



Dear Lead Community-

Happy Lunar New Year and Year of the Ox! Please enjoy this Lunar New Year and Presidents Day weekend. In addition, we may see many of you for our Picture Retake Day next Friday, February 19 from 12-3pm. More details are in the Upcoming Events section below.

As we continue to work as a school community to increase our engagement with you through parent workshops and online virtual events, I want to strongly encourage you to become a member of our Executive Board of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Please see the below from our Lead PTA:

Please join us on [Zoom](#) for our Principal Chat and regular PTA General Membership meeting on March 3, 2021 at 6pm. Elections for 2020/2021 PTA Board members will be held and other important announcements will be shared. Please consider joining the board! We will vote on the applicants for the various positions at this meeting. ALL positions are open for election.

Board Member Requirements are

- PTA Member (\$20 Membership)
- Willingness to help on any level

Sign up on Konstella!

Click [HERE](#) for a list of roles and descriptions. If you prefer, you can also reply to this email or reach out to a current board member to sign up. We hope to see you at the meeting and on the board!

[Important Information](#)

Request for Paper Shopping Bags: Hello families, we could use your help for materials distribution days. We need paper shopping bags that are in good condition. You can bring them to the office any day between 8:00am-3:00pm, and thank you!

Parent Project: The Parent Project® is a free, 12-week course that is offered in English and Spanish to anyone who cares for a child or adolescent. The classes meet for three hours each week. Parents learn parenting skills and get information about resources and other support available in their communities. Parents/caregivers learn and practice skills such as appropriate ways to discipline, preventing or stopping alcohol, drug and tobacco use, improving communication skills, and improving grades and school attendance. To sign up for a specific class, please contact Eddy Caldera at parentproject@star-vista.org or (650) 554-0656. Classes have target regions for participants. However, participants are able to register for any class.

February Pondering Parenting article, "Cultivating Kindness": [English Google doc version](#) and [Spanish Google doc version](#) Also, check out A Parent's Guide to Distance Learning [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

DACA UPDATES & FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS: Wednesday, February 17 from 5-7pm. Learn more about some of the recent changes to the DACA program and have a 1-1 consultation with an immigration attorney.



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Space will be limited so they are encouraging people who are interested in filing an initial DACA application to register using this link : <https://tinyurl.com/2021daca>. They will also be on Facebook Live to share new updates and answer questions. Here is the link to the Facebook Page : <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesRIS>

Medi-Cal Covers Your Loved Ones Dental Needs: Click [HERE](#)

Vaccination Update per SMFCSD: Last week San Mateo County (SMC) officials announced that while vaccination sites are ready, there is a shortage of vaccine supply not only in SMC, but across the state and the country. Educators are in [Phase 1B of Tier 1 of its rollout plan](#). The San Mateo County Office of Education is working with SMC Health, key healthcare providers, and SMC district Superintendents to develop a plan for SMC schools. Please stay tuned!

Yearbook: Please send any photos for our yearbook to leadschoolpics@gmail.com. You can purchase a yearbook by clicking [HERE](#).

COVID and Community Resources for Families: Click [HERE for English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#). Please also 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

February 1-May 31 - ELPAC Testing: All students identified as English Learners will take the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California). Teachers and test examiners will be coordinating the tests with you and your child. Please review information about state and local testing at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacparentresource.asp>.

Monday, February 15th - No School in honor of Presidents Day: There will be no school this day for this federal holiday.

Friday, February 19th (12:00-3:00pm) - Picture Retake Day: If you missed our school picture day in December or would like your child's picture taken again, please schedule an appointment for a new one. Please click [HERE](#) to read the flyer and make an appointment.

With respect,
Mr. Slife
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