



## Madera Adult School Newsletter

**November 2022**

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**Important Update: November 6, 2022**  
Standard Time Begins, reminder: set clock back an hour (fall back).

**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)

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## 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: Renee Smith's Corner:** Begin post testing students who have 70 plus hours of attendance or students who plan on leaving before the end of 2nd quarter.

**Ana Jasso's Corner:** *As a reminder, teachers please don't forget to turn in your sign-in sheets for PLC, Department Meetings, Leadership, and Curriculum & Instruction meetings.*

**HiSET Testing** *Our CASAS/HiSet coordinator, Patricia Rodriguez will be working with teachers to schedule their students for testing.*

**Attendance reminder:** *Teachers must turn in their attendance every Friday.*

**Teachers: Please remember to read your emails on a daily basis! Thank you.**

- 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@madera.usd.org](mailto:anajasso@madera.usd.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 2.5 to 3 hrs. for testing. Masks are recommended 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](#).

**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.**

**“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!

**Department Chairs:**

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

Mrs. Kovacs - HiSet  
Mrs. Waters - SPED

Ms. Santana - ABE  
Vacant - CTE

## Upcoming Events

**November 15, 2022**  
Tuesday @ 9:00 AM  
Fire Drill

**December 14, 2022**  
Students last day

**December 19, 2022 -  
January 6, 2023**  
Winter Recess

## This Month's Highlights

Monthly Calendar	Month of November
<b>Sunday November 6, 2022</b>	Back to Standard Time Set clock back an hour
<b>Friday, November 11, 2022</b>	Veterans Day No school
<b>Tuesday November 15, 2022</b>	Staff Meeting 4 - 6 PM
<b>Thursday, November 17, 2022</b>	Fall Feast 12 PM
<b>November 21 - 25, 2022</b>	Thanksgiving Break

The Citizenship Preparation class welcomes these new U.S. citizens:

Cecilia Castro Brambila

Dayana Macias Abrica

One of our Success Stories:

Aidee Bautista



Aidee achieved her educational goals in just 5 years. She has gone through all of the ESL classes, IET, HiSet, and Citizenship programs in that short amount of time. She was concurrently enrolled at Madera Community College (MCC) while completing her HiSet. As soon as she completed her HiSet, she was hired as a tutor by MCC. She was awarded a scholarship to further her education. Aidee received recognition from CCWC, AT&T, CCEOC, and Assemblyman Juan Arambula for her outstanding achievements.

## 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 October:

<b>Adela Anzaldo:</b>	Tomas Garcia	David Estrada	Guillermo Carlos
	Elizabeth Quintal	Ruben Locadio	Bertin Sanchez Perez
	Ricardo Garcia	Jose Delgado	Ray Esqueda
	Aaron Muller	Luis Lopez	
<b>Lance Hoffrage:</b>	Moises Macedo-Jaramillo		
<b>Paula Kovacs:</b>	Eliza Martinez	Roxana Montufar	Valerie Salinas
	Arturo Medina	Jose Luna	Jordyn Belk
<b>Mayra Santana:</b>	Miriam Herrera Hernandez	Brandon Gomez Hernandez	
	Alicia Botello de Banuelos	Guadalupe Lopez de Barrios	
	Isidora Albor Juarez		
<b>Azalia Santos:</b>	Celestina Elpidio Saavedra		
<b>Renee Smith:</b>	Dayana Macias Abrica	Elva Gutierrez	

Of our collective recognized students, Jose Luna's name was drawn as the Madera Adult School's October Student of the Month. Jose was awarded a gift card and will be recognized on the schools' website. Congratulations Jose.

## Something to Ponder!

Wishing your past was different is pointless. Hoping for a better future is futile without being grateful for the present and working hard to improve the future.



## Health Wellness:

The month of Movember is Men's Health Awareness:

Did you know that men's average life expectancy in the United States is almost 5 years less than women.

The reason for the poor state of men's health are numerous and complex and include:

- Lack of awareness and understanding of the health issues men face
- Men not openly discussing their health and how they're feeling
- Reluctance to take action when men don't feel physically or mentally well
- Men engaging in risky activities that threaten their health
- Stigmas surrounding mental health
- Men are 24 percent less likely than women to have visited a doctor within the past year

The Movember Foundation aims to change this way of thinking by putting a fun twist on this serious issue. Using the mustache as a catalyst, the idea is to bring about change and give men the opportunity and confidence to learn and talk about their health and take action when needed.

As a global men's health movement, the Movember Foundation has the ambition to contribute to improving the lives of men around the world. As a way of achieving this, the Movember Foundation challenges men to grow mustaches during Movember (the month formerly known as November) to spark conversation and raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems. We see success as moving the dial on progress towards:

- Reduced mortality from prostate, testicular cancer and men's suicide
- Men living with prostate or testicular cancer being physically and mentally well
- Men and boys understanding how to be mentally healthy and taking action when they experience mental health problems
- Men and boys with mental health problems not being discriminated against



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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

**Karina Vera: Transition Specialist, SCAEC**

Beginning in October Karina will be available the following days:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 4pm -7 pm

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Every Month from 9am - 1pm

1st & 3rd Thursday of Every Month from 9am - 1pm

In-Person, Telephone, and Virtual appointments available upon request

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Or by visiting their website at [www.SCAECLearns.org](http://www.SCAECLearns.org)