



# Audubon Elementary

October 18, 20

Dear Audubon Families,

We hope you enjoyed your Fall Break. This week, we'll be sharing information about the Book Fair, Library Book Checkout, the District Facilities Master Plan and the Education Foundation Gala.

### Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, October 28-District morning PD
- Wednesday, November 11-School holiday
- Wee Care Drive November 2-10 (more information to come)
- Scripps Spelling Bee coming soon!

### Audubon Book Fair

Mark your calendars! You're invited to shop **Audubon PTA's "Time Machine" Online Book Fair** from **November 2 - 15, 2020**.



All purchases between November 2-15 benefit the Audubon school library and connect kids with new and affordable books for every reading level. Students can shop for books about their favorite characters, add to their book series, and grow their love of reading! Enjoy the option to shop for book fair exclusives directly from the interactive [Audubon Book Fair](#) website:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25 (after applied discount)
- All purchases **support Audubon Elementary School** and earn 25% in rewards

We'll be sharing more details in the upcoming weeks including Teacher Wish Lists and fun activities throughout this year's book fair.

### **Library Book Checkout**

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are!" ~ Mason Cooley  
Thank you to Ms. Lori for making library books available for students, so they can journey to new places. Join the reading adventure with Audubon Library Curbside Service. [See attached information.](#)

### **SMFCSD's Facilities Master Plan**

We'd like to share with you information about the District Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for the New Decade and what it includes for Audubon School. First, a little background for those who are new to Audubon or interested in what led up to the FMP. Last year, the District embarked on the development of a Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade which was adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 30, 2020. The adoption of the FMP came after months of input from staff and parents at our school and each school in the District during the first half of 2020 and the District's finalization of the Plan before presentation to the Board of Trustees. Not only was each school community asked to identify facility needs, each school's School Facilities Team, comprised of staff and parent leaders, was encouraged to provide its recommendations of all of the facilities needs to be included in the FMP for the New Decade and its recommended priorities to be addressed as Immediate Priorities in the FMP.

We are excited to report that the Immediate Priorities for Audubon School address many of our needs and priorities as well as those identified Districtwide in the months after Shelter-in-Place began. The Immediate Priorities identified for all schools are 1) to provide improved safe and healthy environments needed as a result of what we've learned from the current COVID-19 crisis as well as the increasing number of wildfires and 2) to address needs that are specific to our school and possibly other sites.

The Immediate Priorities for Audubon for which the Board of Trustees is seeking funding include:

- Replacing smaller primary portables/adding additional space for instructional activities such as art, music, or makers' space for project making/building
- replacing air conditioning with air filtration (new HVAC units) throughout the school
- improving air filtration in classrooms which have newer HVAC units
- adding water bottle fillers and handwashing stations throughout the campus
- installing/repairing existing sinks campus-wide including the addition of hot water
- replacing carpeting in classrooms for health reasons with the installation of vinyl flooring including acoustical panels where needed to support effective teaching and learning
- modernizing our student and adult restrooms with new fixtures, flooring and other finishes
- increasing the number Chromebooks so that Audubon and all schools have enough Chromebooks for each student to have one
- replacing the play matting under the play structures for improved safety
- improving the existing grass field or replacing the grass with turf
- improving landscaping and irrigation

- making plumbing and electrical repairs/upgrades
- installing a solar system to work toward net-zero energy (NZE) usage and reduce the annual expenses for utilities
- continuing to seek effective solutions for geese droppings

The Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade includes other facilities needs after these Immediate Priorities are funded and addressed. **See attached the full SMFCSD FMP for more detailed information.**

**SMFC Education Foundation's Gala: *Lights, Camera, Auction!***

To join the Gala on Friday, October 23 at 7 pm, go to [Greater Giving](#), click "Start Bidding" and follow the instructions to create your account. Your registration includes access to the live and silent auction, plenty of entertainment and some surprise guest appearances; all attendees will receive an email from Greater Giving announcing the opening of the silent auction on Monday, October 19.

Wishing you all a wonderful week! Working together, we can accomplish great things!

Best regards,  
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