



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

November is [National American Indian Heritage Month](#) (learn more [HERE](#))! 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 COVID updates and ways to help your child learn at home.

We are hoping to have all Lead students now 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.

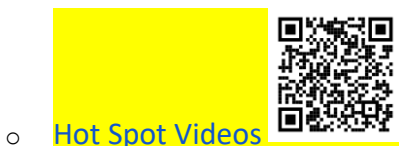
As for the vaccine for children, SMFCSD is now working in conjunction with San Mateo County & Safeway to provide vaccinations for 5-11 year olds beginning on November 15, 2021 at Bayside Academy from 3-8pm. This event is now fully booked, but the district plans to schedule more. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children 5 through 11 years of age.

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

[Important Information](#)

Hotspots for Internet: If a student or family has an issue with a hotspot (or Chromebook), please continue with the practice of bringing the broken device back to school to swap out.

- If your family needs a hotspot, please fill out this [form](#).
- Here is a quick How to Use a Hotspot Video in English & Spanish - use link or QR Code



Student Council is elected! Congratulations to our new Lead Student Council! It was such a shining moment to see our students support one another and choose to help lead new plans and events at school. Congratulations!

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks is currently working on 4 Square with all 1st to 5th graders. Also working on fine tuning the rules for Bridge Ball with all grades to ensure a Junior Coach can run them safely and fairly. The Junior Coaches have started working during the morning 1st/2nd grade recess and both of the lunch recesses. Recesses seem to be going pretty smooth with multiple games for kids to play around the yard.



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 9th - Third Grade Field Trip: Our third grade students and chaperones will enjoy a day at Huddart Park from 9:00am-12:30pm. Teachers have sent home more information.

Thursday, November 11th - Veterans Day: No school. Please enjoy the holiday!

Wednesday, November 17th - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day: Lead Elementary and Lead PTA is inviting you to participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on Wednesday 11/17/2021. We encourage all students to walk to school on this day to honor the courage of Ruby Bridges. To support participation from families that typically drive to school, we will be designating a drop-off and walk spot at the South East corner of Shoreview Shopping Center, 500 S. Norfolk St. by 7:35AM to depart by 7:40AM for the walk to Lead Elementary. All families are invited to join as part of this group.

For Your Consideration

Latinx COVID-19 Webinar TONIGHT: [Click HERE for Flyer](#)

Diaper Drive on Friday, November 5: StarVista's program is hosting a diaper drive on Friday, 11/5 at their Claremont Office in San Mateo. There is no need to register and families will be able to get a free box of diapers (they have sizes 3-6) for each child in need. [Click HERE for more information.](#)

Parent Education on SEL & The Parent Venture series: See [full information and fliers HERE.](#)

SMFCS D is hiring! On behalf of the school district HR department we are currently hiring for many positions at our schools. Please [click here for English](#) and [click here for Spanish](#) for details.

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

Respectfully,
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