



Panda Press
College Park School Newsletter
2020-21 September 29th, 2020

Important dates coming up soon:

- Oct. 1 instrument pick up - grade 5 1:30-3:00
- Oct. 12-16 Fall break
- Oct. 20 12:30-3:30 materials distribution
- Oct. 22 School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 professional development after 9:00 a.m.

School Site Council meeting: SSC is a group of parents and staff members who discuss how College Park is doing and work on our plan and budget. First meeting - Oct. 6th 3:30-4:30. This is the Zoom link.

<https://zoom.us/j/92161825651?pwd=ODlvSzdFT2hKQjNXM2ZyQzNXOVQrUT09> ID: 921 6182 5651

Passcode: 2HKeCa. Public is welcome! **AGENDA ITEMS:** Overview of SSC, Selection of roles, Meeting calendar, Bylaws, SPSA/Budget work, Facilities Plan and Closing and next meeting.

Library: Ms. Henroid will be holding weekly library time with each class! Grades four and five started this past week and lower grades will be next week. Library time will consist of various literacy activities that might include: interactive read-alouds, library skills, tech skills tutorials or reading/word games.

Literacy Assessments: Teachers have just completed the administration of initial, one on one literacy assessments that provide information about students' fluency, accuracy and comprehension. We will use these results to guide whole group, small group and individualized instruction.

Mandarin Support After School: Please see the linked [document](#) for schedules for each grade level. The link to access is also included.

Learning hubs: After the October break, the district will start a small number of hubs. We may or may not have students in the hubs as there are limited spaces across the district and the goal is to identify students with the greatest needs first. These pods will be located at College Park and will run in the morning. In the hubs, students will get assistance with connecting, following instruction and completing independent work. We are proud to support the hubs!

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!

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 or slide deck tour and Q & A sessions. More soon!

Pondering Parenting: These are articles shared by the district's Wellness Team in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The article talks about the strategies of regulation, relationships and routines. Hope it's helpful!

Thoughtful Thursday: Dr. Marie, our school psychologist, shares this [VIDEO](#) on being brave. Being brave means doing or saying the right thing even when it's difficult. It also means trying new things. Enjoy the video!

Materials pick up: This will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20th from 12:30-3:30. We will follow the same procedures we did last time. We appreciate families coming to school to pick up materials and we love that you stay in vehicles, use masks and display your sign! Thanks!

SMFCSD Parent Education Night: A virtual webinar will be offered on October 21 from 7-8 pm. Guest speaker Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, PhD, from Stanford School of Medicine, will be educating parents on vaping devices- what they look like, health risks etc- along with tips for talking to your child about the topic of vaping. Registration is through eventbrite and live Spanish translation will be provided. Although this is mostly a middle school and high school issue, it is unfortunately becoming an issue with younger students as well. Students who have older siblings or parents who smoke may be exposed to these products already. [English](#) and [Spanish](#) flyers.

Additional resources for parents around digital safety: We realize that it is often challenging to talk to our children about sensitive topics as they relate to their personal safety. These are resources that may be useful as you bring up the subject of digital safety at any time of day - Online Safety Guide for Parents of Children and Teens ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) How to Talk to Your Children about Sex, Sexting, and Digital Safety ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

PTA Membership and Fundraising: Please become a College Park PTA member. We need you! The membership [link](#) is here. Some of the major supports our PTA provides are English Aides, Art Coordinator/Materials, Science Coordinator/Materials and teacher classroom budgets. Classroom competition ends 10/02! How's your classroom doing? [Check it out!](#) College park staff and students thank you for your on-going and generous support!

Weekly tip to support your child during distance learning: Please make sure you stay in touch with your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns or if you'd like to share useful information that will help the teacher meet the needs of your child, please reach out directly. Teachers want and need to hear from you. Be patient. All children learn in their own way. If you are having difficulty getting your child to engage in online sessions or to complete work, reach out to us. We're here, in partnership.