



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****January 10, 2022** Mrs. Chennault, Principal** A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

COVID-19 Update: Since our return to campus last Wednesday, 24 members of our school have tested positive for COVID-19. Consistent with California Department of Public Health and Pandemic Recovery Framework protocols, these individuals are self-isolating and under the care of their healthcare provider to identify additional steps. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we move through this challenging situation. Please be assured that we are making every effort to be thoughtful as we navigate these circumstances. We remain vigilant in our commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all our students and staff. Any student should stay home if they are not feeling well. COVID-19 symptoms include headaches, runny nose, vomiting, congestion, and cough. If you or your child are feeling ill, immediately get PCR tested at one of the San Mateo County COVID-19 test sites. We will continue to implement our layered system of mitigation strategies to keep everyone safe and healthy:

- Wearing a mask at all times, except when eating.
- Routine hand washing and sanitizing.
- Increased cleaning/disinfecting of our facilities.
- Enhanced ventilation of classrooms.
- Weekly pooled testing at school. [Visit our Pooled Testing web page](#) or come to our school office to receive a paper consent form.

Evacuation Safety Plan: As mentioned in my email last Friday, in the event of school wide evacuation the primary reunification location is Trinity Baptist Church at 39 E. 39th Ave., San Mateo; however, depending upon the details of the crisis, this location could change. In order to protect students, students will only be released to the parents and/or other adults listed on the student's Emergency Card. It is always good practice to ensure that this card is regularly updated with accurate information. In the event of an actual emergency any approved emergency contact person should be prepared to show identification. This procedure is designed for your child's protection and for your peace of mind.

PTA: One of the questions we often hear from parents is: "What does the PTA actually do?" PTA memberships and donations go right back into the school to directly benefit students. Please join us for a Virtual General PTA Association Meeting on January 26th at 7:00 PM where we will share how the PTA mini grant program has impacted teachers and students. Use this zoom link to join the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83457043663?pwd=Umc3dU9tc3Qza0F3Mi9Tdy83ZDR5dz09>

Meeting ID: 834 5704 3663

Passcode: 582760

Kindness Challenge: As part of our school's efforts to connect all students with social-emotional support, we are excited to announce that we are again participating in the Great Kindness Challenge where we will join thousands of schools across the country to create a culture of kindness! Our school will be part of a powerful and positive bullying prevention initiative that will lead to more kindness, unity, and respect at George Hall and beyond. Watch the [2021 Kindness Challenge video](#) for more inspiration. We encourage all students to engage in these [Kind Acts](#). During this week, on campus and all around the world, students will be taking part in the Great Kindness Challenge. The Great Kindness Challenge started 10 years ago with just 3 schools in California and now there are over 15 million students in 30,000 schools and 115 countries participating, and we are part of this kindness revolution!



Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 17 marks the 36th anniversary of the federal holiday in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday. Signed into law in 1983 and first observed in 1986, the holiday is a deserving tribute to King for advancing civil rights and social justice through non-violent protest. School will be closed Monday in observance of this holiday.

New Student information meetings: Our school will host two more informational meetings during the January enrollment period. Both sessions will offer Spanish translation. Participants must show COVID vaccine or a negative test to visit campus. No classroom tours. 2022-2023 new student registration and transfer request information was posted on the District website as well as new student registration and transfer forms. [Please click here](#) to view the George Hall Information Slide Deck. The meetings will be hosted:

In-person on Wednesday, January 12 at 8:30 AM

Virtually on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 PM



Annex Lottery Registration: Families who are interested in Annex before and after school care for the 2022-2023 school year should register starting Monday, January 17th [online](#) (<https://www.ezchildtrack.com/SMFCSD/parent>). For more information, please see the [Annex webpage](#) and our [Annex Registration Timeline](#). Registration closes Friday, January 28th at 5pm.



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