



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Principal Chat and PTA General Membership meeting! You can view the slide deck presented last night [HERE](#). And please consider joining our PTA Executive Board for next school year. We need you!

As I shared last night at the Principal Chat, please expect our Lead teachers to discuss the facts of events, such as last week on Capitol Hill, in our classrooms in order to give students a safe space to debrief. We will not be discussing the intricacy of politics but rather how humans are affected by the actions of other humans. The events in our communities, in our country, and in our world impact all of us. Our school is deeply committed to providing our students with an equitable education. This means that we must fix the conditions that marginalize students of color. We must examine and revise policies that could mask racial bias and perpetuate racial inequality. We must make this change for our future. If we make such changes we will improve the educational outcomes for all of our students. This work is extremely hard but it must be done. That is our mission.

I welcome you to talk to me at any point about these commitments to equity and to continue to be an active participant in your child's education here at Lead. Thank you.

### [Important Information](#)

**Picture Retake Day is coming on February 19!** 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.

**2021-2022 New Student Registration Assistance for Spanish-Speaking Families:** Spanish-speaking families registering new students in grades TK-8 for the 2021-2022 school year may make an appointment for Spanish-language registration assistance. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

**2021-2022 New Student Registration Now Open:** New student registration for the **2021-2022** school year is now open. This is important information if you or anyone you know has a student who will be **new** to the San Mateo-Foster City School District, in grades TK-8, for the **2021-2022** school year. Click [here](#) for the link to the online new student registration form. Please note: Students currently enrolled and attending school in the SMFCSD for the 2020-2021 (current) school year do not fill out the 2021-2022 New Student Registration form.

**San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation Readathon:** Our annual Readathon is fast approaching. The event will run from **January 22nd - February 5th** and will feature community members reading and reviewing culturally relevant books to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of our students. An invitation to activate student fundraising pages through 99Pledges will be sent a week before kick-off from [liz@smfcedfund.org](mailto:liz@smfcedfund.org). That link will also be available at [smfcedfund.org/readathon](http://smfcedfund.org/readathon) which is where kids can also access details about the kick-off event, minute tracker, and enjoy read-alouds and book reviews. **Our goal is to raise an average of \$25 per student.** All donations will continue to support Tk-5 Music for Minors, distance learning, ELA/ELD, and science curriculum.

**January Monthly Parenting Article:** [Pondering Parenting: Resilience January 2021 - SPANISH](#) and



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**Parent Venture's January/early February parent education events:** These events are sponsored by our community partner, the Peninsula Health Care District. You can find the Spanish flyer by clicking [HERE](#) and English flyer 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](#).

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

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

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**Monday, January 18th - No School in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** MLK Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15.

**January 22nd - February 5th - SMFC Ed Foundation 2021 Readathon:** English [HERE](#) and Spanish [HERE](#)

**Tuesday, January 26th (5:00-6:30pm) - District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting:** Please join advocates in our school district via [Google Meet](#) to support English Learners.

**Wednesday, January 27th (3:15-4:15pm) - School Site Council (SSC) and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting:** Our Lead SSC and ELAC teams are meeting via [Google Meet](#). If you are interested in joining our ELAC, please contact Mr. Slife or Ms. Renee.

With respect,

Mr. Slife

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