



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

As we near October, I want to thank you again for helping us create a safe and fun learning environment at Lead to start the new school year.

Next week is busy with school events so please read everything below in this email.

Please remember that our entire school district has Fall Break with No School from October 9-October 17. School will resume on Monday, October 18. Also, Kindergarten families, please remember that kindergarten will extend to a 1:00pm dismissal every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday starting October 18. Wednesdays will continue to dismiss at 12:30pm for kindergarten. Thank you!

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

### [Important Information](#)

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

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

**Help with School Uniforms:** Please [click HERE](#) for more information from H.O.P.E. services to those who need support with school uniforms.

**National Walk to School Day is October 6, 2021**, so grab your walking shoes and move your feet! Walking and biking to school is a great way to get exercise and helps to improve morning traffic congestion. Find the Safe Routes to School map for Lead Elementary at [http://www.smfcsd.net/en/assets/files/maps/SMFCSD\\_SafeRoutes\\_LEADElementary.pdf](http://www.smfcsd.net/en/assets/files/maps/SMFCSD_SafeRoutes_LEADElementary.pdf) for suggested walking routes to school. Please look for a survey that will be sent out to all families to help us better understand how you get to school. Complete the survey by October 6 for a chance to win a \$25 Visa gift card.

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**Tuesday & Thursday, October 5th & 7th (ALL DAY) - San Francisco Giants Playoffs Spirit Days:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing Giants team apparel! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on these special days.

**Wednesday, October 6th (ALL DAY) - Polkadot & Stripes Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing polkadots and stripes! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

**Wednesday, October 6th (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.



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**Wednesday, October 6th (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. This month's meeting will focus on school safety.

**Monday, October 11th-15th - No School for Fall Break:** Please enjoy and be safe!

**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.

### [For Your Consideration](#)

**Dia de los Muertos:** Please join PAL on Saturday, October 9 from 11am-3pm at King Park (725 Monte Diablo Ave) for a Free Family Event! We hope to see you all there!! For more information about this event please visit: [Dia de los Muertos | San Mateo, CA - Official Website \(cityofsanmateo.org\)](#) and [click HERE for the flier in English](#).

**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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