



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

We hope you have been able to have conversations with your child at home about what they have been learning as we celebrate Black History Month at school. And [HERE](#) is a great resource to continue our learning and growing.

For our students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th, we are preparing for our school's annual California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment, and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. Your child does not have to take the survey. Participation is voluntary, anonymous, and requires your permission. Please complete and return permission forms being sent home this week to your child's teacher by February 18, 2022. The survey will be administered between February 22 and March 4, 2022 at school. It will take about 25 minutes to complete online. To learn more about survey use and survey questions visit: [http://www.smfcsd.net/en/parent-reference/wellness/california-healthy-kids-survey-\(chks\).html](http://www.smfcsd.net/en/parent-reference/wellness/california-healthy-kids-survey-(chks).html)

Please also complete your [California School Parent Survey \(CSPS\)](#). Parents/Guardians : We want to know your thoughts about how our school is -

- supporting your child's learning and development
- creating a safe and supportive environment
- welcoming and involving parents in the community

Please let us know by taking our school-specific California School Parent Survey. Your answers will be anonymous and will help us in our efforts to support all students to achieve their full academic, social and emotional potential. Take the survey [here](#) or if you need help to access the survey, please stop by the school office.

Please see more information and upcoming important dates below in this week's newsletter.

[Important Information](#)

COVID Testing: Pool testing continues at Lead every Tuesday. The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. Click on Español in the upper right corner to view the form in Spanish. The passcode is LEAD2021. For more information on districts support for COVID cases, visit our "[Safe Return to School](#)" page. View the [February COVID-19 School Site Testing Calendar with Virus Geeks](#) for further information on locations and dates available. All SMFCSD's families can register onsite. Please remember that if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, please, keep them home. Get them tested as soon as possible.

February Meals Menu: Please [click HERE](#) to see our district menu for student meals.

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks will finish up the second week of Classroom Game Times which have focused on shooting the basketball for the lower classes and ultimate frisbee for the upper classes. This week's focus for Junior Coaches is getting the new coaches acquainted with the program and continue working on ways to ensure bullying isn't happening.

[Upcoming Events](#)



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Friday, February 11th - Field Trip for 5th Grade: Our students and chaperones will enjoy a day at Francis Beach in Half Moon Bay from 9:00am-1:30pm. Teachers (Ms. Lepe, Mr. Cappa, and Ms. Bradley) have sent home more information.

Monday, February 14th (ALL DAY) - Valentine's Day Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing red, pink, and/or white! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

Monday, February 21st (ALL DAY) - No School in honor of Presidents Day: There will be no school this day for this federal holiday.

[For Your Consideration](#)

Parent Education Series Feb 2022: [Read about amazing events and services here.](#)

Lunar New Year Celebrations -

Saturday Feb 12 - [11th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration](#) in Redwood City (free)

Saturday Feb 19 - [Chinese New Year Festival & Parade](#) in San Francisco (cost)

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

Free Grocery Distribution:

- [Second Harvest Food Distribution Sites San Mateo Foster City English](#)
- [Second Harvest Food Distribution Sites San Mateo Foster City - SPANISH](#)

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

Respectfully,
Mr. Chad Slife

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