



MADISON SIMIS 8.4.23

Dear Simis Families,

Thank you for joining us for "Drop By and Say Hi" and "Kindergarten Welcome" events this year. We loved getting to see new and returning faces around campus yesterday. Our staff is hard at work preparing for the new school year. We are excited to see all the great things our community will accomplish together!

School starts Tuesday: gates open at 7:20 with the first bell at 7:42. Classes will start promptly at 7:45am. Our school day ends at 2:30. Please be mindful of our neighbors as you drop off and pick up students. The first few weeks we typically have more congestion as families find a routine that works best for them. Please be patient and kind towards others as we all do our best to get students to and from school safely. You can park in our main parking lot if you would like to walk your student on campus.

The Scoop is sent home electronically every other week. Please look for updates about school events and happenings in this newsletter. We look forward to partnering together with all of our families for another great year at Simis!

With Gratitude,
Lindsay Murray, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST 8 7:45 1st DAY
AUGUST 8 7:30- 8:30 LUCI'S
BOO HOO BREAKFAST



TCT 1 PM DISMISSAL
AUGUST 9 & 16th



CURRICULUM NIGHTS
K/3 AUGUST 15 5- 6PM
1/2/4 AUGUST 17 5- 6PM



PATS GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 24

Click to learn about:
Rights of Homeless Students

Information from Nurse Megan

Welcome back Simis families! A few reminders from the health office:

- If you left your student's medication in the health office at the end of the school year, please visit the office ASAP to either pick up the medication or verify the medication for the new school year and fill out a medication consent form. Leftover medications CANNOT be administered by the health office until parents/guardians have done this step.
- If you are dropping off a medication for **asthma, severe allergies, seizures or diabetes**, your student must have an action plan on file. Action plans must be completed every year and have a valid physician's signature. Please call or visit the health office if you are in need of this paperwork.

If you have specific questions/concerns regarding your student and their health plans, please call or email me to set up an appointment to discuss further.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we begin the school year!

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**Helpful
Information**

Food Services: You can set up an account for breakfast and lunch at <https://lingconnect.com/>. More information about the Food Service Department is located on the district website.

Transportation: You can contact the Madison Transportation Department to learn about bus route and registering your students for a bus. **Students will be given ID Badges at school on Tuesday. Once students have the badge, the need to wear badges to get on and off the bus.** Transportation can use this information to monitor student status/location on the bus routes.

Simis Handbook: Review the Madison Simis Handbook for information about our school. Information about student drop off and pickup are included on pages 24-27.

Parking Lot Videos

Kindergarten
Grades 1-4 Drop off
Grades 1-4 Pick up



Library: Did you know? Families can browse through all the selections in the electronic library by browsing in the Destiny Discover website.

Simis PATS: Please register for our parent organization--PATS. They are the best!

Having Lunch with Your Child

Lunch visitors must be on the student's approved check out list as submitted by the custodial parent or legal guardian. All visitors must sign in at the school office and get a visitor badge through the Raptor Visitor Management System before going to the cafeteria. We recommend that kindergarten families given their new students a few weeks of school experience before joining them for lunch.

The custodial parent or legal guardian must notify the school office by 9:00 AM on the day they, or any visitor on the student's check out list, is planning to attend lunch. Please use [this form to register for lunch.](#)

Lunch visits are limited to two visitors per child. No siblings are permitted during any lunch visits. The school principal or their designee, at their discretion, will have the authority to cancel lunch visits based on any issues they feel could impact their ability to provide a proper environment. School rules to guide lunch visitors will be followed. These will include designated wait areas, instructions for meeting your student, no photographs or social media postings of other children. The Principal will have the authority to suspend or revoke lunch visit privileges at their discretion.

Once successfully checked in, proceed to the seating area located in the cafeteria. Your student will meet you as their class enters the cafeteria. We ask that you sit at the designated tables marked "visitor seating" with your student.

After lunch, please come directly to the office, sign-out, and return your visitor's badge.

There are a limited number of dates throughout the school year when lunch visitors are not allowed. Please plan your lunch visits on days **other** than those listed below:

First Week of School

Early Release Days (such as TCT Wednesdays)

Half Days

October 25 - 27 (Parent Conference Days)

January 31-February 2 (Parent Conference Days)

April 3 - 21: State Testing

May 12: Last day for lunch visitors



MADISON SIMIS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

2023-2024

VOLUNTEERS DEFINED

- School Site Volunteer- Parents and legal guardians of an enrolled student helping out at a school function or in the classroom
- Chaperones- any individual attending a field trip or overnight trip
- Community Volunteers- Coaches, family members, members of the community that wish to support our school
- Employee Volunteer- individuals working for the District and serving in a different capacity



REQUIREMENTS

Prior to Volunteering:

All volunteers must complete [Chaperone/Volunteer Online Application](#). Volunteers that are NOT parents or guardians must obtain fingerprint and background clearance. Contact Cotton Fabiano at 602-664-7921 for an appointment. Cost will be covered. All volunteers must bring photo ID when volunteering and sign into the Raptor system when entering campus. Volunteers that submitted applications last year are still active! No action is necessary.

VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

- Keep all matters pertaining to students confidential
- Wear volunteer sticker each time you are on campus
- Sign in and out on the Raptor system in the front office
- Refrain from photographing or recording students other than your own
- Please do not bring siblings or other children with you when volunteering



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for volunteering at our school! Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve our students.

VISIT THE [VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT @ 602-664-7956

MADISON SIMIS ELEMENTARY 2023-2024
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES



K-2 Social Worker
Kalah Masterson, LMSW
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3-4 Social Worker
Roxanne Little, MSW
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MORE ABOUT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS HELP STUDENTS WITH...

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS HELP FAMILIES WITH...



Feelings



Social Skills



School Success



Attendance



Community Resources

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS DO THIS BY...



Teaching social emotional lessons to classes, small groups, or one on one



Working with all students especially with those who are having social, emotional, and or behavior challenges in small groups or one on one



Collaborating with teachers, support staff, admin, parents/guardians, and other community members to support social and emotional learning and well being in the academic setting



Providing education and information on students' social emotional needs through workshops and community resources



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS DOES NOT...



Teach academic lessons



Fix/Cure all problems



Work only with "problem" students



Work alone or know what is best without consulting team members



Meet with students to do long term therapy or counseling



Handle discipline or assign consequences

Like all school employees, a School Social Worker is a mandated reporter and is required to report suspected abuse or neglect under A.R.S. 15-3620. However, School Social Worker do NOT directly work for DCS. They bridge the gap between home, school, and the community to promote success at school.

MAC is currently full and has a wait list for Simis. The district is trying to hire more club leaders. If you know of someone interested, please see below:

WE ARE HIRING!

Community Education Madison Adventure Club



POSITION:

MAC CLUB LEADER

\$15.88 HOURLY WAGE

20-25 HOURS WEEKLY

(FLEX SCHEDULE AVAILABLE)

INCENTIVES:

- \$500 sign on stipend for new employees
- \$250 referral bonus for current employees that refer a new hire
- \$50 account credit for current CE families that refer a new hire
- Child off waitlist once employee starts for CE families

HOURS:

Elementary School Site (K-4th):

Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday:

2:00pm-6:00pm

TCT Wednesdays:

12:30pm-6:00pm

Middle School Site (5th-8th):

Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday:

3:10pm-6:15pm

TCT Wednesdays:

1:40pm-6:15pm

Madison Traditional Academy (K-8th):

Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday:

2:30pm-6:15pm

TCT Wednesdays:

1:00pm-6:15pm

www.madisonaz.org

602-664-7956



THRIVE: Parent Series

Madison School District just placed 4 new modules in our THRIVE section of the Madison website. These short and informative videos with experts in the field provide families with resources to approach and support their child in ways that align with the students of the Alpha and iGeneration.

Elementary and Middle School Expectations, Routines, and Homework Engagement and Organization Skills

Pre-K and Early Elementary Expectations, Routines, and Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Overall Student Mental Health Anxiety, Depression, & Other Emerging Issues in Student Mental Health

Screen Time, Internet Safety, Digital Literacy, and Leadership for Students and Parents