



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****September 20, 2021**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

Pooled testing: George Hall began weekly testing today. We will have pooled testing every Monday morning. It's not too late for students to participate, however consent must be in the system. To access it digitally, please follow these steps:

1. First, [click here](#).
2. Then, enter this access code: GEORGEHALL2021
3. Finally, enter your information, and you're done!

If any test comes back positive and a class goes into modified quarantine, only students with the signed release will get the rapid test at school and be able to continue learning. If you don't opt-in and there's a positive case in your child's class, you will be responsible for providing proof of a COVID test administered outside of school before returning to the classroom, which can delay learning.

Free COVID Testing: Virus Geeks will continue to provide free COVID testing with PCR Lab results through September and October. They will be on George Hall's campus in the Science Lab every **Monday** from 12:00-7:00. Please use the gates on Curtiss for ingress and egress; do not come to the front office. You or a family member may walk up for testing during this time- no appointment needed. Pre-registration lessens the wait when you arrive, use the QR code to the right.



Ingress and Traffic: Ingress is from 8:05-8:15 am. At the start of the day we must work together to ensure the safety of students and staff as they arrive at school. We need your help in ensuring that we are all safely following the guidelines. Please do not have students jaywalk. Please use the crosswalks and sidewalks, do not dash through the parking lots or between cars. Drive slowly and cautiously around the school zone. Use patience if you are driving up to drop off; wait for the car in front of you to finish unloading before you pull out. We don't want ONE person hurt and we can't do this without your support!

Curriculum Corner.... A word from our TK/ K team: Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is hard at work getting into the swing of school. We are focused on learning each other's names, classroom procedures, as well as our academic work in our Color Unit and Science Unit: Senses Safari. During Centers we have a variety of activities ranging from Finger Gym tasks to develop fine motor skills, Math games to develop number sense, Art, and a Listening Center to develop early literacy skills. Next week, we will begin our Learning Without Tears handwriting program. We will focus on pencil grip and starting our letters at the top. As well as integrating our SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) Program, Second Step, into our daily routine.



Kindergarten: It has been an exciting new adventure in the kindergarten classrooms! We are learning all about our new environment, building friendships, and having fun learning and exploring new things! We begin our days with morning meetings, which include going over our calendar, weather, our goals for the day, and our SEL skills. The SEL skill we have been focusing on is identifying emotions. In math, we are building our understanding of number sense and in language arts we are focusing on routines and understanding rules at home and school. This week we will begin our science unit called "My Big Nature Adventure" and we will begin sending home book bags with our Monday folders.

George Hall Family Math Night: This fun in-person event is planned for this Wednesday, 9/22 from 5-7 pm on campus. The PTA still needs 10 parent volunteers to make this event successful! Please sign up to volunteer [here](#) or contact Elizabeth Colglazier at enrichment@georgehallpta.org

Fall parent-teacher conferences: These important meetings will take place the week of October 4th. The entire week will be early release minimum days for students to accommodate the meeting schedule in the afternoon. Your child's teacher will reach out with a meeting date, time, and virtual link.

5th Grade Music: All 5th graders across the district get the opportunity to expand their musical knowledge and skills while participating in: clarinet, flute, trumpet, violin, and voice. Every student is provided with a district instrument or book to use throughout the year. This truly special program would not be possible without amazing district support and the hard work of the ED Foundation! The ED Foundation works throughout the year to secure funding that allows us to provide and maintain instruments for all of our students and acquire necessary music supplies. This year, we are taking into account the added need for safety to allow our students to enjoy their in person music classes. Our music instructors are working creatively and carefully to make safety a priority. Our clarinet, flute, and trumpet classes are being moved to the outdoors in addition to utilizing careful masking and special bell covers for instruments. Voice and violin classes are able to be held safely inside while distancing for added safety and comfort. Distribution of musical instruments and music books will take place at your child's regular music time on the following date: Thursday, September 23. After a year of online music, it is truly such a joy to be connecting and creating music with students in person again!

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

