



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

We want to wish you the happiest and healthiest of holidays over winter break! If traveling please make sure to follow travel guidelines found on our [Safe Return to Schools page](#). You can find super helpful guidance here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and is also posted on the District's website. Please remember that all students return to school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 ([Lead 2021-2022 Full Calendar](#) and our online calendar is [HERE](#)).

Also, thank you to our Lead PTA for organizing an AMAZING ice skating party last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of you and your families at the rink. If you have any pictures from the day that can be added to our yearbook, please email the pictures to [leadschoolpics@gmail.com](mailto:leadschoolpics@gmail.com).

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

### [Important Information](#)

**COVID Testing Updates:** We request that all Lead students participate in our weekly COVID pool testing which is safe, quick, and easy for students. Our COVID Pool Testing Online Consent Form is now available in Spanish! The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. Click on Español in the upper right corner to view the form in Spanish.

**New Student Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year:** New student registration for 2022-2023 opens on Monday, December 13 at 12:00 Noon. Check out the [Enrollment & Transfers](#) page of the District website for more information if you have a child that will be entering the SMFCS as a **new** student in grades TK-8 for next school year. See more information by [clicking here](#).

**Donating Lost and Found Items:** If your child is missing any clothing, please have them check our school Lost and Found located just inside our Main Gate, Gate 2. Any items left behind going into winter break will be donated to local charities. PLEASE ALWAYS LABEL your child's clothes, water bottles, and belongings so we can get them back to them.

**Playworks from Coach Thomas:** Playworks this week will focus on 4 Square and Kickball during Class Room Game Times.

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**Friday, December 17th - Field Trip for Rooms 16, 18, and 20:** Our students and chaperones will enjoy a day at Bean Hollow State Beach from 8:45am-2:00pm. Teachers (Ms. Landry, Ms. Correa, and Ms. Lepe) have sent home more information.

**December 18, 2021-January 4, 2022 - No School - Winter Break:** Please enjoy the break! If traveling please make sure to follow travel guidelines found on our [Safe Return to Schools page](#).



**Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 8:00am** - Back to School! And please note our 9:00am start time for our students in our Preschool Special Day Classes.

**Wednesday, January 5th (3:00-4:00pm) - School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee Meeting:** Please contact Mr. Slife at [cslife@smfcsd.net](mailto:cslife@smfcsd.net) or 650-312-7550 for the Zoom information to join the SSC and ELAC meeting.

**Wednesday, January 12th (ALL DAY) - Crazy Hat and Hair Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing a crazy hat or having crazy hair! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

**Wednesday, January 12th (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat & PTA General Meeting:** Please attend our monthly Principal Chat for families on Zoom with Mr. Slife in English and Spanish.

### [For Your Consideration](#)

**Food Resources in San Mateo:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Food Distribution during scheduled breaks:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Home materials for winter break for students in grades TK-3:** Families, please consider your child practicing their foundational skills with the below programs:

- Reading Buddies TK -1: [English](#) and [Español](#)
- Reading Buddies 2nd-3rd Grade: [English](#) and [Español](#)
- Background Knowledge (K-5th): Educational TV Shows that Build Knowledge: [English](#) and [Español](#)

**San Mateo Parks and Recreation Activity Guide:** Registration began December 6. There are lots of awesome after school classes and financial aid is available. Find more below:

- Spanish [activity packet and registration forms](#) (grades 6-8)
- [English activity packet](#) (all ages)
- [English registration form](#) and [English financial aid form](#)
- [Chinese financial aid form](#)
- In addition, the [North Central Student Foundation has an online, free tutoring program on Mondays and Thursdays](#) for homework help for grades 5-8.

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

Respectfully,  
Mr. Chad Slife



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