



Madera Get-to-Know *Kinders + NEW Families*

Friday, May 30, 2014

Canyon Trail Park, 6757 Gatto, El Cerrito

5:30-7:30pm (come earlier, stay later, too.)

* Siblings welcome

* BYO (bring-your-own) picnic for "al fresco" dining while kids/adults play and chat (or eat afterwards)

Contact List: After this Spring park play date, will forward contact names/emails to the incoming families, so they can continue social opportunities over the summer. Glad to add anyone to the list. GeorginaEDW@yahoo.com

This is informal and ad-hoc, RSVP if you can (so others know who might be there), or just show up. Come early, come late, whatever works!

The Concept

"Meet up" at the park for current and incoming Madera families (kindergarten, and all grades welcome). At the play date, incoming families talk with host current kindergarten families (some have kids in other grades). Current students mingle with friends and others in their cohort, and start to look forward to new and continuing friendships (summer play dates?) and the next grade.

General Notes for incoming families:

Some things many have found useful in integrating their family to Madera

- Play dates over the summer (find a couple of parents to build an email/contact list, and organize a few meet-ups) FYI Madera School Roster is published approx. October, so most new families/classes get a list going in advance on their own.
- Pursue/discuss carpool (or back-up transport) options, especially with closest neighbors with matching ages of kids. Many models for partnership, from full pick-up/drop-off, to alternating days, or even alternating weeks.
- Sign up for the various school updates and PTA communications (Refer to "Connect" section of the PTA website for all the options <http://maderaschool.org/>)

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