



Dear Lead Community-

Our annual Readathon begins tomorrow! 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. I am very excited that author, educator, and SMFCSD parent, Khalid Akil White, Ed.D. will be a featured speaker for the Readathon! Dr. White met our Lead teachers this week and will be making author visits in our classrooms online as well as meet you at my Principal Chat on March 3 (mark your calendars!).

An invitation to activate student fundraising pages through 99Pledges has been sent to you from liz@smfcedfund.org. That link will also be available at smfcedfund.org/readathon which is where students 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.

Let's continue to spark our students' love of reading!

[Important Information](#)

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.

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.

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. You can purchase a yearbook by clicking [HERE](#).

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

[Upcoming Events](#)

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.



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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.

Wednesday, February 3rd (ALL DAY) - Career Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing clothes that reflect their future career while learning online.

Wednesday, February 3rd (6:00-7:00pm) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat: Join us to meet other Lead parents and help answer all of your questions about the school year. The Zoom Meeting link will be available soon in an email and a Class Dojo message.

With respect,
Mr. Slife
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