



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Happy belated Lunar New Year and happy Black History Month! Can you believe tomorrow, Friday, is the 100th school day of this school year?!?

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Principal Chat! You can view the slide deck presented last night [HERE](#) and learn more about PTA elections and future facilities plans for Lead.

In addition, February brings an important assessment window so please stay aware of communication from district text examiners for the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California) and Literacy Assessment Window. Please review information about state and local testing at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacparentresource.asp>. Test Examiners will be coordinating the tests with your child's teacher. The tests will be administered during the school day.

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



[Important Information](#)

Readathon: Please enter all your students' reading minutes online through the 99pledges link sent to you, or if you have been tracking minutes on paper, please return those forms to your teachers on Friday February 4 so we can get all our reading minutes recorded!

Black History Month: The San Mateo County Libraries have published their [top picks of books about Black Joy](#). This list is updated year round with a variety of books to choose from. There are also Black History facts for each day in February listed in the [County of San Mateo page](#) containing pivotal moments in Black History. Outside of school, the San Mateo County Event Center is also sponsoring the [Domini Hoskins Black History Museum & Learning Center's Black History Month exhibit](#) for 2022. Please join us in celebrating Black History Month in 2022.

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. We will continue to host Virus Geeks for weekly PCR testing at Lead, on Thursdays in February. This testing is in addition to our weekly Tuesday Pool Testing for all Lead students and staff. 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. Show a text or email from the school district to a Virus Geeks personal for further assistance during your visit for testing. 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 start a new 2 week Classroom Game Time cycle. We will be learning Ultimate Frisbee  for the 3rd to 5th graders and continue working on Basketball  focusing on shooting for the 1st and 2nd graders. Kinder and TK will focus on coordination games. Junior Coaches met on Wednesday from 12:45pm to 2:45pm and will be welcoming some new JCs to the team this week.

[Upcoming Events](#)



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January 21st - February 4th - SMFC Education Foundation 2022 Readathon: Please visit <https://www.smfcedfund.org/readathon>.

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](#)

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,
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