



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****November 8, 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. We really need everyone to participate in this program in order to best safeguard the wellbeing of our entire school community. It's not too late to sign up! The sign up process is fast and easy 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.

Vaccination Options 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. 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. SMCH will be posting these options on its [website](#). These clinics are just one of many options for vaccinating children. Other options include healthcare providers, pharmacies, and other county and community clinics.

World Kindness Day World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. It also serves as a reminder to all that simple acts of kindness have power and that together, we can all work to create a kinder world. The World Kindness Movement and World Kindness Day are meant to inspire you to believe that we can make a global difference one act at a time.



Trimester 1 Report Cards November 12 will be the last day of the first trimester this year. Students will bring home report cards for Trimester 1 on November 19th. In addition, your child's report card will also be available to view in the Aeries Parent Portal. After November 19th, please log in here (<https://parentportal.smfc.k12.ca.us/Aeries/LoginParent.aspx>). After you log in you will see directions on how to view your child's report card. If you are not able to do that please contact your school's office for assistance. *If your primary language is Spanish, you should be able to see the report card in both Spanish and English.

Library Update Our Library opened in mid September to much anticipation as we have a very robust collection of books. The theme of the library this year is *Travel the World Through Books*. By now each class has visited the library 3 or more times. Additionally students visited the fall book fair where they learned that the book fair funds most of our school's library budget. The book fair exceeded expectations and was a huge success! The sales from the book fair raised \$2313.30 to help replace some of the 300+ books that went missing during Distance Learning. Volunteers are welcomed and needed to help in the library. Please contact our Librarian Cat Bocchino cbocchino@smfc.k12.ca.us if you're interested.

Assemblies for students Thank you our PTA for their generosity in bringing two exciting school wide assemblies to George Hall this year! We are excited to host the following events:

Hands-On! Drumming School Assembly
Friday, November 19, 2021

The Lawrence Hall of Science presents
Solids, Liquids, and Gases A Science Show
Thursday, February 3, 2022

Curriculum Corner: We will continuously share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week we feature highlights from 4th Grade:

During our Second Step lessons, 4th graders have been discussing how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying. Students are strengthening their understanding around the importance of being an upstander, and they are learning what to do if they happen to witness bullying. Each student created an anti-bullying poster and will be displayed in the hallways soon! In Math, 4th graders are in Mission 3 on Zearn, which is all about multiplication and division of large numbers. They will be learning vocabulary and concepts such as prime and composite numbers. Students will be continuing to read and understand the elements of fiction and soon we'll be diving into point of view. In writing, students chose a research topic and are working on drafting and publishing their first informational writing piece. In Social Studies, we are learning about the Native Americans of California, by region. Students will be in charge of learning about Native Americans in a certain region and the unit will culminate into a class hyperdoc of all the regions. We will share these when we are done! We are also in the process of solidifying a date for a Gold Rush presentation in January.



Math Tutoring We are excited to offer a four-week after-school math support class called **Fall Math Boost!** This special “boost” program will help build student’s math understanding & confidence. Students who complete the class will receive special recognition as math “boosters” and a t-shirt to display their math pride. Dates for Fall Math Boost run November 29th - January 4th. If your student has been identified as a candidate for this program *based on their fall math assessment data and teacher recommendation*, we will reach out to you this week.



Student Council 4th and 5th grade students are invited to an interest meeting for Student Council on November 12th, at 12:25 in room 14. At this meeting they will receive information and a timeline regarding the upcoming Student Council election. Students in 4th and 5th grade please look for a flyer from your classroom teacher regarding this information. If you have additional questions please reach out to either Amy Wong alwong@smfc.k12.ca.us or Erin Kelley ekelley@smfc.k12.ca.us , our co-moderators for this year.

Upcoming Holidays/ School Breaks

November 11 - No school in honor of Veteran's Day

November 22 - 26 - Thanksgiving holiday break