



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 15, 2020

Dear Families,

I am very excited to start a new school year. Our teachers and support staff have been busy attending professional development, planning the opening days of school and preparing materials for our students. All students at George Hall in preschool-5th grades will start 100% in distance learning on August 17, 2020.

Class Lists: your child's teacher sent a welcome letter via email to the parent email address on Friday, 8/14. This was to inform you of the assigned class for your child.

In order to receive emails from the teacher/school, you must have updated your AERIES information. Please call the office if you have not received an email from your teacher on 8/14 by 1:00pm. Check your spam email before calling the office please.

Distribution day will be the first day of school, 8/17. The distribution day will be a drive through format. We will be having additional distribution days as instructional materials need to be distributed. If your family has sufficient school supplies, you are welcome to return them on a subsequent distribution day. This means that our first day of school will be unique in that teachers will be meeting virtually at different times on 8/17. I've included specific details about distribution and virtual meetings with teachers on 8/17. The distribution is as follows:

- Last name begins with A-K - 1:00-2:15pm
- Last name begins with L-Z - 2:30-3:45pm

Please have a sign in your windshield with your child's last name and grade level. If they are in a Special Education class please indicate with SDC next to grade level. Pick up will be on Curtiss St. on the large playground black top area.

Starting August 18th, all classrooms will begin their day with a morning meeting and follow their daily schedules. Teachers shared the daily schedule in their class welcome letters that were sent on Friday, August 14th. Teachers will go over the schedule and expectations on Back To School Night.

Back to School Night (BTSN) will be virtual for all classrooms. All teachers will host a virtual BTSN on August 18th from 7pm-7:45pm. The link to join the meeting will be shared with you via email. Back to School Night with the Principal was hosted on August 12th. A link to the presentation slides are posted on the George Hall website main page and Principal's page. Thank you to the 190 participants that joined!



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Attendance will be taken for all students starting the first day of school. Attendance is a state requirement during Distance Learning. Students are expected to participate with their classroom teacher everyday. After 3 absences or lack of participation, the school will contact families to see how we can support your child to attend and participate in Distance Learning. Please call the school office as early as possible to report an absence 312-7533.

School lunches are available to families Grab-and-Go lunches are available to ALL SMFCSD students on all school days beginning on Monday, August 17, 2020, 11:30-12:30. Students or their parents/guardians picking up meals for students will be asked to provide the names of SMFCSD enrolled students. Sites available for breakfast and lunch will be available at: College Park, Laurel, Lead, Foster City, and Sunnybrae.

Our district is starting to distribute Chromebooks and Hotspots. The priority for technology distribution is for vulnerable families first. Families scheduled to receive technology have been sent an email and phone call with information about when and where to pick up Chromebooks/Hotspots. Additional families will be able to request technology once our district has completed the first phase of distribution. Families must indicate in the Parent portal in Aeries if a device or technology is needed.

This school year will be one for you and your children to remember for years to come. Please know that our teachers and support staff are continuing to collaborate and prepare to start a wonderful beginning for Distance Learning 2020-2021. I ask that you walk alongside your teachers and school as we work together. Please be patient as we start this journey together. I'm so excited to see students as they meet with their teachers on the first day of school.

Sincerely,
Annaben Kazemi, Principal