



THE
MADISON
 WINTER 2025
SCENE



Inspiring *passion* for learning and leading



2023-2024
 Arizona
 Department
 of Education



Madison
 Camelview,
 Heights, Simis,
 and Madison
 Traditional
 Academy



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 Meadows,
 No. 1, and
 Madison
 Traditional
 Academy



Letter from the Governing Board

Hello Madison Community,

Happy New Year! As we again find ourselves in a season of renewal, we are reminded of the never-ending cycle of change. We in the Madison School District are continually reminded of this as we seek to educate and care for our students in every way. Even our vision statement indicates: "Inspiring passion for learning and leading in an ever-changing world." I was honored to serve as Governing Board President throughout 2024, and am excited to start another four-year term on the board. I have seen a lot of change during my first term, which began in 2021. We have since hired a wonderful new superintendent, opened new school buildings, welcomed new

board members, and bid farewell to retiring ones (Sarah Speer, you will be missed)! One of the things that stands out to me is our community's ability to respond to any changes that come our way while always striving for what's best for our students. We see this at every level whether it's our families, teachers and staff, neighbors, or administration. I'm most impressed by our students who consistently demonstrate flexibility, perseverance, and a growth mindset every day. We may learn a thing or two from them, as well! I wish a healthy and happy 2025 to all of you, from all our board members. Thank you for your support of the Madison School District!

Yours in service, Karen Gresham
Outgoing Madison Governing Board President

Meet Brett Hunt

Our new board member is Brett Hunt. Brett is a parent of two Madison students. He is currently a professor at Arizona State University and has more than 22 years of leadership experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. He began his career as a captain in the U.S. Army, including deployments to Iraq and Kuwait and service in Korea. Passionate about veterans' issues, Brett

advocates for veterans at the local, state, and federal levels; he is a facilitator for the Treks 4 Vets program, a wilderness therapy program, and co-founded the Veterans Scholar Program at Arizona State University to support student veterans. We are thrilled to welcome Brett Hunt to the Madison Governing Board and look forward to his future contributions.



Bond Projects & Financial Updates

Thanks to the support of our dedicated community, bond dollars are being effectively utilized throughout the district. Madison is working on **enhancing safety and security measures**, as well as continuing to **invest in technology initiatives**, such as providing a Chromebook to every student. In 2024, phase two of the Madison Park rebuild was completed, marking the opening of the MTA preschool building and athletic fields. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded

Madison School District the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. This honor is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Madison has received this award for more than 30 years.

Additionally, **Moody's Ratings maintained Madison's Aa1 issuer and Aaa ratings** on the district's outstanding general obligation bonds, the two highest ratings designated by Moody's.

Madison Park Middle School Construction



Jessica Mooney, Madison Simis Elementary Teacher



Awards & Celebrations

Scan to learn more or visit madisonaz.org/news

Madison School District is proud to celebrate all the amazing accomplishments from our schools, students, and staff.

In August 2024, second grade Teacher **Jessica Mooney at Madison Simis Elementary was named a 12 News A+ Teacher!** Ms. Mooney was nominated by Abra, the parent of one of Ms. Mooney's former students. "I felt like in his year with you, he grew so much as a person, and that's what any parent hopes happens with their kid. You helped him find his voice, and I'm forever grateful for that," she shared.

Congratulations also to Kristy Davis, Kindergarten Teacher at Madison Camelview Elementary, on being recognized as a **2025 Arizona Educational Foundation's Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention.**

The **Madison Education Foundation** awarded grants to seven teachers to support special projects for students in their classrooms, including Lego essential kits, Push & Pull Toys: Movable Functional Art, and more!









Inspire Your Child's Passion for Learning & Leading



Madison offers **six unique Signature Programs** that empower students to explore their passions and develop their talents.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AT MADISON:

-  Gifted Programs & REACH
-  STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math
-  International Baccalaureate®
-  Traditional Academy
-  Spanish Immersion
-  Visual & Performing Arts





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Set Sail on the SS Madison!

Join the Madison Education Foundation for our upcoming gala fundraiser, as we embark on a night of food, fun, and philanthropy. Enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, and more, all while benefiting the students of the Madison School District.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26
6PM-10PM**



Visit madisonaz.org/mef or scan to learn more, buy tickets, and become a sponsor!



Join the Madison Team!

At Madison, you'll find a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters collaboration, growth, and development. We take pride in our **positive atmosphere** and **strong sense of community**, making it not just a job, but a place where careers flourish.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Bus Drivers
- Before & After School Club Leaders (MAC)
- Teachers & Guest Teachers
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Instructional Aides
- And More!

UPCOMING HIRING EVENTS:

March 19 & April 7: Job Fair
Meet some of the Madison team and learn about employment opportunities.



Learn more and apply at madisonaz.org/jobs



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