



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

As we continue to navigate through the COVID pandemic, we cannot lose sight of all the wonderful and positive changes we have experienced at Lead. We want to continue making positive changes and want to hear from YOU on which enrichment opportunities you would want most for your child at Lead in the future. Please take a moment to complete [this quick survey](#) by tomorrow. Thank you!

Also, the annual San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation Readathon kicks off tomorrow, January 21st and will run through February 4th. Please visit <https://www.smfcdfund.org/readathon> and get your child and family involved in supporting our schools. Please see the link above to get information on our two Kickoff Events happening this Friday and Saturday!

In terms of COVID safety, we are still hoping to have all Lead students participate in our weekly COVID pool testing which is safe, quick, and easy for students. The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. Click on Español in the upper right corner to view the form in Spanish. And here are the important guidelines for students returning to school when testing positive and/or exposed to COVID:

If your child is fully vaccinated:

1. Quarantining is not required. Please test in 5 days. Please note, if your child participates in pooled testing you do not have to test as it will be completed at school.
2. Wear face masks appropriately;
3. You are instructed to self-observe for symptoms.
4. Please stay home if you are sick.
5. Your child may continue to attend the before/Annex or Newton program.

If you child is NOT fully vaccinated:

Your child will be in Modified Quarantine for five days. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they do the following:

1. Undergo two tests for COVID-19: today and again 5 days later. Please note, if your child participates in pooled testing this test will count as one of the required tests during the modified quarantine.
2. Share test results with the school office via email or in-person.
3. Are asymptomatic meaning they have no symptoms of illness.
4. Keep students at home if they are symptomatic and notify the school office immediately.
5. Wear face masks appropriately.



6. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, after school care, and other activities within the community setting. Your child may not participate in these activities until the quarantine period is over.
7. Your child may continue to attend the before/after school Annex or Newton program.

You can order free at home COVID tests (4) from [USPS by filling this out](#). Please stay updated on COVID policies by reading emails from our school district. For COVID testing dates and times, San Mateo County has a list of COVID Testing locations which can be found on their [COVID-19 Testing page](#). And our district has testing including at Lead - see the January calendar [HERE](#). Please remember that if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, please, keep them home. Get them tested as soon as possible.

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

[Important Information](#)

COVID Testing: The school district will continue Pooled Testing, where students take COVID tests at school. If helpful, here are videos on YouTube that show how to take the rapid COVID-19 test, English version: <https://youtu.be/juFqYt25ii> and Spanish version: <https://youtu.be/yGbwl7uFPvY>. For more information on districts response to COVID cases, COVID dashboard updates, and recommendations from the county, visit our "[Safe Return to School](#)" page.

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

Annex Registration for 2022-23: Families who are interested in Annex before and after school care for the 2022-2023 school year should register starting Monday, January 17th [online](#) (<https://www.ezchildtrack.com/SMFCSd/parent>). For more information, please see the [Annex webpage](#) and our [Annex Registration Timeline](#). Registration closes Friday, January 28th at 5pm. Questions? Please contact Claudia Calabrese in the Annex Department at (650)312-7231, ccalabrese@smfcsd.net.

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks will start a new 2 week cycle of Classroom Game Time. We will focus on games to reinforce how Roshambo can and should be used for school yard conflicts. Junior Coaches will meet Wednesday for training and focus on Conflict Resolution and Assertiveness with Positive Language.

[Upcoming Events](#)

Friday, January 21st, 6:30-8:00pm at the San Mateo (Main) Public Library at 55 W. 3rd Ave. You can wear your pajamas too! Enter through the Oak Room to the left of the Main Lobby Entrance. Please remember to wear your masks.



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Saturday, January 22nd, 2:00-3:00pm hosted by the Foster City Public Library at Leo Ryan Park Amphitheater. The Book Bike and Bad Kitty will be there, too! Dress appropriately as we will be outside. Please remember to wear your masks.

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

Wednesday, February 2nd (ALL DAY) - Mismatch Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing clothes that do not match. Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

Wednesday, February 2nd (3:00-4:00pm) - School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee Meeting: Please contact Mr. Slife at cslife@smfcsd.net or 650-312-7550 for the Zoom information to join the SSC and ELAC meeting.

Wednesday, February 2nd (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat: Please attend our monthly Principal Chat for families on Zoom with Mr. Slife in English and Spanish.

[For Your Consideration](#)

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

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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