



Dear Lead Community-

I want to acknowledge the confusion and anxiety that we face as we near the holidays and look to begin the reopening of school on January 19. Thank you to the families who were able to access and navigate the Aeries Parent Portal and make your choice for your children. However, I want to be clear about where we currently stand for enrollment.

Based on preferences or lack thereof as many Lead families did not make a selection in Aeries last month, we have a number of Lead students who will now either be paired with a different teacher or need to be transferred to a different school in order to meet what was entered in Aeries. MANY parents did not make a selection and thus are now scheduled to come back to school in Hybrid. Please know that Hybrid means only TWO mornings (8am-12pm) on campus in-person with your teacher. The other THREE days are at home distance learning in an asynchronous fashion for the majority of the three days.

The two days (8am-12pm) per week on campus will involve ALL students wearing face masks the whole day and being separated from students and teachers by at least six feet at all times. Students will have limited time to play outside and much time will be devoted to hand washing and keeping everyone spaced out to prevent the spread of any sickness. Students who show symptoms must go home immediately from school.

If you did not make a preference in Aeries, you are now scheduled to come back to school in Hybrid as early as January 19, 2021. Over 50 percent of our students will no longer have their current teacher after January 19 based on what is in Aeries. Please email me or call the main office IMMEDIATELY if you want to stay with your current teacher, no matter the model the teacher has decided - Full-Time Distance Learning or Hybrid. Or call if you did not make a preference. We must have this information NOW as I will be sharing new class rosters next week.

[Important Information](#)

Yearbook Pictures: Please send any photos for our yearbook to leadschoolpics@gmail.com.

Emergency Cards: We distributed important emergency cards for you to complete at last Friday's Materials Distribution. This card is to prepare all of us for reopening school in the spring. Please return the card to us by visiting the Main Office between 8am-3pm, mailing it back to us, or bringing it to us in January at our next Materials Distribution on January 8, 2021.

COVID and Community Resources for Families: Click [HERE for English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#). Please also visit [SMC's COVID-19 Resources](#) or click on [San Mateo County community resources](#).

School Website: Please visit our school website for more updates and past [Principal Weekly Newsletters](#).

[Upcoming Events](#)

December 19, 2020 - January 4, 2021 - Winter Break: No school. Please enjoy the break and see you in 2021! School resumes on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 8:00am.

Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 at 8:00am: School resumes for online learning for all students.



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Friday, January 8th (1:00-3:00pm) - Materials Distribution for ALL Grades Preschool-5th: Please come to our Lead campus to pick up important school materials for your child.

With respect,

Mr. Slife

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