



Panda Press  
College Park School Newsletter  
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## Calendar

### January

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Facilities Master Plan Meeting – 8:00AM in the library
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Red Dress Day (Lunar New Year)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – ED Foundation ReadATHon
- 29<sup>th</sup> – PTA General Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Social Emotional Learning Night for parents (6:30 PM)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – School Site Council Meeting (3:00 PM)

### Principal's Update

The lunar New Year will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. This year will be the Year of Rat. Students are welcome to wear a Chinese outfit or red dress to celebrate the lunar New Year.

### Red Day for Chinese New Year and Valentines' Day

**Friday, January 25** – Students wear red, a Chinese outfit, a panda-related item, or *uniform* to celebrate January and February holidays.

### Volunteer Opportunity at Art in Action Headquarters

Art in Action (Menlo Park headquarters)

Sunday, January 26th

10am-noon

Have your kids been enjoying Art in Action at College Park? We've been lucky to have worked with them for over 10 years and this is a great opportunity to show your appreciation for the program they have created! You can literally help get art in the hands of students around the country by helping us organize and pack the materials or art supplies required at Art in Action schools. **Volunteers of high school age and above are welcome.** (Most likely we'll be packing lessons into bags - assembly line packing in small groups. Perhaps with some "sub assembly" type stuff like measuring yarn.)

If you are interested in attending, please complete this form as space is limited and sign up required:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpCEQerMQJSGFjNpsL3ayEmF2-tBlFK63jmUilTfIz58jNww/viewform>

### Kindergarten Self-Awareness Tips for Parents

<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/self-awareness/kindergarten-self-awareness-tips>

- ❖ Show your child what feeling looks like
- ❖ Help your child identify the feelings of others
- ❖ Pointing out feelings using family pictures
- ❖ Talking about your child's emotions as she's having them
- ❖ Help your child recognize their strengths

### ED Foundation ReadATHon

Welcome back, families! Please look for a letter sent home with your student this week about the **2020 Ed Foundation Readathon**. The event will run from **January 25th - February 7th**. Early next week you should receive an email invitation from [liz@smfcedfund.org](mailto:liz@smfcedfund.org) to activate your student's 99Pledges fundraising page. If you do not receive an

email, visit [smfcedfund.org/readathon](http://smfcedfund.org/readathon) for login instructions. **Our goal is to raise \$25 per student and \$100,000 as a whole.**

Also, your kids won't want to miss our kick-off reading events on **Saturday, January 25th!** The Foster City Library will host a community read-aloud event with special guests Elephant & Piggy from 2-3:30pm. The San Mateo Main Library will host a pajama read-aloud event from 6-7:30pm. Please come join the fun!

**Spanish:**

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo, familias! Busque una carta enviada a casa con su estudiante esta semana sobre el **Readathon 2020 Ed Foundation**. El evento tendrá lugar del 25 de enero al 7 de febrero. A principios de la próxima semana, debe recibir una invitación por correo electrónico de [liz@smfcedfund.org](mailto:liz@smfcedfund.org) para activar la página de recaudación de fondos 99Pledges de su estudiante. Si no recibe un correo electrónico, visite [smfcedfund.org/readathon](http://smfcedfund.org/readathon) para obtener instrucciones de inicio de sesión. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$ 25 por estudiante y \$ 100,000 en total.

¡Además, sus hijos no querrán perderse nuestros eventos de lectura de lanzamiento el sábado 25 de enero! La Biblioteca de Foster City organizará un evento comunitario de lectura en voz alta con invitados especiales Elephant & Piggy de 2-3:30pm. La Biblioteca Principal de San Mateo organizará un evento de lectura en voz alta de pijamas de 6-7:30pm. ¡Ven y únete a la diversión!

*Daily attendance*

We kindly ask parents to avoid taking extended trips, which are attached to a long break. Daily attendance is vital for student academic performance and it does affect student progress in learning and creates stress for students to catch up due to their absences. In addition, it is one of the criteria for California public schools to be eligible for the California Distinguished School award.

*PTA Panda Parties*

On behalf of College Park, I want to thank all of your hard work to bring our community closer and stronger from hosting Panda parties. Thank you for your effort to give our community a positive experience. Please go to the following link to sign up for one of the Panda Parties you would like to attend. [https://collegeparkelementary.myschoolcentral.com/ptaez/\(S\(wtcdqcowk54ae0fyckvt1jm0\)\)/apps/webstore/pages/WebStore.aspx](https://collegeparkelementary.myschoolcentral.com/ptaez/(S(wtcdqcowk54ae0fyckvt1jm0))/apps/webstore/pages/WebStore.aspx)