



Dear Lead Community-

We hope to see many of you for our Picture Retake Day this Friday, February 19 from 12-3pm. 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.

### **Ed Foundation Readathon a Smashing Success!**

A huge thanks to the entire community for making the San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation 2021 Readathon such a wonderful experience. SMFC students read 339,964 minutes and raised \$105,000, \$5,290 from our school, which will benefit students throughout our district. Congratulations to Lead's top reader, Kaitlin Taylor, and our top fundraiser, Aiden Ngo, as well as the classrooms that reached fundraising goals:

Silver: Ms. Manion and Ms. Correa, Ms. Morinishi, & Ms. Poon!

Gold: Mr. Sullivan (Top Reading Room too!), Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Kunz, Ms. Quinn, & Ms. Hawkins!

Both Kaitlin and Aiden have great tips for reading and fundraising! Kaitlin shared that she reads after she wakes up, during breaks in her classes online, and before she falls asleep. She loves reading through Epic and also recommends her favorite books: Rainbow Magic series, Thea Stilton series, Geronimo Stilton series, Monster High series, Diaries of a Wimpy Kid series and Roald Dahl books. Aiden loves reading too and talked to many of his family members about how he "loves expanding his mind" through reading.

Kaitlin shared that, "Reading can take you on an adventure!"

### **Important Information**

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA):** 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 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 to be a PTA Member (\$20 Membership) and have a 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!

**Superintendent Coffee Chats:** Superintendent Chats begin this Friday, February 19, 2021. Attached is the [English flyer](#) and the [Spanish flyer](#). Here is the [link to the Coffee Chat web page](#) and the [Google Form \(https://bit.ly/CoffeeChatFeb2021\\_Questions\)](#) for questions as soon as possible.



**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!

**Upcoming Lead Family Game Nights:** The PTA is excited to host three virtual game nights. This will be a fun opportunity for the whole family to participate and connect with classmates and other families. The event will be hosted over Zoom and will be in Spanish and English. Can't wait to see you there!!! Please SAVE THE DATE for Fridays 5:30PM - 6:30PM. For 2nd and 3rd grade families on February 26, 2021 at <https://groceryoutlet.zoom.us/j/98572535827>. For 4th and 5th grade families on March 5th, 2021 at <https://groceryoutlet.zoom.us/j/91334583564>. For Preschool, TK, K and 1st grade families on March 12th, 2021 at <https://groceryoutlet.zoom.us/j/94597108525>.

**California Healthy Kids Survey for 5th Grade:** Please watch for our California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), administered during the March 1–12, 2021 survey window. This survey is given to fifth- and seventh- grade students only. You will be receiving a parent/guardian consent form directly from your child's teacher.

**Consent Forms:** Fifth-grade parents/guardians must return a consent form giving your child permission to take the survey. **Parent Survey:** There is a companion survey for fifth- and seventh-grade parents/guardians. You will be receiving information about your survey on March 1. Please watch for consent forms and your family's unique survey link. Sample surveys are available to view on our [Wellness Resources web page](#).

**Yearbook:** Please send any photos for our yearbook to [leadschoolpics@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

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**Friday, February 26th (5:30-6:30pm) - Lead Game Night for 2nd and 3rd Grade Families:** The PTA is excited to host virtual game nights. The event will be hosted over Zoom and will be in Spanish and English. For 2nd and 3rd grade families on Zoom at <https://groceryoutlet.zoom.us/j/98572535827>.

**Wednesday, March 3rd (ALL DAY) - Crazy Hat and Hair Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing a crazy hat and hair while learning online.



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**Wednesday, March 3rd (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, March 3rd (6:00-7:30pm) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat & PTA General Meeting:** Join us to meet other Lead parents and support your child. The Zoom Meeting link will be available soon in an email and a Class Dojo message.

With respect,  
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