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Dear Lead Community-

Thank you to all the families who have already responded to our Fall Plans Questionnaire for CURRENT TK-4th Grade Families when planning for the 2021-22 school year. If you have yet to fill out your plans, please complete and submit the Fall Plans questionnaire for every child you have enrolled in Lead Elementary at this link: <https://bit.ly/3tdY7SQ> Last day to submit is Wednesday, April 28th 3:00pm.

I will soon be sharing more plans for the upcoming changes for students to return to campus five days per week in May. Please stay updated by reading your emails and messages.

Lastly, I find excitement in looking forward to the planning for our future Lead Multi-Purpose Room! Part of this planning will involve me convening a small team (2-3 staff members and 2-3 parents/community members) that meets once or twice this school year and a couple times a year over the next two school years as it comes to fruition. Meetings will be after school and likely an hour in length. I do not have full details as of yet. If you want to join me on this team as a Lead parent/caregiver representative, please reply by emailing me at cslife@smfcsd.net.

Please see more information and important dates below.

[Important Information](#)

ELPAC Testing: Please read by clicking [HERE](#). All students identified as English Learners will take the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California). Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be tested the week of April 19-23. Please review information about state and local testing at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacparentresource.asp>.

April Monthly Parenting Articles: [Pondering Parenting April 2021 - ENGLISH](#) and [Pondering Parenting April 2021 - SPANISH](#)

ANGST: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety Presented by SMCOE Tobacco Use Education (TUPE) and Safe and Supportive Schools: Join on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:00pm – 8:00pm PDT, Online Event (Webinar) and Register: <https://angst2021smcoe.eventbrite.com>. [San Mateo County Office of Education \(SMCOE\) Tobacco Use Prevention Education \(TUPE\)](#) and [Safe and Supportive Schools](#) programs present a FREE community screening of [ANGST. ANGST is an IndieFlix Original documentary](#) designed to raise awareness around anxiety. The film includes expert advice from mental health professionals, along with interviews from elementary and high school students who discuss how anxiety has impacted their lives. Parents, students, educators, counselors, mental health professionals, and community members welcome! [ANGST](#) is appropriate for viewers age 10 and older. Spanish film subtitles and simultaneous interpretation for the panel and Q&A will be provided. This special event is sponsored by [San Mateo County Office of Education \(SMCOE\)](#), [Peninsula Health Care District](#), and [Sequoia Healthcare District](#), in partnership with [The Parent Venture](#). Questions? Contact Charlene Margot, MA, Co-Founder and CEO, [The Parent Venture](#) (The Parent Education Series), at cmargot@parentventure.org, or Sheléne Peterson at speterson@smcoe.org.



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Yearbook: Watch Mr. Slife and the Lead Owl ask a student what makes the Lead yearbook so special: <https://youtu.be/zzZPUjZPPvA>. You can purchase your yearbook on the PTA website here: <https://www.leadpta.org/product-page/yearbook-lead-elementary> Please send any photos for our yearbook to leadschoolpics@gmail.com.

COVID and Community Resources for Families: Please visit [SMC's COVID-19 Resources](#) or click on [San Mateo County community resources](#).

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 19th to Friday, April 23rd - ELPAC Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades: All students identified as English Learners will take the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California). **Please read more by clicking [HERE](#).**

Tuesday, April 27th (6:00-7:30pm) - Empowering Lead Parents - Part 1: Click [HERE](#) for flyer. Tereza Iniguez will meet with us to expand a safer, more welcoming space for parents and strengthen family and school partnerships. This will provide a deeper understanding of the importance of our children's education and how we, at Lead, embrace cultural diversity. Contact Ms. Renee with any questions: rskinner@smfc.k12.ca.us (650)312-7727 **"RAFFLE** - 2 Target Gift cards" Zoom ID: 854 2649 4091 or see flyer for digital link.

Wednesday, April 28th (9:00am-12:30pm) - District Professional Development Day: Students will meet online with their teachers and class for morning meeting and then do asynchronous work after 9:00am as all teachers attend monthly professional development.

Wednesday, April 28th (3:15-4:15pm) - School Site Council (SSC) and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting: Our Lead SSC and ELAC teams are meeting via [Zoom](#). If you are interested in joining our ELAC, please contact Mr. Slife or Ms. Renee.

Monday, May 3rd to Friday, May 7th - Wear Crazy Socks Week: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing fun and crazy socks while learning online ALL WEEK.

Wednesday, May 5th (6:00-7:00pm) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat: Please attend our Principal Chat on Zoom and enter to win a \$25 Target gift card!

Friday, May 7th (1:00-3:00pm) - Materials Distribution: Teachers will keep you updated.



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With respect,

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