

# JAMES MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## School Leadership

**Principal:** Mr. Juan Ruelas

## Facts About Our School

**Grades Served:** Pre-K-5th grade

**Number of Students:** 530

**School Office Hours:** 7:30 am– 4:30 pm

## Awards

- 1st place in District math competition
- Three consecutive years of 1st place awards in after-school competitive sports

## After School Options

LEARNs, Pasadena City Parks and Recreation “Adventures” and tutoring

## Parent Options

Family Center, English Language Advisory Council, PTA, School Site Council, and Healthy Start

## Club Options

GATE, ASPIRE, Math, Science, Music, Art, and UCLA

## Facts About Our School

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

**School Mascot:** Soaring Eagles

**School Motto:** Madison Eagles, Soaring To Success!

**Dress Code:** Tops: blue, yellow, white. Bottoms: blue or khaki. No jeans.

## Community Leadership

**School Board Representative:**

Patrick Cahalan

**City Council Representative:**

Victor Gordo

## What Makes Our School Unique?

Madison Elementary staff and parents have worked very closely with Pasadena City and Pasadena Unified School District personnel to create a “City-School Collaboration Initiative”. Our community partners work with students, parents and staff to enrich our academics. Volunteers provide tutoring, mentorship, school supplies and field trips. We take care of the whole child providing both academic and social-emotional services when needed.

## What Does Our School Offer?

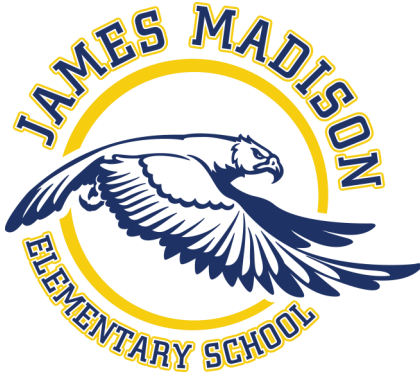
Learning is a team effort at Madison Elementary. Our shared leadership model builds great partnerships among students, parents, staff and the community which promotes our belief that every child is important and has potential for success. Our instructional program teaches a multitude of skills which are integrated into all academic areas. Students are involved with STEAM projects and labs from pre-school through fifth grade. Our fourth and fifth grade students participate in Music, Science Innovation Club, and various district competitions. Our after-school programs provide extra-curricular activities such as sports teams. In addition, fourth and fifth grade students are invited to a unique LEADERSHIP program wherein they are mentored by high school and college students.

## Community and Business Partners

Aspire Ministry, All Saints Church, Armory of the Arts Center, Cal-Tech, CATZ Gym, Covenant Church, El Portal Restaurant, Junior League of Pasadena, JPL, Latino Heritage Committee, Marshall Puente Program, Pasadena Councilman Victor Gordo, Pasadena Police Department, Sycamores Mental Health, University of Southern California, and Pasadena City College MESA Program.

## Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

Madison Elementary School is a school of residence with an attendance area of families who have the privilege of enrolling based on their home address. Visit [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us) to see if your family resides in the attendance area. Families not residing in the school's area may apply through the District's annual Open Enrollment process. Please check [openenrollment.info](http://openenrollment.info) for more information, including how to apply online.



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## Top 5 Reasons to Choose Madison

### 1. Dedicated and collaborative staff that is focused on student academic outcomes

Madison Elementary teachers collaborate on common core standards to make curriculum accessible to all students. We've purposefully included 21st Century skills, inquiry-based activities and engagement strategies into our daily lesson delivery.

### 2. Safe School Environment

Staff and students are respectful towards each other. We take great pride in building relationships with all students and teaching them how to be "RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE" citizens.

### 3. STEM

We have a science teacher that works with grade levels to coordinate instruction for all students. We've started a community garden with the help of community partners. We also have collaborated with PCC, JPL, LA Astronomers Club, and Caltech for tutoring and enrichment experiences.

### 4. Community School

The district, city and school collaborate to create partnerships that benefit our children and bring real-world experiences into the classroom. We have volunteers from the community providing services for our families and academic opportunities to our students. For example, one partnership has helped create "5th grade leadership", wherein MESA students from PCC and Marshall work with the 5th grade on service project learning.

### 5. Family Center

In study after study, researchers discover how important it is for parents to be actively involved in their child's education. When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school — and the schools they go to are better. Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior, and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling. At Madison Elementary, we have workshops and classes that parents are encouraged to attend.

In addition, our staff is prepared to help with any family needs that may arise such as food, clothing and referrals to community organizations.