or problems. As a result of their learning, students will be taking action to help solve the issues and problems they learned from their research.

Several examples of Meadows students taking action and supporting their community include Emily, Isabella, and Holland, who were inspired to start a project that helps support students with special needs. They started “Lunch Bunch” (featured cover photo). “Lunch Bunch” gives students additional time to interact and enjoy lunch together. Students Emma and Caleb researched ways to support students with dyslexia. Through their research, they found an app that can help support students and then collaborated with Madison staff on how new technology like this can be integrated into the classroom.

For more information about Madison’s IB program, visit madisonaz.org/signatureprograms.



Madison Receives Electric Bus Grant











Madison is among the first school districts in Arizona to receive a grant to purchase a 2022 zero-emissions all-electric school bus thanks to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department 2021 State Clean Diesel Grant Program. The State Clean Diesel Grant Program is part of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funded through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Madison is one of three organizations in the state to receive this year’s grant and the only organization

to obtain an electric vehicle with the funding. This grant will provide Madison up to \$205,886 in funds to replace one 2005 diesel school bus with one 2022 zero-emissions all-electric school bus. Matching funds of 55% will be provided by Madison School District. Director of Maintenance and Transportation, Kyle DiMatteo, was instrumental in securing this grant for the District. He stated, “As someone who lives in the Madison community, I take pride in positive contributions the District can make to our own neighborhood – our own back yard. This electric bus will improve air quality for our neighbors and students. I believe that electric buses are the future of transportation and that this is an important first step, hopefully of many, as we move toward a future with cleaner air. I would like to personally thank Larz Garcia for his assistance in obtaining a DERA grant, without which we may not have been able to purchase an all-electric bus.”

Back-to-School Information

Getting Ready for the New Year

Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 school year! We are excited to welcome our students back into the classroom! Here are some back to school tips that will help your child prepare for the upcoming school year.

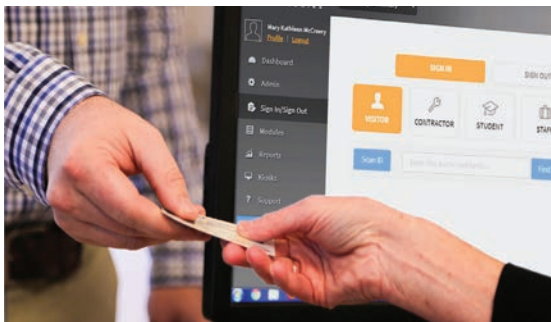
-  Plan on attending **School Check-In Days** on **July 26 – 28** (*more info at madisonaz.org/enrollment*).
-  Mark your calendars for the first day of school: **Tuesday, August 9.**
-  Monitor for **COVID-19 updates** at madisonaz.org/covid-19-information
-  Familiarize yourself with **dress code and/or 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!**



New Visitor Check-In Process

As part of Madison's safety and security initiatives, we are implementing a new visitor management system. **Visitors will need to complete a registration process one time at a Madison school.** Visitors will be encouraged to provide a valid government photo ID at every visit as it allows visitors to check in instantly. Other forms of identification will be accepted but will take a longer time to process. **The system will be mandatory for all visitors beginning August 9, 2022.**

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

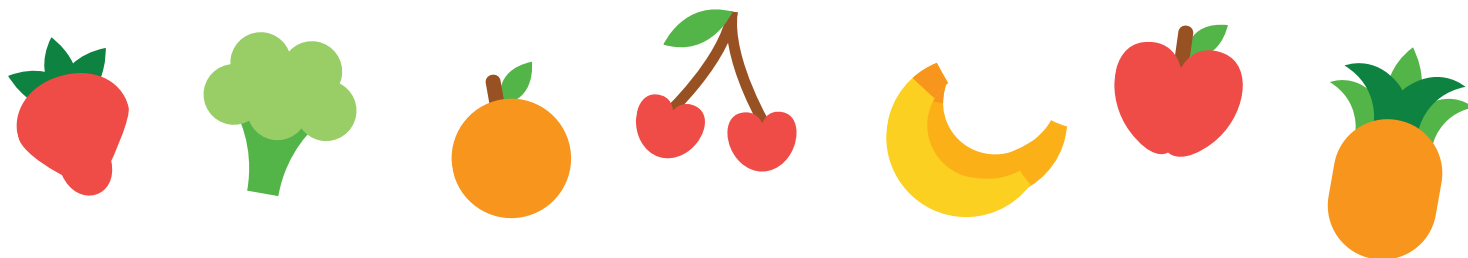


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2022–2023 Free & Reduced Meal Application Information

At the start of the pandemic, the USDA announced that all meals would be free for children 18 years of age and younger through June 30, 2022. Please note that after June 30, 2022 free meals will no longer be available through this program. We encourage our families to fill out the Free and Reduced Meal application during Check-In Days (July 26, 27, 28, 2022) to ensure that students are ready for the 2022–2023 school year. Please note, students will accrue meal debt for purchases made without funds in their account. It is extremely important that you add funds to your child's account or fill out the free and reduced meal

application so that your child is ready for the 2022–2023 school year. We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding your child's school meal account, please contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at (602) 664-7919.



Important Dates & Reminders



Dates:

- JULY 26: NEW STUDENT CHECK-IN DAY, KINDERGARTEN & 5TH GRADE
- JULY 27: RETURNING STUDENT CHECK-IN DAY, LAST NAME A–L
- JULY 28: RETURNING STUDENT CHECK-IN DAY, LAST NAME M–Z
- AUGUST 9: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- SEPTEMBER 5: LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
- SEPTEMBER 30: TEACHER PLANNING DAY – NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 3–7: FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 19–21: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS' DAY
- NOVEMBER 23–25: THANKSGIVING BREAK
- DECEMBER 16: TEACHER PLANNING DAY – HALF DAY SCHEDULE
- DECEMBER 19–30: WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- JANUARY 2: TEACHER PLANNING DAY – NO SCHOOL
- JANUARY 3: SCHOOL RESUMES

For a complete list of important dates and upcoming events, please visit madisonaz.org/calendar

CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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FIVE MADISON SCHOOLS NAMED "BEST" BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

U.S. News & World Report has published the rankings and data on more than 80,000 public elementary and middle schools across the United States for the very first time in 2022. Schools are typically ranked at a district and state level focusing on two areas: math and reading proficiency, and how well students perform on standardized tests. Five Madison School District schools were ranked as U.S. News Best Elementary Schools & U.S. News Best Middle Schools in Arizona! The following schools received this recognition:

- Madison Simis Elementary
- Madison Traditional Academy
- Madison Heights Elementary
- Madison No. 1 Middle School
- Madison Meadows Middle School

INSPIRE YOU CHILD'S PASSION FOR

LEARNING & LEADING

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, there's still time! Visit madisonaz.org/enrollment to learn more!



MADISON CAMELVIEW (PreK-4th)
STEAM Signature Program
f @MadisonAZCamelview



MADISON MEADOWS (5th-8th)
International Baccalaureate®
Programme
f @MadisonAZMeadowsMiddleSchool



MADISON HEIGHTS (PreK-4th)
Spanish Immersion & REACH-
Profoundly Gifted Programs
f @MadisonAZHeights



MADISON NO. 1 (5th-8th)
Visual & Performing Arts, Spanish
Immersion, REACH - Profoundly
Gifted Programs
f @MadisonAZNo.1MiddleSchool



MADISON ROSE LANE (PreK-4th)
Visual & Performing Arts Program
f @MadisonAZRoseLane



MADISON PARK (5th-8th)
STEAM Signature Program
f @MadisonAZParkMiddleSchool



MADISON SIMIS (PreK-4th)
International Baccalaureate®
Programme
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**MADISON TRADITIONAL
ACADEMY** (PreK-8th)
Traditional Philosophy
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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 2022 – 2023 school year.



DURING CHECK-IN DAYS, FAMILIES WILL:

- Update Emergency Contact information
- Update immunization records
- Update any medical information

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

Madison is Hiring!

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:

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



APPLY TODAY AT [MADISONAZ.ORG/JOBS](https://madisonaz.org/jobs) OR CALL (602) 664-7900

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