



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Lead is planning a Fall Parade tomorrow, Friday, October 29 and students are encouraged to wear fall colors (brown, orange, yellow, and green) or a Halloween costume if they choose. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents and caregivers on campus for the event because of rules regarding large crowds during the COVID pandemic.

If students decide to wear costumes, please follow these guidelines:

- Students CANNOT wear costume masks. However, students must still wear a facial mask per COVID guidelines.
- ALL costume preparations to be completed at home. (No dressing or applying of make-up or colored hairspray once students arrive at school).
- No masks or weapons (nunchucks/wands/swords/knives/guns, etc).
- [As this flier shares](#), many people in our school community love dressing up. Part of creating a safe Lead community for ALL students is making sure racially, ethnically, and culturally based costumes are NOT part of our festivities. Students or parents who have questions about the acceptability of their costume should check with their child's teacher prior to wearing the costume to school. Here are fliers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) that explain how to avoid cultural appropriation on Halloween.
- Students still need to be able to participate in normal school activities like PE and recess so please be mindful of what they wear that day.
- Please do not have students bring candy to school.

Thank you!

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

### [Important Information](#)

**School Uniform Reminder:** Please click [HERE](#) to review our current uniform policy. Students should be in full school uniform except on Spirit Days and Fridays, which are free dress. Please know that we have several systems in place to support all families that need help in acquiring uniforms for their children. We also gladly accept donations of new or gently used clothing for school uniforms at any time. Thank you!

**COVID Pool Testing:** Please [see this message \(click HERE\)](#) about giving consent in English or Spanish for your child to be part of weekly COVID Pool Testing at Lead. Thank you!

**Lead Student Council:** It has been a thrill to see our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students campaign to be on our Lead Student Council and demonstrate leadership, collaboration, and community. Elections occurred today at school. More to come soon!

**Playworks Update from Coach Thomas:** Playworks is working on two core games during the Class Room Game Time (CRGT) during this cycle. CRGTs are still fitting in three games with the main focus on the core games. Bridge Ball and 4 Square will be games we will try to have a Junior Coach at every day during recess. Junior Coaches should start making appearances Thursday this week and going forward.

**UPDATED COVID-19 Testing Days and Sites:** Please click [HERE](#).



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### Upcoming Events

**Friday, October 29th - Fall Parade:** Students are encouraged to wear fall colors (brown, orange, yellow, and green) or a Halloween costume if they choose.

**Wednesday, November 3rd (ALL DAY) - Favorite Colors Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing their favorite colors! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

**Wednesday, November 3rd (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, November 3rd (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat:** Please attend our monthly Principal Chat for families on Zoom with Mr. Slife in English and Spanish.

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

### For Your Consideration

**Virtual Parent Education series:** The Peninsula Health Care District in conjunction with SMCOE is continuing to sponsor a virtual Parent Education series for our community this year. Please [see the descriptions HERE](#) for upcoming options.

**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.](#)

**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

**Chad Slife, Principal** - [cslife@smfcsd.net](mailto:cslife@smfcsd.net)

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