



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****September 13, 2021**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

COVID Testing: Until pool testing has begun, we have partnered with Virus Geeks to have free COVID testing on campus on Wednesdays. The testing will be conducted in the LGI from 1:00-7:45 pm. Please use the gates on Curtiss for Ingress and Egress. Scheduling an appointment is not necessary. Please line up along the sidewalk on Curtiss near the gate. Maintain social distance between families who are in line. Preregister to save time. Please go to my.virusgeeks.com/testreg?org=smfc or use the QR code to the right on this page.



Thank you: a heartfelt thank you to the CAPP (Campus, Arts, Plants, and People) team and all 82 volunteers who showed up Sunday morning for beautification day! Twenty five projects were completed: gardening, trash pickup and cleaning and organizing, completion of various art projects, placemaking, and a total revamp of the staff bathroom. Our campus looks beautiful and it was a successful day of bringing our community together through service.

Art In Action: The Art in Action Program provides a high quality, comprehensive visual arts curriculum for our students. Students learn about works of art from cultures around the world, how to look at art using art vocabulary and concepts, and how to express themselves by creating their own unique masterpieces. Art in Action not only provides an exposure to the arts, it helps students develop self esteem, is an outlet for creative expression, and increases parent participation within the school. Our students are very fortunate to have the PTA sponsor this program. Classes start the week of September 20th, and we are excited to have our art docent volunteers return to campus!

This is a short week! All students have September 16 & 17 off school. The 16th is a recognized holiday and the 17th is a teacher learning day. Enjoy the long week-end.

Curriculum Corner.... A word from our preschool team:



In preschool, we are continuing to build our self-regulation skills. (Self-regulation is the ability to adjust one's behaviors and emotions based on the environment around you. Some people know it as self-control or impulse control. Some research suggests that self-regulation is the highest indicator for future success and happiness). We build these skills through play (such as 'Red light/Green light' and 'Follow the Leader') and music and movement activities (especially songs that require us to adjust our speed or volume based on the song). We've been learning our classmates' names and are building social skills by using our words to ask for a turn and to invite our classmates to play. We are becoming more independent and taking pride in our accomplishments through helper jobs and learning how to do the steps in our morning arrival and dismissal jobs by ourselves (including learning how to manage our backpack and other materials). Finally, we are building finger/arm strength and coordination through finger plays, easel painting, playdough, lacing, hole punching, puzzles and more! These foundation skills are important for being able to hold a pencil and to write.

Inclusion: Devon Zaky, our Inclusion Specialist at George Hall, is stepping in to take over an SDC class where the teacher has taken an unexpected leave. While we will deeply feel Ms. Zaky's absence as the Inclusion Specialist, her willingness to step back into the classroom and serve our students in this manner is so very appreciated. Please be patient as some systems in Inclusion and Mainstreaming will be affected as Ms. Zaky changes roles. We expect Ms. Zaky to resume her school-wide role as Inclusion Specialist after Fall Break. Thank you for your continued support as we move through this difficult situation.

Help Wanted: We are searching for two noon duty supervisors who can help out with lunch and recess. These paid positions will assist in planning, organizing, and conducting playground activities; set out playground material and equipment; and under the direction of the principal provide supervision of students in Jojo's Court and in the recess yard; assure that the health and safety of assigned children are protected within an assigned area; enforce campus rules and regulations. If you or someone you know are interested please contact nlesley@smfc.k12.ca.us