



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Thank you in advance for joining us tonight in person at Lead from 6:00-8:00pm for our Math Night, sponsored by Mathnasium and organized by our Lead PTA and volunteers.

The San Mateo-Foster City School District has implemented a new program to support our students with their reading outside of school. **Footsteps2Brilliance** has a great curriculum targeted to encourage our students to explore books, games, and writing activities that appeal to them. We will start to send chromebooks home on a daily basis to be brought back and forth regularly. It is very important that we are consistent with the support our students require to increase their reading level. Teachers will also be able to monitor student participation.

We want to support you with this initiative and make sure all our students are successful.

Requirements:

1. **Bring chromebooks and chargers back and forth daily.**
2. **Log in to Footsteps2Brilliance 20 minutes daily (100 minutes a week).**

All K-2nd grade students in our district are required to log in time at home. We want students to develop habits of reading and access literacy instruction outside of school.

Please click [HERE for the English flier](#) and [HERE for the Spanish flier](#) with detailed information about how, who, and where you can access Footsteps2Brilliance. More information will be sent in a separate email.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Community Service Specialist: **Renee Skinner at (650)312-7727 or [rskinner@smfc.k12.ca.us](mailto:rskinner@smfc.k12.ca.us)**

Thank you for working with us to support our Lead students! Please see more information and upcoming important dates below in this week's newsletter.

### **[Important Information](#)**

**Newcomer Parent Education Night:** One Life Counseling Center and the Police Activities League (PAL) will be hosting our first Newcomer Parent education night on April 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm at King Center. This night will give the opportunity for newcomer parents to learn about mental health and the work we have been doing with their children. [Click HERE](#) for a flier and a website where you can RSVP. RSVP is not mandatory but highly encouraged to help with food planning. Also, if you RSVP, you can possibly win one of our raffles.

**COVID Testing:** Pool testing continues at Lead every Tuesday. The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. The passcode is LEAD2021. Testing calendars are available on our [Safe Return to School page](#). Please remember that if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home. Get them tested as soon as possible.

**April Meals Menus:** Please [click HERE for April](#) to see our district menu for student meals.



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**Playworks from Coach Thomas:** Playworks will continue Roshambo Rockstar to see who the champion of Lead will be to compete in the final Tournament towards the World Record. Junior Coaches will meet Wednesday afternoon from 12:45pm to 2:45pm.

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**Thursday, April 21st (6:00-8:00pm) - Lead Math Night, sponsored by Mathnasium:** See [the flier here](#).

**Friday, April 22nd (6:30-8:00pm) - Newcomer Parent Education Night at King Center:** This night will give the opportunity for newcomer parents to learn about mental health and the work we have been doing with their children. [Click HERE](#) for a flier and a website where you can RSVP.

**Week of May 2nd-May 6th - Teacher Appreciation Week:** Please join and celebrate our teachers this week!

**Wednesday, May 4th (ALL DAY) - College Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing clothes that promote colleges and universities. Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

**Wednesday, May 4th (3:00-4:00pm) - School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee Meeting:** Please contact Mr. Slife at [cslife@smfcsd.net](mailto:cslife@smfcsd.net) or 650-312-7550 for the Zoom information to join the SSC and ELAC meeting.

**Wednesday, May 4th (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat:** Please attend our Principal Chat for families on Zoom with Mr. Slife in English and Spanish.

**Thursday, May 5th - Bike Rodeo for 4th and 5th Grades:** Teachers will be in touch with more information.

### [For Your Consideration](#)

**Online Workshops for families with Foster Youth, (All parents/families/staff are welcome to attend!):** Please [click HERE for English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#).

**San Mateo PAL is hosting a Free Health & Wellness Resource Fair:** Please consider attending this event on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am-2:00pm at King Park (725 Monte Diablo Ave, San



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Mateo). This event is open to everyone and all ages are welcome! Please [click HERE for more information in English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#).

**Food Resources in San Mateo:** Please [click HERE](#).

**School Website:** Please visit our school website at [lead.smfcsd.net](http://lead.smfcsd.net) for more updates and past [Principal Weekly Newsletters](#).

Respectfully,  
Mr. Chad Slife

**Chad Slife, Principal** - [cslife@smfcsd.net](mailto:cslife@smfcsd.net)

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