



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Thank you, always, for being connected to and trusting of our Lead staff and staying committed to our community. I cherish each day that I get to walk onto our campus and see our students ready to learn and ready for a day of discovery. We will continue to support one another during the COVID pandemic. I greatly appreciate all of your understanding to keep our students, families, and staff safe while doing everything you can to provide your child access to their learning. Thank you.

We will continue to host Virus Geeks for weekly PCR testing at Lead, moving to Thursdays in February. This testing is in addition to our weekly Tuesday Pool Testing for all Lead students and staff. [HERE is the PDF of the February Testing Calendar](#). As per Virus Geeks, SMFCSD families will have onsite registration assistance from their team. Families would just need to show any form of communication from the District/School sites (Texts or Email).

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](#)

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.

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 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.

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks is in week 2 of the new cycle of Classroom Game Time. We will focus on games to reinforce how Roshambo can and should be used for school yard conflicts. Upper grades will also be learning 3 line Basketball while 1st and 2nd will be learning dribbling as part of a multi week training on the fundamentals of basketball. Junior Coaches will meet Wednesday for training and focus on Conflict Resolution and Assertiveness with Positive Language.

[Upcoming Events](#)

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



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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@smfcscd.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](#).

Free Grocery Distribution:

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

Enroll in MediCal and CalFresh: The SMFCSD Sanctuary Task Force is sponsoring online informational meetings to assist Mandarin and Portuguese speaking families enroll in MediCal and CalFresh. Here are links to event fliers:

[MediCal and CalFresh Mandarin](#) (Feb.1, 7pm)

[MediCal and CalFresh Portuguese](#) (Feb.3, 7pm)

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

Respectfully,
Mr. Chad Slife

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