



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you again for such a successful reopening of campus for our Lead Owls this month! We will miss everyone over spring break but are excited to see students back on campus and online when we return to school learning on April 12.

As a reminder for hybrid students and families, please know that “asynchronous” learning days are days for students to start and finish assignments, do their daily reading, and attend morning meetings with their teachers in addition to check-ins when expected.

Report Cards - Trimester 2 Report Cards will be available to ALL families starting tomorrow online in Aeries. Please know that the Trimester 2 teacher completed the report card but your child’s Trimester 3, or current teacher's name is shown on the report card. Attendance will NOT be listed on the report card. Starting tomorrow, your child's report card will be available to view in the Aeries Parent Portal. Please log in here (<https://parentportal.smfc.k12.ca.us/Aeries/LoginParent.aspx>). After you log in you will see directions on how to view your child's report card. If your primary language is Spanish you should be able to see the report card in both Spanish and English. If you are not able to do that please contact the school office for assistance.

Please see more information and important dates below.

[Important Information](#)

Travel Guidance: As of today, [SMC Health \(SMCH\)](#) current travel guidance is as follows: Residents are urged to follow the State of CA's travel guidelines ([CDPH Travel Advisory, Jan 6, 2021](#)) which are still in effect: "Californians should remain local (not traveling more than 120 miles from their home or other place of residence) and avoid non-essential travel." This guidance has not changed as San Mateo County moved to the Orange Tier on Wednesday, March 17. [SMCH Safety Guidelines for Travel](#) recommend that all individuals who travel over 120 miles from home, especially by air, bus, train or other mass transit, should consider quarantining at home for 10 days upon their return. It is also advised that they receive a COVID test before and after traveling. Many staff and families have followed this guidance and we appreciate their help in keeping everyone safe at school.

Run for Hope: Menlo Church will provide up to \$150,000 to people facing housing insecurity with rental relief due to COVID. Many of our students and families have been adversely affected and struggled to pay their rent. By participating (part of physical education, sport team, clubs, classes), Menlo Church will give funds to Samaritan House and two other nonprofits so they can provide rental assistance to families in need. As a way to feel empowered and help each other at this time, please consider signing up for Run for Hope. **Everyone is welcome! No matter the age. Wherever you are. You don’t have to attend Menlo, and you can walk/run/stroll/skip over a period of days (not just one day) from March 26-28. Run for Hope is free for participants, and Menlo will donate \$25 for every mile up to 150k.** So invite your friends, cohorts, students, and family. Spread the word because every mile is an opportunity to bless our community and be blessed in return. **Direct link for Run For Hope:**
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/MenloPark/MenloRunForHope>



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Family Arts Night on March 25: Tune in to the California State PTA's [YouTube channel](#) on Thursday, March 25 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for a special webinar in which members of our arts committee will demonstrate at-home arts activities with their children, that you can do with YOUR children. We'll also show you resources that highlight the benefits and importance of arts education in California.

Yearbook: Please send any photos for our yearbook to leadschoolpics@gmail.com. You can purchase a yearbook by clicking [HERE](#).

ELPAC Testing: All students identified as English Learners will take the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California). Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be tested the week of April 19-23. Please review information about state and local testing at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacparentresource.asp>.

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

Friday, March 26 - Early End to Instruction at 12:00pm: All students will end instruction, both online and on campus, at 12:00pm.

Saturday, March 27 to Sunday, April 11 - Spring Break (No School): Please enjoy the two week spring break. School will resume both in Hybrid and FTDL on Monday, April 12.

Monday, April 12 at 8:30am - School resumes for all students online and in hybrid.

Monday, April 12 to Friday, April 16 - Wear Black and White Spirit Week: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing the colors black, white, or both while learning online ALL WEEK.

Wednesday, April 14th (6:00-7:00pm) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat & Guest Author: Please attend our Principal Chat on [Zoom](#) with special guest author, Dr. Khalid White.

Friday, April 16th (1:00-3:00pm) - Materials Distribution: Teachers will keep you updated.

With respect,

Mr. Slife

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