



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Happy [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)! And thank you again for attending your child's Parent-Teacher Conference this month. Please remember that TK Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 1st-8th. Also, please remember that we have no school tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday, September 16 and 17.

As a reminder, please return your child's Emergency Preparedness bag to your child's teacher if you have not already. This is for the safety of our children in an emergency. Thank you.

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

[Important Information](#)

COVID Pool Testing starting September 21: Please [see this message \(click HERE\)](#) sent to you yesterday about giving consent for your child to be part of weekly COVID Pool Testing at Lead. Thank you!

School Site Council Ballot: Your child is coming home today (Wednesday, September 15) with a School Site Council ballot for you to complete and return to our Lead main office or your child's teacher by Thursday, September 23. Thank you for voting! The results of the election will be posted in the Main Office on Friday, September 24. The first meeting of the SSC and ELAC will be scheduled Wednesday, October 6 at 3:00pm on Zoom. Should you have any questions, email or call Mr. Slife at cslife@smfcsd.net or (650) 312-7550.

5th Grade Instrumental Music Program: We are so thrilled to be bringing instrumental music back in person to all of our 5th graders in the San Mateo Foster City School District! All 5th graders across the district get the opportunity to expand their musical knowledge and skills while participating in: clarinet, flute, trumpet, violin, and voice. Every student is provided with a district instrument or book to use throughout the year. This truly special program would not be possible without amazing district support and the hard work of the ED Foundation! The ED Foundation works throughout the year to secure funding that allows us to provide and maintain instruments for all of our students and acquire necessary music supplies. This year, we are taking into account the added need for safety to allow our students to enjoy their in person music classes. Our music instructors are working creatively and carefully to make safety a priority. Our clarinet, flute, and trumpet classes are being moved to the outdoors in addition to utilizing careful masking and special bell covers for instruments. Voice and violin classes are able to be held safely inside while distancing for added safety and comfort. After a year of online music it is truly such a joy to be connecting and creating music with students in person again! Message from Stephanie Stroud, Music for Minors and Pam Bartfield, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.



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Public Notice click [HERE](#): Bay Area Air Quality Management District your assistance in performing a public notification for a project by the San Mateo Water Quality Control Plant. My agency regulates stationary sources of air pollution. This project is for the operation of an Stationary Emergency Diesel Engines and Publicly Owned Treatment Work Upgrades located at 2050 Detroit Drive in San Mateo, CA. This is within 1,000 feet of **Bayside Academy and within ¼ mile of Lead – San Mateo, which are part of the San Mateo-Foster City School District** and thus triggers the public notice requirements in BAAQMD Regulations (Regulation 2, Rule 1, Section 412) and State Law (California Health and Safety Code Section 42301.6). For more information **click [HERE](#)** or visit <http://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/public-notices>.

[Upcoming Events](#)

September 15th-October 15th - [National Hispanic Heritage Month \(Spanish: Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana\)](#): This period is dedicated in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

Thursday and Friday, September 16th and 17th - No School for Yom Kippur and Teacher Professional Development: Please enjoy an extended weekend as we will not have school on these two days.

[For Your Consideration](#)

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 by clicking [HERE](#) for the options this month and the beginning of October. The descriptions are repeated in English and Spanish.

Have you seen the new Lead Sweatshirts? Place your order by TODAY if you would like to get yours before Fall break. You can place your order on the PTA website: <https://www.leadpta.org/shop>. Text Nicola at 510-681-7434 for more information. Sweatshirts are \$26 each and payment will be accepted when they are delivered.

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

Respectfully,
Mr. Chad Slife

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