



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****November 1, 2021**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

COVID-19 Safe Schools and Pool Testing We have partnered with [Concentric by Ginkgo](#) to provide a free COVID-19 pooled testing program. So far 100% of staff and 50% of our student body have signed up, but we really need everyone to participate in this program in order to best safeguard the wellbeing of our entire school community. Having pooled testing in place makes a big difference when classes need to go into modified quarantine. It's not too late to sign up! Click [here](#) to be directed to pooled testing resources available on the District website. The sign up process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete using a computer or a smartphone:

1. First, [click here](#).
2. Then, enter this access code: GEORGEHALL2021
3. Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!
4. Note: If you are not able to access the online consent, please come to the office and fill out a paper consent form. Paper consent is available in both English and Spanish.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Survey All students in grades 3, 4, 5 will take a SEL Survey in November. The results of this survey help us to monitor the effectiveness of our Second Step SEL program and guide our PBIS tiered interventions. This data will help us examine whether students perceive they are developing their core SEL competencies. Survey questions pull for information about developing a growth mindset, goal setting, emotion management, kindness and empathy, and problem solving. The survey has 20 questions and will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes of class time.

Curriculum Corner: This year, we continuously share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week our Third Grade Team shares some highlights:



Third Grade teachers are actively seeking field trip opportunities for students. We hope to give you information very soon! For five weeks all students are engaging in learning about bullying recognition and prevention through the Second Step curriculum. We are excited to be able to see so many bullying prevention posters around our campus. Currently, third graders are learning about how characters shape stories in a variety of genres. We are reading various fables, myths, folktales, and poetry. Students are continuing to flex their writing skills through writing projects and responding to literature. Third graders are studying measurement and place value in Zearn Mission 2. We began with solving problems involving time, weight (mass), liquid volume (capacity) measurement. Students are using metric units such as grams, kilograms, liters, and

milliliters. Next, students will learn to use place value understanding to round numbers. They will add and subtract multi-digit numbers with regrouping (bundling and unbundling) in measurement contexts. At home, we are encouraging students to practice telling time on an analog clock and to continue practicing multiplication and division facts. In science, third graders are continuing to learn about forces in designing their own "ultimate playground."

Vaccination Options for 5-11 Year olds We know that parents are eager to protect their children from COVID-19. We also know that some families still have questions about the vaccines' efficacy and safety. The San Mateo County Office of Education has created flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) that share some of the reasons for youth to get vaccinated. To further help inform parents and answer their questions, SMCOE hosted a [webinar with San Mateo County Health](#) addressing the latest COVID-19 community trends, strategies for safe schools, and vaccination updates. SMCOE is hosting a webinar in Spanish with Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, Stanford Professor of Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases, community

pediatricians, and local health officers on [Thursday, November 4, at 6pm](#). The San Mateo County Office of Education is partnering with San Mateo County Health and local school districts to hold vaccination clinics across the county. These clinics are just one of many options for vaccinating children. Other options include healthcare providers, pharmacies, and other county and community clinics. SMCH will be posting these options on its [website](#).

TK/K New Student Information Our school will host three informational meetings during the priority enrollment period. The first meeting will be hosted in-person on Monday, December 13 at 1:45 PM. The second meeting will be in-person on Wednesday, January 12 at 8:30 AM. The third meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 PM. All sessions will offer Spanish translation. 2022-2023 new student registration and transfer request information will be 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 share this information with your neighbors and friends.