

## Madera Adult School Newsletter



December 2021



### Important Update:

Winter Recess: Dec. 20, 2021 - Jan. 7 2022

[Please Complete COVID Form Before Leaving Home](#)

**Be Your Best, Do Your Best!**

### School Climate and Culture-----

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Madera Adult School is to provide students with a positive experience and lifelong learning skills to achieve their educational, career, and personal goals by developing respect, responsibility, and accountability, thus empowering the students to continue their education or transition into the workforce and become contributing citizens of a global community. (Revised and Adopted 8/17/20)

#### **Vision Statement**

Madera Adult School will be recognized as an innovative and progressive learning institution where students are inspired and supported by staff to be successful in the twenty-first century (Created and Adopted February 2018).

- **Renee Smith's Corner:** All paperwork: grades on ASAP & CASAS updates are due Dec. 17, @ 3:00p.m.
- CASAS Post testing for students with 70 plus hours of instruction is currently being done.
- **Ana Jasso's Corner:** Rollover will be done on Dec. 17th.
- Timesheets are due Dec. 16th by noon.
- Please clean out all belongings from the fridge in the staff lounge by Dec. 15th.
- *As a reminder, teachers please don't forget to turn in your sign-in sheets for PLC, Department Meetings, Leadership, and Curriculum & Instruction meetings.*
- **Attendance Corner:** Final attendance is due Dec. 17th @ noon.
- Safety guidelines will include but are not limited to the following:
  - Daily disinfecting will take place in all classrooms, restrooms, offices, and cafeterias throughout the day. These common areas will be cleaned and sanitized nightly with disinfecting foggers by school site custodians. Disinfecting spray bottles and paper towels will be in all classrooms and offices for staff interim disinfecting of furniture and high contact surfaces in between classes and periodically throughout the day.

**Teachers & Office Staff can nominate a MAS teacher or Office Staff for the “Going Above and Beyond” Award! This award recognizes a MAS employee that goes above and beyond the everyday expectations of her/his duties! Winners are awarded a certificate and a \$10 Starbucks Card! Please call or email Ana Jasso to nominate a deserving staff member. You may call Ana at 559-675-4425 or email her at [anajasso@maderausd.org](mailto:anajasso@maderausd.org)**

Madera Adult School is still registering students for HSD and HiSet. Students must call the school to schedule a time to register and test. Please plan to be here for at least 1.5 hours. Masks are required and students that are sick are asked not to attend until all their symptoms are gone. Masks must be worn to participate in registration and testing. Please call our school at 559-675-4425 to schedule an appointment or visit our school website at [Madera Adult School website](#).

**Department Chairs:**

Mrs. Anzaldo - ESL/DOC  
 Ms. Cruz - HSD

Mrs. Kovacs - HiSet  
 Mrs. Waters - SPED

Ms. Santana - ABE  
 Vacant - CTE

## Upcoming Events

**December 14, 2021**  
 Wednesday @ 9:00 AM  
 Lockdown Drill

**December 20 - January 7**  
 Winter Recess

**January 10, 2022**  
 Institute Day

**January 11, 2022**  
 Classes resume for the  
 new semester.

## This Month's Highlights

Monthly Calendar	Month of December
<b>Tuesday December 14, 2021</b>	Lock Down Drill 9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday December 15, 2021</b>	Winter Feast / Professional Development Meeting 12:00 - 2:00 PM Last Day of Classes
<b>Thursday December 16, 2021</b>	Work Day - No Students CASAS updates / Grades
<b>Friday December 17, 2021</b>	Semester Ends Last day of school 2021
<b>December 20, 2021 - January 7, 2022</b>	Winter Recess

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## Students of the Month

It is important that we recognize those students who have improved attendance, come to class on time, showing better study habits and are a positive influence in the classroom. Send the name of 1 special student per class to Mrs. Juarez who will print a certificate honoring them as student of the month. It is important that we remember most of our adult students have never received such a recognition. This is one way to improve student morale and boost their self-esteem. These names are to be submitted no later than the 25th of each month.

### Students of the Month for November:

<b>Adela Anzaldo:</b>	Roberto Rodriguez	Tishshonna Croney	Suzette Rodriguez
Hugo Rodriguez	Higinio Montes	Ruben Frias	Francisco Sanchez
Mark Grey	Shon Walton	Monica Sheffield	Donaciano Santos
Arthur Block			
<b>Lance Hoffrage:</b>	Christopher Leung		
<b>Paula Kovacs:</b>	Sheila Brar	Cynthia Graber	Sofia Maciel
<b>Ezequiel Ramirez:</b>	Jorge Lopez	Edith Ramirez	Julian Hernandez
<b>Mayra Santana:</b>	Isadora Albor	Abraham Navarro Flores	
Monica Amezcua	Miguel Saracino		
<b>Azalia Santos:</b>	Esperanza Santiago Hernandez		Dayana Macias Abrica
<b>Renee Smith:</b>	Nereyda Zazueta de Zarco		Martha Ponce
<b>Pamela Waters:</b>	Roxanna Munoz		

**“The Challenge” REMAINS:** Remember, Readers are Learners, and Learners are Earners! Books are available in the Office to loan. Please return the book back to the Office after you have read the book. Don’t forget to pick up a ticket from Ana once you have read a book. The ticket you earned from reading a book will be placed in a raffle drawing for three \$100 prizes!

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend each day they are scheduled to attend. Please contact your teacher if you are going to be absent or late for your class. When attending your classes, students are expected to participate in the lesson. Also important are attendance and a good attitude which are important to the program and to your success!

**Reminder: Drop students for non-attendance to make room for students on waitlist.**

## Something to Ponder!

Bruce Lee once said, “instead of buying your children all the things you never had, you should teach them all the things you were never taught. Material things wear out but knowledge stays.”

## **Sayings in December:**

**Let all the failures of your past year be your best guide in the New Year.**

**- Mehmet Murat ildan**

**“Peace on Earth and good will toward men.”**

**Kindness is like snow—it beautifies everything it covers.**

**- Kahlil Gibran**

**As we look to the new year, hold on to what is good. Let go of what is bad. It really is that simple.**

**- Mandy Hale**

**“When it comes to snow, you have two choices: shovel it or make snow angels.”**

**-Unknown**

**To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.**

**- Aristotle**

## **Celebrating December:**

**All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. --- Article I of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights -- adopted by the United Nations General Assembly 1948.**

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## Counselors/Student Advocates

Mrs. Barbara Juarez: Teacher on Special Assignment, Lead Teacher. Please refer students on 504 plans to her.

Mrs. Pam Waters: Resource Specialist. She works with our Special Education Students

### **Michelle Santesteban, Transitions Specialist, (559)593-0993**

The following days/times are designated weekly specifically for your students, staff questions, etc..... I can be easily reached via phone, text, and e-mail, as well as through our new website.

Transition Services Weekly Availability for MAS

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, on site hours: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Every Wednesday on site hours: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Every 4th Tuesday of the month on site hours 5:00pm - 8:00pm virtual by appt. only

**To request an appointment with me**, Go to [SCAEClearns.org](https://www.scaeclearns.org) - click on Transition Specialist, look for my name/picture and click on "Make an appt." I will always be available on other dates/times with an appointment and be as flexible as possible. I understand the vast majority of our students are working parents and now homeschooling their children. Please keep in mind that all appointments will be held virtually through telephone, Google Meet, Zoom, etc. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to another successful academic year.