



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's monthly Principal Chat and PTA General Membership Meeting. You can view the slide deck presented last night [HERE](#). Please read below for important information and upcoming events, including our month-long Lead PTA Membership Drive. Please visit <https://www.leadpta.org/support> and become a Lead PTA member! Also, please make sure you have signed up for a Parent-Teacher Conference for grades K-5 (see more below).

### Important Information

**Clarification on Instructional Times and Assessments:** Please note that your classroom teacher has shared their instructional hours with you. Start and end times for learning every day vary from classroom to classroom. Also, please know that your child will be assessed by their teacher for their learning when it is most convenient during school hours. This means that teachers will do their best to notify parents and guardians ahead of time that they will be assessing your child at a specific time but most often the assessments will occur while your child is already learning online.

**Lead School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee:** Now more than ever, it's important to work with our school community to develop realistic and effective plans for our students and families. Our [School Site Council \(SSC\)](#) and [English Language Advisory Committee \(ELAC\)](#) are responsible for developing our [School Plan for Student Achievement \(SPSA\)](#). We need more parent leaders on our ELAC who want to advocate for English Learners. The purpose of ELAC is to advise the principal and school staff on programs and services for English learners and work with the SSC. If you are interested in being part of this important committee for English Learners, please email Mr. Slife at [cslife@smfcsd.net](mailto:cslife@smfcsd.net) by **September 11, 2020**.

**Technology:** We are doing our best to secure additional Chromebooks and Hot Spots to best support you and your child. Thank you for your patience! Here are helpful and affordable Internet resources in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

**Expectations for Families Online:** PLEASE help us with being safe, respectful, responsible, and kind (please review our [Core 4 Values](#)) online by following the below expectations:

- Only appropriate language and behavior from students and ALL family members.
- EVERYONE on camera should be fully clothed.
- Remember that everyone is seen and heard when learning online.

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



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## Upcoming Events

**September 1-30 - Lead PTA Membership Drive:** Please visit <https://www.leadpta.org/support> and please become a member and support Lead! Thank you for your continued involvement with the PTA!

**Monday, September 7th - Labor Day:** No school. Please enjoy the holiday!

**September 8th-11th and 15th-17th - Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades K-5:** You will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher to meet virtually to discuss your child's progress in their learning. Please note that all synchronous instruction online will end by 12pm on the Parent-Teacher Conference days.

**September 15th-October 15th - National Hispanic Heritage Month (Spanish: Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana)** : This period is dedicated in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

**Monday, September 28th - Yom Kippur:** No school. Please enjoy the holiday!

With respect,  
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