



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Thank you for a wonderful and active first week of the school year! It has been pure joy seeing our students back on campus learning in their classrooms and making new friends. Thank you also for taking the time this week to attend your child's Back to School Night event online and meeting your child's teacher for this school year. We must build the partnership between school and home to best support your child.

To help build this partnership, please read the **welcome message** posted to the Lead PTA website: <https://www.leadpta.org/post/welcome-back-owls>.

Also, please make sure that each day your child comes to school in their [school uniform](#) and with:

- a water bottle (they can be refilled in the classrooms)
- an extra mask in their backpack
- an extra layer of clothing (classroom windows and doors are kept open for ventilation)
- *Note - Fridays will always be free dress for all students

Please see more information and important dates below in this week's newsletter.

[Important Information](#)

School Food Guidelines: Please support our children eating well at school by clicking [HERE](#) to view our school food guidelines.

Health and Safety Protocols: Please review "Safe Return to School, 2021-2022" (Click [HERE](#) for English_ and [HERE](#) for Spanish) outlining the District's plans. Most importantly, all students and adults must wear masks when on campus.

Lead and SMFCSD are hiring! We are looking for candidates to fill a number of positions at our school and also in our district, including school librarians, paraeducators, recess supervision aides, and nutrition staff. If interested, please contact Barbara Weatherly at bweatherly@smfcsd.net or call 650-312-7292.

Lead Advocacy Teams: 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 \(SPSA\)](#). If you are interested in being part of this important committee, please email Mr. Slife at cslife@smfcsd.net or complete our survey [HERE](#).

[Upcoming Events](#)

Thursday, August 19th - Virtual Back to School Night: Events continue online this evening for certain grade levels. Teachers will be in touch with more information for the virtual event.



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Wednesday, September 1st (ALL DAY) - College Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing college gear! Students who dress up for College Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

Wednesday, September 1st (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat & PTA General Membership Meeting: Please attend our monthly Principal Chat & PTA Meeting for Families on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00pm on Zoom with Mr. Slife in English and Spanish. In person meetings will not be held until further notice.

Monday, September 6th - Labor Day: No school. Please enjoy the holiday!

September 7th-15th - In Person and Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (Minimum School Days): You will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher to meet virtually or in person to discuss your child's progress in their learning. Any parents/caregivers who want to meet in person must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Please note that all days will follow our Minimum Day Schedule found by clicking [HERE](#).

[For Your Consideration](#)

Calendar Contest: Click [English HERE](#) or [Spanish HERE](#) for information about the contest for your child. We've had a number of our students from our schools win in the past!

Announcing The Archer 2021 "Stroke of Genius" Pro-Am Invitational: Support our community partner, the Archer Foundation, who has donated to Lead generously by clicking [HERE](#) and learning more about their event in October.

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

Respectfully,
Mr. Chad Slife

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