



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's monthly Principal Chat! You can view the slide deck presented last night [HERE](#). This newsletter includes important documents for you as a family at a Title 1 school as well as support for Election Day in the United States this week.

Lead is a Title 1 school and, as such, we make sure our families receive several important documents and information. Please find our Lead School-Parent Compact [HERE](#) and please find our Parent Involvement Policy [HERE](#). And for reference, California Department of Education Title 1 Requirements are [HERE](#). Please contact me if you have any questions.

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at Materials Distribution for grades Kindergarten-3rd and 5th this Friday, November 6 from 1-3pm!

[Important Information](#)

Additional support for our Spanish-speaking families: Our district Sanctuary Task Force now has a small group of translators trained and ready to support families with technology issues. The team can answer questions and support your families with basic technology issues in the following: Connectivity, Accessing Google accounts, Google Classroom and Clever, School Loop, and Student/Family Tech Help Request Form. Here is a [link to learn more](#). Additionally, the Ed Services team has worked to create "[How to" Video tutorials in English and Spanish](#)."

Distance Learning Choices: The next step in our Reopening process is for families to confirm their instructional model choice, either stay in Distance Learning for the remainder of the school year or return to school in the Hybrid Model. Families will complete this confirmation process in the AERIES Parent Portal. You will follow several steps to confirm or change your initial selection or each child. Please watch for detailed instructions from the District Office coming in the next several days.

Election Day in the United States: We know the election this week may bring lots of questions up for you and your family. I wanted to share a few helpful resources for having conversations at home. We encourage you to have conversations with your child about what they think and what they are feeling. Here are helpful websites to share with your family:

- Mindful.org with [8 Questions that can Help Ease Election Anxiety](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#) with bilingual options
- [Mo Willems "Democracy Doodle" with the National Symphony Orchestra](#)

English Language Development coming soon: Within the next few weeks, teachers will be adding Designated English Language Development (D-ELD) to many students' learning schedules. This will not be more time added but rather an adjustment to daily schedules. More to come soon.

GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES del Distrito de San Mateo-Foster City: Starting today at 5pm, and happening every Thursday, a support group called Apoyo para Padres will provide a sense of community by normalizing the current struggles and stresses that have risen during this pandemic. We will go over



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community resources and discuss the importance of acknowledging our mental health, and practice self-care and stress relieving strategies. Here is the website composed by Cynthia Gutierrez, Mental Health Clinician at Fiesta Gardens: <https://sites.google.com/smfcsd.k12.ca.us/apoyoparapadres>

Lead Library Books: Our librarian, Ms. Sonya, is arranging library book checkout and pickup starting this week! Your child's teacher will keep you updated when library books are available.

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

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 6th (1:00-3:00pm) - Materials Distribution for Grades K-3 and 5: Please come to our Lead campus to pick up important school materials for your child if in Kindergarten-Third Grade and/or Fifth Grade. TK is on November 13.

Wednesday, November 11th - Veterans Day: No school for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Friday, November 13th - End of Trimester One: The first third of our school year concludes on this day and Trimester One Report Cards will be shared with families by Friday, November 20.

November 23rd-November 27th - Thanksgiving Recess: No school. Please enjoy the break!

With respect,

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