



January 24, 2021

Dear Audubon Families:

We hope you and your families are doing well. In today's communication, we'll be sharing about Audubon Reopening Plans, SMFD Ed Foundation Read-a-Thon, the Great Kindness Challenge and Audubon STEM Fair.

Audubon Reopening Plans

During these past weeks, we have been planning and working to welcome our hybrid students back to campus when we reopen. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing with you the things we have put in place to ensure a health and safe return to Audubon. Each week, we'll highlight parts of the plan.

[Link to today's Audubon Reopening Highlights](#)

To help us prepare for family communication around Audubon's reopening in the coming weeks, please submit your [Audubon Reopening Questions](#) to us.

Recognizing reopening also impacts students saying in Full-Time Distance Learning, we will be sure to include information related to FTDL in the coming weeks.

This week's Pillar of Focus: Face Coverings

Research has shown the importance of wearing face coverings as a major deterrent to COVID-19. All students and staff are required to wear face covering when on campus. For those returning to campus in a hybrid model, here are some guidelines about face coverings:

- A face covering is a covering made of cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face.
- A face covering should not use a valve device.
- Neck gaiters should not be used as face coverings, however, they may be worn in combination with a face shield.
- A cloth face covering should be considered essential clothing that is laundered at home by hand or machine washed and worn to school each day.

We realize that wearing a face covering can feel uncomfortable. During the next few weeks, please help your child build stamina around wearing face coverings for up to 4 hours.

- All students must wear a face covering at all times while on campus, except while eating or drinking.
- Face coverings are required while outside including during recess.
- Face coverings shall not be required if there is a medical contradiction verified by a medical professional on file with the school. (School nursing staff will follow up with the family and medical personnel.)
- Students will bring and wear their own face covering. If forgotten or lost, they may use one provided by the school to comply with this requirement.

Readathon

The Readathon will run from **January 22nd - February 5th**. The event will feature community members reading and reviewing culturally relevant books to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of our students. A link to these thoughtful readings is available at smfcedfund.org/readathon where students can also access a reading minute tracker.

The Great Kindness Challenge

Audubon is excited to participate in the [Great Kindness Challenge](#) this year. The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive SEL-focused bullying prevention program that improves school climate and increases student engagement. The Great Kindness Challenge - School Edition is one week (01/25-1/29) devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. Using the provided kindness menu, students accept the challenge and show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS! [Here](#) is a menu of activities or ideas that are safe during virtual learning. Please send videos or pictures that you would like to share to our school counselor, Mrs. Ari at atapia@smfc.k12.ca.us to be part of the kindness slideshow.

6th Annual Audubon STEM Fair: Wednesday, March 24

The PTA is excited to announce that the *virtual* 6th Annual Audubon STEM Fair will be hosted on March 24! Though the experience will be different in a virtual format, students at all grade levels will have a chance to explore their scientific curiosity by completing a project at home. More information coming next week about registration and project guidelines!

Dates to Remember

- Readathon, January 22-February 5
- District Wednesday PD, February 3
- School Holiday, Monday, February 15
- End of Trimester 2, March 5

Working together, we can accomplish great things!

Best regards,
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