



Dear Lead Community-

This is my last principal newsletter for the current school year. I want to first and foremost thank you for persevering through the most challenging and interesting year ever experienced in our schools. You not only served as your child's parent but also as their academic teacher at home and I thank you for that effort and energy. It truly took an entire village, or even metropolis, to be successful this year and we did it together. Thank you! Lead Owls truly HOOT with excellence!

We learned this year that we, as a community, live our school mission every day by being committed to equitable and inclusive practices for everyone. We believe education is a life-long process that includes academics, social-emotional learning, and activism as a means to improve the world around us. As we prepare to celebrate our fifth grade students at promotion this Tuesday, we honor them as Lead students who will fulfill our vision and continue to achieve their full potential by being active partners in their education and advocates for justice and equity.

Secondly, we will successfully celebrate the last day of school for all Lead students this Tuesday, June 15 with our regular school hours. And for all those that ordered our school yearbook, we will call you when they arrive for pickup within the next week.

Lastly, here are the important dates to mark down between now the next school year (and click [HERE](#) for the Lead 2021-22 full calendar):

- **Tuesday, June 15 from 10:45am-12:00pm:** Fifth Grade Promotion on the Lead Upper Yard. Fifth Grade Parents and Caregivers, please make sure you have completed the survey emailed to you last week in order to attend our ceremony in person.
- **By Thursday, June 17, 2021:** Any students NOT returning to a school in our district SMFCSD in August 2021 need to return their Chromebook to our Lead Main Office by Friday, June 18 at 2:00pm. All returning students to SMFCSD and/or Lead can keep their Chromebooks through the summer. ALL hotspots need to be returned to our Lead Main Office by Friday, June 18 at 2:00pm. No one can keep their hotspot over the summer.
- **Friday, August 6 from 3:00-5:00pm:** TK and Kindergarten Orientation at Lead
- **Monday, August 9 from 6:00-7:00pm:** Principal Chat and School Orientation on Zoom
- **Thursday, August 12 at 8:00am:** First Day of School for the 2021-22 school year!
- **Thursday, August 19 from 6:00-7:30pm:** Back to School Night at Lead!

Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer and keep having your kiddos read every day! We are always here if you need us!

Please see more information and important dates below.

[Important Information](#)



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Library Books and Music Instruments are due now. Missing books and music instruments are due now to our Lead Library.

Trimester 3 Report Cards: You will be able to access your child's report card on the Parent Portal of Aeries [HERE](#) beginning the last day of school. Attendance will NOT be listed on the report card.

Wastewater Treatment Plan - Project Enters Phase II - WWTP Meeting 6/15/21 - Announcement: The City has asked us to let our community know about this public meeting. This [WWTP Message 06.15.21 Google Doc](#) has information for you.

Free Books at Lead from San Mateo Public Library on July 8 and July 16: Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

School Uniforms: We are asking all returning Lead families to complete [this survey](#) sent to you also in a separate email to get feedback on continuing school uniforms at Lead. Please click [HERE](#) for our current uniform policy.

FREE Groceries at Mid-Peninsula Boys & Girls Club: Receive free groceries every Thursday. These include fresh produce, dairy, meat, dry goods and other items. Families need to simply show up to receive food. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

COVID and Community Resources for Families: Please visit [SMC's COVID-19 Resources](#) or click on [San Mateo County community resources](#). For vaccinations, please check www.smcalert.info, smcalert@smcgov.org, and <https://www.smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar>.

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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 15th (10:45am-12:00pm) - Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony (In-person): We hope all fifth grade students are able to attend with their families (up to 4 guests per student) to celebrate together. Please know we will be following safety procedures outlined in a separate email sent to fifth grade families only. Parents and caregivers, please make sure you have completed the Promotion Survey in order to attend.

Tuesday, June 15th - Last Day of School for All Lead Students: We hope all students are able to enjoy their last day of this school year whether on campus or online before heading off to the summer vacation. School will resume for all Lead students on Thursday, August 12, 2021.

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With respect,

Mr. Slife

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