



Dear Lead Community-

I hope you read through my email earlier this week about reopening for hybrid learning. As a reminder, campus is reopening for families who made their selection to switch to hybrid for the remainder of the school year. Assignment letters were emailed again yesterday to all Lead families. Please know we can no longer make any changes to your child's assignment. Please call the main office at (650) 312-7550 if you have any questions. Also, please make sure to do the following:

**All Families - Music for Minors:** Complete this [Google Form](#).

As you know, SMFCSD has a longstanding contract with Music For Minors, and they provide skilled music educators to elementary schools each week. As the Hybrid Model begins on March 8, we are unable to continue to have SMFCSD staff accompanying students to Music for Minors classes. As of this date, music classes will not be required, but families will continue to have the option for their child to voluntarily participate in Music for Minors class. [Full details can be reviewed here](#). If you would like your child to keep participating in their Music for Minors class, please provide your consent by completing this [Google Form](#).

**Students Returning to In-Person Learning as of March 8: Families Must Acknowledge Receipt of SMFCSD Reopening and Safety Handbook for Families** - Please complete this [Google Form](#)

As we reopen our schools for in-person learning, it is important that families understand and support students to comply with the guidelines set forth in our "SMFCSD Reopening Health and Safety Handbook 2020-2021" ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)). Please complete this [Google Form](#) acknowledging that you have reviewed this document and understand the health and safety measures.

Lastly, please attend a Reopening Orientation and Principal Chat for Families on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:00pm on Zoom with Mr. Slife, followed by our PTA Meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted on YouTube for families to watch at their convenience. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.

### [Important Information](#)

**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>.

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA):** 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



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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!

**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!

**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:** 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**

**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>.

**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.

**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:** Please attend a Reopening Orientation and Principal Chat for Families on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:00pm on Zoom with Mr. Slife, followed by our PTA Meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted on YouTube for families to watch at their convenience. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.



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**Thursday, March 4th and Friday, March 5th (ALL DAY) - Asynchronous Learning Days:** Author Visits planned on Zoom for ALL Students!

**Friday, March 5th (1:00-3:00pm) - Materials Distribution for Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade, and Fifth Grade:** Teachers will keep you updated.

**Monday, March 8th at 8:15am - Reopening for Hybrid:** Students in the Hybrid model for Preschool SDC and grade TK-2 return on campus. ALL Lead students will transition to their teacher assigned for reopening. Contact the Main Office at (650) 312-7550 if you have any questions.

With respect,

Mr. Slife

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