



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break last week! Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Principal Chat! You can view the slide deck presented last night [HERE](#) and learn more about nutritional guidelines for your children. I will include our monthly menu every week in the newsletter - see the menu below in the Important Information section.

This week's newsletter highlights include a number of arts and sports opportunities for your children to join throughout the winter and spring seasons.

Please note we will follow our Minimum Day Schedule on Thursday, December 9 for Invitation-Only Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our schedule can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

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. [View the updated November calendar](#) for district testing dates and times which can also be found on our [Safe Return to Schools page](#).

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](#).

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks is starting a new rotation for Class Room Game Time. We are learning Zombie Island for a new tag game and will be working on game components of Soccer. Junior Coaches are going strong and really starting to set up in their roles.

Leave Toys at Home: Students have been bringing toys to school and it has become a distraction and problem for students learning. Please make sure your child keeps their toys, including Pokemon cards, at home to prevent conflicts and distractions at school. Thank you!

December Meals Menu: Please [click HERE](#) to see our district menu for student meals.

[Upcoming Events](#)

Thursday, December 9th - Invitation-Only 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 if requested. Any parents/caregivers who want to meet in person must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Please note we will follow our Minimum Day Schedule found by clicking [HERE](#).



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Sunday, December 12th from 9:30-11:30am - Lead Ice Skating Party: The PTA invites all Lead families, teachers and staff to celebrate at our own private party at the outdoor ice rink in downtown San Mateo. This **free event** is for all ages and abilities, **no skating experience needed**. Ice skates will be provided and stake-buddies (a device to help with balance) are available. We will also have fun crafting activities off ice. Read more by [clicking here](#). The event is on our PTA website: <https://www.leadpta.org/events/ice-skating-holiday-party> and the volunteer sign up form created: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cabac23a2f9c43-iceskating>

December 18, 2021-January 4, 2022 - No School - Winter Break: Please enjoy the break!

[For Your Consideration](#)

Winter Wonderland Gift Event: Lead has been invited to take part in Winter Wonderland again this year! [Click HERE](#) for an invitation that explains how your family can RSVP for a time slot to experience Winter Wonderland this year! RSVP by **Monday December 6th, 2021**.

Winter Wonderland at Central Park: Check out the event this Saturday, 4-8pm at San Mateo Central Park. There will be a dance show from 4-5:15pm and lots of fun activities for the entire family. See more at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/3956/Winter-Wonderland>.

Camp Winterfest for Grades 1-5 at King Center Dec 20-30: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

Foster City Girls Softball for Spring 2022: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

Free Tutoring Grades 5-8 North Central Student Foundation: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

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

Jr. Warriors 2022 Basketball League: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

Ragazzi SingFest 2022: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

San Francisco Boys Chorus - San Mateo Auditions: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

Warriors Winter Holiday Camp 12-27 to 12-31: Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

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

Respectfully,
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