



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you for everything you have done this fall to best support your child at home with their learning and I wish you the happiest of holidays over winter break.

I again want to acknowledge the often confusing and stressful situation that faces us with reopening school in the spring and I want to be clear that I am here to support you. That is my job. Tomorrow (Friday) you will receive an email from me with your child's class assignment for reopening. Please note that this assignment will become effective AFTER San Mateo County returns to the Red Tier and the San Mateo-Foster City School District is able to return grades TK-5 and SDC to campus in the Hybrid Model. At this time, your child will continue with their current teacher at Lead until our school district decides upon the official start date for reopening. Your child will have their current teacher at Lead when we return to school online after winter break on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

If you have thoughts or concerns regarding the process our district has created, please contact me directly and I can let you know who to contact and share your concerns. The voices of our parents and families are the MOST IMPORTANT voices in our schools to make change.

Please enjoy winter break and remember that school resumes online for all students on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Our school staff, including myself, will also enjoy winter break but please know you can call and leave us messages or send emails and we will return all messages when we come back to school. Happy New Year!

[Important Information](#)

Emergency Financial Assistance for Families: The County of San Mateo still has \$5 million in unspent funding for emergency financial assistance for individuals/families. This funding can help anyone living in San Mateo County pay rent, mortgage, utilities, transportation, car repair, medical expenses or other emergency needs. More information in multiple languages can be found on the [County of San Mateo website](#).

San Francisco Girls Chorus Spring 2021: Click [HERE](#)

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Auditions: Click [HERE](#)

Emergency Cards: We distributed important emergency cards for you to complete at last Friday's Materials Distribution. 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. TK students and families will receive emergency cards to complete 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](#).

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

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.



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

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.

Wednesday, January 13th (ALL DAY) - Fitness Workout Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing their exercise and workout clothes while learning online.

Wednesday, January 13th (6:00-7:30pm) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat and PTA General Membership Meeting: Join us to meet other Lead parents and help answer all of your questions about the school year and your child's learning and learn more about our Parent Teacher Association. The Zoom Meeting link will be available soon in an email and in the Class Dojo.

With respect,
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