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College Park School Newsletter
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Wonderful CP families, we need your help! As you know, we're working hard to provide hands-on materials for science and art. It takes many, many hours to put together materials for all of our great kids. Many hands would definitely make light work. We would love to have some helpers at home, putting together science and art hands-on kits. If you are able to help us (maybe while you're sitting in front of the tv or outside in the sunshine) please contact Karice and let her know at khui@smfc.k12.ca.us and she'll pass on your info to Linda (science) and Joy (art). A million thanks, in advance!!!! (We provide the materials and you put the packets together.)

PE Update: As you know, we have been undergoing some changes with our PE program. We have a staff member who will be out for an extended period and we had to change our schedule to allow for 3 PE staff members from the district to join our team. The new PE schedule started today. Teachers have sent info to families. We truly appreciate your understanding and support. The PE schedule is very challenging since we must take into consideration many variables such as Mandarin/English, music, etc... We are happy to welcome our new Coaches - David Stebbins, Alaina Sentman, and Dirk Morrison. They will be joining our PE lead, Coach Mak.

Taking photos on Zoom or Google Meetings: In order to guarantee privacy of our students and their families, we ask that you please do not take photos on Zoom or Google Meetings. If you need a copy of something, please check the Google Classroom or reach out to the teacher via email. Thanks! We want all College Park families to feel secure in our new classrooms.

Attendance: We love having your children at school each day, ready to learn! We're proud to say that we have really great attendance at College Park, overall. We ask that families try, as much as possible, to schedule doctor/dentist appointments, etc.. outside of class time. We want to make sure that all children have the best educational experience possible. We appreciate it!

School Site Council election: Our School Site Council, or SSC, is a group of parents and staff members who talk about how College Park is doing and work on our plan and budget. We have 3 parents currently in place and one vacancy, with 3 candidates. *Please select your top candidate by Tuesday, 9/15 - only one choice. SSC meetings will start this month. Thanks!

Join ELAC: Our English Learning Advisory Board needs to be reborn! This group of parents, along with the principal, make sure that English learners are well served and progressing at our school. We look at the plan and budget with this lens. We can also plan activities that highlight language and culture. If you are interested in participating 4 times a year, an hour each time, in this group please let Dr. Singh know at ksingh@smfc.k12.ca.us Thanks!

Communication on students' progress: During distance learning, some students are working during the day at learning centers, which provides them with support as they work online and complete paper/pencil tasks. Sometimes, center employees ask teachers for updates. We ask that parents serve as the link between student and school in order to maintain privacy and facilitate communication.

GATE screening: Students in grades 3-5 are involved in GATE screening in the winter. Due to our new "reality", the district is exploring how this process will look if we are still remote or in hybrid/DL. Later in the fall, the GATE [website](#) will be updated. Stay tuned!

Kinder tours: If you know a family who is interested in College Park and would like to do a kinder tour, please let them know that we are working on developing a virtual approach to this important activity. We hope to include a video tour and some Zoom/Google Meeting sessions for Q & A. More soon!

Thoughtful Thursday: Dr. Marie, our school psychologist, shares this [video](#) about naming your feelings. This is the video and here are [English](#) and [Mandarin](#) charts on feelings.

Musical instruments: Information will be out soon about instrument and book pick up for grade 4 and grade 5 students. Fifth grade music starts the week of Sept. 21 while grades K-4 start the week of Oct. 19th.

Communication: We are currently working on some guidelines for communication of different types. We want to make sure that the right vehicle is used for the right communication. For example, using email is usually a better way to contact a teacher with any question, concern or suggestion you have. More soon!

Weekly tip to support your child during distance learning: How do you set up a positive and productive workspace? This is challenging! There is not always a space that you can dedicate as your children's study areas. You also want to keep a watchful eye as a parent, so you want them close by. We ask that you do your best to make sure that the space is quiet, there is room for the computer and any materials they'll use, and there are few distractions. Having some school items like a number line, ABC chart, a pencil box with drawing/writing materials, etc.. also helps. Thanks, parents, for all you do!!!

Training for adults supporting remote learning: Zearn is offering free virtual webinars for parents, caregivers, tutors or other adults supporting remote learning. The webinar includes an orientation to Zearn Math digital resources as well as critical steps to support remote learning with Zearn Math.

[Tuesday, 9/15 at 3pm ET \(Spanish\)](#), [Wednesday, 9/16 at 7pm ET \(Spanish\)](#), [Thursday, 9/17 at 9am ET](#), [Thursday, 9/17 at 12pm ET](#), [Friday, 9/18 at 3pm ET](#)