



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you and your family happy and healthy and ready for the new year of 2022. We were very excited to welcome back our Lead Owls to school yesterday and are prepared to continue an amazing school year and, most importantly, stay safe and healthy.

As we have returned to school, please make sure to consult our [Lead 2021-2022 Full Calendar](#) and our online calendar found [HERE](#). 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 will have 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.

The school district will continue Pooled Testing, where students take COVID tests at school next week. If helpful, here are videos on YouTube that show how to take the rapid COVID-19 test:

English version: <https://youtu.be/juFqYt25il> and Spanish version: <https://youtu.be/yGbwl7uFPvY>

Vaccination Event at College Park Elementary

In partnership with the County of San Mateo Office of Education and San Mateo County Department of Health, the San Mateo-Foster City School District will be hosting a series of Vaccination Clinics for our Community! Families and the greater community can sign up with the [MyTurn link](#).

For more information on districts response to COVID cases, COVID dashboard updates, and recommendations from the county, visit our "[Safe Return to School](#)" page.

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

Important Information

SMFCSD School Meal Program: Please read important meal information [HERE in English](#) and [HERE in Spanish](#) for our students having snack and lunch at school. **January Meals Menu:** Please [click HERE](#) to see our district menu for student meals.

COVID Testing Updates: We request that all Lead students participate in our weekly COVID pool testing which is safe, quick, and easy for students. Our COVID Pool Testing Online Consent Form is now available in Spanish! The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. Click on Español in the upper right corner to view the form in Spanish.

Enrichment at Lead: We 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 Friday, January 14.

Thank you!

Help with School Uniforms: Please [click here](#) for more information.

New Student Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year: New student registration for 2022-2023 opens on Monday, December 13 at 12:00 Noon. Check out the [Enrollment & Transfers](#) page of the District website for more information if you have a child that will be entering the SMFCSD as a **new** student in grades TK-8 for next school year. See more information by [clicking here](#).

Playworks from Coach Thomas: TBA

Upcoming Events



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Wednesday, January 12th (ALL DAY) - Crazy Hat and Hair Spirit Day: Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing a crazy hat or having crazy hair! Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

Wednesday, January 12th (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal Virtual Chat & PTA General Meeting: 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](#).

Peninsula Health Care District in conjunction with SMCOE Virtual Parent Education series:

Parent Forum #16 (Spanish) – Transition Back to School & Family Goals for the New Year with Edwin Fernandez, LCSW, of One Life Counseling Center on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 5:30pm - 6:30pm PST, Online Event (Live). The Zoom Link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408512705?pwd=Wk03MzZYR0pkeW5wOE81RXBoR3EvQT09>

How can you help your child(ren) transition back to school after winter break? And what are your family's goals for the New Year 2022? Join Edwin Fernandez, LCSW, One Life Counseling Center, for helpful advice to get your new year started on a positive note! Parents and caregivers welcome! Free admission. The Parent Forum is an initiative of Sequoia Healthcare District, in partnership with RCSD and [The Parent Venture](#). Questions? Contact Charlene Margot, MA, Co-Founder and CEO, [The Parent Venture](#) (The Parent Education Series), at cmargot@parentventure.org.

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

Respectfully,
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