



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****January 3 , 2022**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

School Resumes for ALL STUDENTS on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

The district is implementing a series of additional mitigation strategies in the days ahead:

1. Handing out over 10,000 rapid tests to students.
2. Expanded Virus Geeks testing.
3. Purchasing KN95 masks for all students.
4. Hosting vaccination events at College Park on 1/6, 1/7, and 1/8.



Safety Strategies: We remain committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all our students, parents, and staff. We want all students to stay home if they are not feeling well. COVID-19 symptoms include headaches, runny nose, vomiting, congestion, and cough. If you or your child is feeling ill, immediately get 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. Everyone (students/staff/parents) entering our school campus must wear a mask at all times. We will continue routine hand washing and sanitizing. We will continue cleaning/disinfecting facilities. We will continue ventilating classrooms with updated air purifiers and updated HVAC systems. We will continue to implement pooled testing at school. [Visit our Pooled Testing web page](#) or come to our school office to receive a paper consent form.

COVID PCR Testing: San Mateo-Foster City School District would like to ensure all students are able to get tested before school begins. Free COVID PCR testings are being offered today Monday, January 3, 2022, at Foster City Elementary [\[COVID Testing Calendar\]](#). [Register here](#) first before attending your walk up testing and then [check your results here](#) once they are available. For other testing dates and times, San Mateo County has a list of COVID Testing locations which can be found on their [COVID-19 Testing page](#). You can take your child to get a COVID-19 PCR test at one of these locations:

- January 3, 2022 - Foster City Elementary School | 12:30-8pm
 - 461 Beach Park Blvd, Foster City California, 94404
- January 3 and 4, 2022 - San Mateo Marriott | 7am-4pm
 - 1770 S. Amphlett Drive, San Mateo California, 94402
 - [Click here to view other Virus Geeks Testing locations](#)



Distribution of iHealth Self Test COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits: As an alternative to PCR testing, we will have a "drive through" pick up for [iHealth Self Test COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits](#) today (1/3/22) from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and tomorrow morning (1/4/22) from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Please use the teacher parking lot and pull up to the front office. DO NOT get out of your car. Have your students' names and grades written on a paper placed on the front passenger window or front windshield. Each kit contains two tests. Children should be tested, whether or not they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Each kit contains two tests with instructions. Administer the first test at-home as soon as possible. Administer the second test three days later. Any positive COVID-19 test results must be reported to the school site.

Vaccines for students: Vaccines are an excellent protection against contracting COVID-19. Vaccines are safe and reduce the risk of severe illness. All children ages 5-11 are eligible to be vaccinated. SMFCSD is hosting vaccination events this week on January 6, 7, and 8 at [College Park Elementary School](#). Additional vaccination events are listed on the [San Mateo County Health website](#).

New Student information meetings: Our school will host two informational meetings during the January enrollment period. All 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 on Wednesday, December 1. 2022-2023 new student

registration and transfer forms open at noon on Monday, December 13. [Please click here](#) to view the 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.

Staffing Changes in 2022: We've had some changes to our staffing roster over winter break. Please welcome Patricia Freitas who will teach the SDC k/1 class and welcome back Robin Flecha who will teach the SDC preschool class. We are delighted to have these two educators join our team! Molly Schuster had to take an unexpected leave of absence, so Nicole Mesler will be stepping in to take over first grade until she returns. Rebecca Strauss will join Shala Moaydei and co-teach the Language Development Inclusion preschool class.



Winners of PTA Raffle: Congratulations to Will Belton and Alysha Gillman, both who were December winners of the PTA Raffle for Disneyland Tickets. The raffle raised \$1,500.00 for our students.

Gift Card Drive: I wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the gift card drive. We were able to impact twenty-five families this season. In the office, we were fortunate to be able to see the many families who came in and generously gave with open hearts, as well the families who were recipients of that generosity. All were very grateful, and many had an emotional response to the unexpected generosity. I am proud to be a part of this community; thank you for your kindness and compassion.

