



December 2024

"The Phoenix"

Important Update: Winter Break is Dec. 23 - Jan. 10. Students return to school on Jan. 13th.

Actualización Importante: Las vacaciones de invierno son del 23 de diciembre al 10 de enero. Los estudiantes regresan a la escuela el 13 de enero.

Be Your Best, Do Your Best!

¡Sé lo mejor que puedas, haz lo mejor que puedas!

School Climate and Culture -

Ambiente Escolar y Cultura -

Mission Statement

The mission of Madera Adult School is to provide students with an inclusive, diverse, and equitable learning community where they can achieve educational, career, and personal goals by developing respect, responsibility, and accountability, thus empowering the students to transition into the workforce and become contributing citizens of a global community (revised and adopted 5/17/23).

Nuestra Misión

La misión de Madera Adult School es brindar a los estudiantes una comunidad de aprendizaje inclusiva, diversa y equitativa donde puedan alcanzar metas educativas, profesionales y personales desarrollando respeto, responsabilidad y rendición de cuentas, empoderando así a los estudiantes para hacer la transición a la fuerza laboral y convertirse en ciudadanos contribuyentes de una comunidad global (revisado y adoptado el 17/05/23).

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).

Nuestra Visión

La Escuela de Madera para Adultos será reconocida como una institución de aprendizaje innovadora y progresiva donde los estudiantes son inspirados y apoyados por el personal para tener éxito en el siglo XXI.

● **RENEE'S CORNER:** During the month of December, teachers will continue doing CASAS post testing for students who have 40 hours or more.

Paperwork to be completed by the End of Term 2 (December 20th):

1. Entry Goals and Updates entered on ASAP
2. Grades (Pass/Fail) and credits for Graded programs entered on ASAP
3. All Post-testing completed for students with 40+hours Attendance
4. For ESL Teachers: El Civics Answer sheets on Nutrition Activity submitted for scanning

● **ANA'S CORNER:** The last day with students is Wednesday, December 18th. Teachers will be working on completing grades, attendance, and CASAS updates on Thursday and Friday, December 19th and 20th. Timesheets are due no later than Thursday, December 19th. Friday, December 20th: Rollover.

● **ATTENDANCE:** Teachers please have attendance completed and turned in by noon on Friday, December 20th. If you have any questions or need any help please contact Yvette.

● **HiSET TESTING:** HiSet students need to contact the office staff to schedule an appointment with the HiSet Coordinator to schedule the HiSet tests.

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! Please call or email Barbara Juarez to nominate a deserving staff member. You may call Mrs. Juarez at 559-675-4425 ext. 104 or email her at Barbarajuarez@maderausd.org.

¡Los maestros y el personal de la oficina pueden nominar a un maestro de MAS o al personal de la oficina para el premio "Ir por encima y más allá"! ¡Este premio reconoce a un empleado de MAS que va más allá de las expectativas diarias de sus funciones! ¡Los ganadores reciben un certificado y una tarjeta de regalo de \$10! Llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Barbara Juarez para nominar a un miembro del personal que lo merezca. Puede llamar a Mrs. Juarez al 559-675-4425 ext. 104 o enviarle un correo electrónico a Barbarajuarez@maderausd.org.



Teachers: Please remember to read your emails and check your staff box on a daily basis. Thank you!



REGISTRATION

Madera Adult School is registering students for HSD, HiSet, ESL & Citizenship. Students must call the school to schedule a time to register and test. Please plan to be here for at least 1.5 to 3 hours for testing (depending on the program that you are testing for). Students that are sick are asked not to attend until all their symptoms are gone. Please call our school at 559-675-4425 to schedule an appointment or visit our school website at [Madera Adult School](#).

Madera Adult School está registrando estudiantes para HSD, HiSet, ESL y Citizenship. Los estudiantes deben llamar a la escuela para programar un horario para registrarse y evaluar. Planea estar aquí durante al menos 1.5 a 3 horas para la prueba (dependiendo del programa para el que está probando). Se les pide a los estudiantes que están enfermos que no asistan hasta que todos sus síntomas hayan desaparecido. Llame a nuestra escuela al 559-675-4425 para programar una cita o visite el sitio web de nuestra escuela en Madera Adult School.

- ❖ **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. Students may be dropped for 2 consecutive absences if not in communication with their teacher. When attending your classes, students are expected to participate in the lesson. Attendance and a good attitude are very important to the program and to your success!
- ❖ **Política de Asistencia:** Se espera que los estudiantes asistan todos los días que están programados para asistir. Comuníquese con su maestro si va a estar ausente o llegará tarde a su clase. Los estudiantes pueden ser dados de baja por 2 ausencias consecutivas si no se comunican con su maestro. Al asistir a sus clases, se espera que los estudiantes participen en la lección. ¡También son importantes la asistencia y una buena actitud que son importantes para el programa y para su éxito!



Department Chairs:

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

Mr. Redondo - HiSet/ABE
Mrs. Waters - SPED

Ms. Garcia - CTE

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 21, 2024
Winter begins

December 25, 2024
Christmas Day

Jan. 13, 2025
3rd Quarter begins

December Highlights

Wednesday, December 11, 2024	Staff meeting
Friday, December 20, 2024	2nd Quarter ends
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	Last day with students
December 23, 2024 - January 10 2025	Winter Break



The Citizenship Preparation class welcomes these new U.S. citizens: Juanita Estrada Ma. Concepcion Gonzalez de Chavez

Maria Rodriguez Camarena Mayra Valencia Barocio

SOMETHING TO PONDER :

Let the spirit of December ignite your heart,
Warm your soul, & Fill your life with Joy and Laughter

Anonymous

I hope this Winter brings you:

Patience to grow at your own pace
Forgiveness for your past mistakes
Confidence to conquer uncertainty
Gratitude for people in your life
Clarity of what you need and don't
Courage to step up and evolve

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ALGO PARA REFLEXIONAR:

Deja que el espíritu de diciembre encienda tu corazón, caliente tu alma y llene tu vida de alegría y risas.

Anonimo

Espero que este invierno te traiga:

Paciencia para crecer a tu propio ritmo

Perdón por tus errores pasados

Confianza para vencer la incertidumbre

Gratitud por las personas en tu vida

Claridad de lo que necesitas y lo que no

Coraje para avanzar y evolucionar

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The real history of Santa Claus is based on a 4th century Greek bishop named Saint Nicholas, who lived in Myra (modern-day Turkey) and was known for his secret acts of generosity, particularly giving gifts to poor children. Nicholas was born around 280 A.D. in Patara, in modern-day Turkey. Legend states that Nicholas had a giving spirit and traveled the countryside helping those less fortunate and the sick. Nicholas's parents were wealthy and left the bulk of their estate to Nicholas when they died. Nicholas, who always had the spirit of giving, took his inheritance and gave to those less fortunate and lived a life of humility.

Waves of European immigrants brought St. Nicholas's holiday tradition to America. By the end of the 18th century, St. Nicholas was recognized by American culture. The name, Santa Claus, was stated to evolve from Nick's Dutch nickname, *Sinter Klaas*, a shortened form of *Sint Nikolaas*, which is translated as the Dutch name for St. Nicholas.

Gift giving, a custom that was passed down from St. Nicholas's generosity in helping others has been a part of the Christmas tradition since the early 19th century. The lure of Santa and Christmas giving were becoming popular in the United States. The Salvation Army in the early 1890's started sending unemployed men in Santa suits to solicit donations for needy families to provide them with Christmas meals. Salvation Army Santas have been ringing their bells on street corners and in front of stores to gather donations for the needy since the start of this tradition.

<https://www.sttammanylibrary.org/blogs/post/the-legend-of-santa-claus-part-1-the-origin-and-history-of-a-christmas-legend/#:~:text=The%20story%20behind%20Santa%20goes,the%20anniversary%20of%20Nicholas's%20death.>

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 one 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.

Estudiantes del Mes

Es importante que reconozcamos a aquellos estudiantes que han mejorado su asistencia, llegan a tiempo a clases, muestran mejores hábitos de estudio y son una influencia positiva en el salón de clases. Envíe el nombre de 1 estudiante especial por clase a la Sra. Juárez, quien imprimirá un certificado honrándolo como estudiante del mes. Es importante que recordemos que la mayoría de nuestros estudiantes adultos nunca han recibido tal reconocimiento. Esta es una forma de mejorar la moral de los estudiantes y aumentar su autoestima. Estos nombres deben presentarse a más tardar el día 25 de cada mes.

Students of the Month for November:

Adela Anzaldo:	Moises Balderas	Jacob Devon Vasquez	Amando Sarabia
	Lorenzo Antonio Morales Cortes	Brittany Renee Flores	Tourousian
	David Angel Godinez	Joel Lopez	Tony Johnson
	Roberto Rodriguez	Alex Martin	Ruelaz
Renee Smith:	Mayra Valencia Barocio	Avelmira Duarte	Arellano
Michael Marcey:	Esmeralda Juarez	Liliana Tapia	
Miguel Correa Perez:	Cristina Merino De Reyes		
Mayra Santana:	Edgard Omar Palacios		
Ezequiel Ramirez:	Maria Remedios Salazar	Eydan Pedraza	Jose Zurita
Duane Peters:	Shaun Borba	Jennifer Corchado	Benson Garcia

Martin Pavia

Donato Lopez

Mirna Cervantes: Adolfo Murillo

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

De nuestros estudiantes reconocidos colectivos, el nombre de Donato Lopez fue elegido como el estudiante del mes de octubre de la Escuela para Adultos de Madera. Donato va a recibir una tarjeta de regalo y será reconocida en el sitio web de las escuelas. Felicidades Donato.



Counselors/Student Advocates

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

Mrs. Pam Brooks-Waters: Resource Specialist. She works with our Special Education / IEP Students

Karina Vera: Transition Specialist, SCAEC
Karina will be available the following days:

1st Wednesday of Every Month from 10 am -6 pm

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of Every Month from 9 am - 3 pm

1 to 2 times per month on Monday 9 am - 3 pm

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

Email: karina.vera@statecenter.com

Phone: (559) 593-1131 Or by visiting their website at www.SCAECLearns.org

Consejeros/Defensores de Estudiantes

Sra. Bárbara Juárez: Maestra en Asignación Especial, Maestra Principal. Por favor refiérase a los estudiantes en los planes 504 con ella.

Sra. Pam Waters: Especialista en Recursos. Ella trabaja con nuestros estudiantes de educación especial/IEP

Karina Vera: Especialista en Transición, SCAEC

A partir de octubre Karina estará disponible los siguientes días:

1er miércoles de cada mes de 10 am a 6 pm

2do, 3er y 4to miércoles de cada mes de 9 am a 3 pm

Uno o dos veces al mes en el lunes de 9 am a 3 pm

Citas en persona, telefónicas y virtuales disponibles previa solicitud

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