



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Our Lead Scholastic Book Fair started yesterday!

Join us for the Lead Scholastic Book Fair, open from 9am-3pm in our Lead Library, from March 16-23. And we hope you are coming on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:00-7:00pm for our In Person Open House where you will enjoy a visit to your child's classroom to see their work accomplished this school year and make a visit to our Book Fair. The Book Fair will have special hours on Open House night, March 23, from 5:00-8:30pm.

Also, please remember that Friday, March 25 is a Minimum Day before we head to Spring Break from Saturday, March 26 through Monday, April 11. School resumes on Tuesday, April 12. We have many options for camps during our spring break in the information below!

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

[Important Information](#)

Update on Face Masks at School: [Here is the document that has both English and Spanish versions](#) that was shared with families by our school district. Also, please see the updated "[Safe Return to School](#)" webpage for more information. The wearing of masks at school is now a family decision. I Please remind your child of what you would like them to do with their mask when in class. If your child is not wearing a mask, please remind them it is not their place to tell other students what to do because their families may want their child to wear masks. The district has strongly recommended masks but they are optional and we want to respect each family's health wishes. Thanks for your help and support as we navigate through these interesting times.

Newcomer Parent Education Night: One Life Counseling Center and the Police Activities League (PAL) will be hosting our first Newcomer Parent education night on April 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm at King Center. This night will give the opportunity for newcomer parents to learn about mental health and the work we have been doing with their children. [Click HERE](#) for a flier and a website where you can RSVP. RSVP is not mandatory but highly encouraged to help with food planning. Also, if you RSVP, you can possibly win one of our raffles.

COVID Testing: Pool testing continues at Lead every Tuesday. The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. The passcode is LEAD2021. [Click here if you would like to view the March COVID-19 Calendar](#). This is also available on our [Safe Return to School page](#). Please remember that if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home. Get them tested as soon as possible.

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

Playworks from Coach Thomas: Playworks started a new Classroom Game Time cycle this week. The focus will be on conflict resolution and teamwork. The Junior Coaches met on Wednesday from 12:45pm to 1:45pm.



[Upcoming Events](#)

Wednesday, March 16-23 - Lead Scholastic Book Fair: Join us for the Lead Scholastic Book Fair, Volunteers needed! Please contact Ms. Shannon in the Library or email smcgovern@smfcsd.net if you are interested in helping; there is also a Signup Genius page on the PTA website! Shop online at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leadelementaryschool>

Monday, March 21st (ALL DAY) - Crazy and Mismatched Socks Spirit Day: In honor of World Down Syndrome Day, please encourage your child to show support by wearing fun and colorful socks.

Wednesday, March 23rd (6:00-7:00pm) - In Person Open House: Please enjoy a visit to your child's classroom to see their work accomplished this school year and make a visit to our Book Fair.

Friday, March 25th (Minimum Day Schedule): Please note we will follow our Minimum Day Schedule found by clicking [HERE](#) on this Friday before Spring Break, which is March 26-April 11.

Saturday, March 26th - Monday, April 11th - Spring Break (No School): We hope your child is able to enjoy two weeks filled with fun and lots of reading time.

Tuesday, April 12th - Return to School: School will resume after spring break on Tuesday, April 12 at 8:00am for TK-5th grade and 9:00am for Preschool SDC.

[For Your Consideration](#)

Parent Education, Groups, and Resources: Please [click HERE](#).

Spring 2022 Activity Guide for the San Mateo Recreation Center: Kids are needed to register to keep dance classes from being canceled due to low enrollment. Peruvian classes especially need kids. There are also Mexican Folkloric, K-Pop, Irish, Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Tap dance classes. The spring session started this week. View the [2022 Spring Activity Guide](#) for classes that go from March to June. Register online at sanmateorec.org!

Youth Poetry Contest for 4th-8th Graders: Please [click HERE](#).

Star Vista Parent Education Group Series in Spanish: Please [click HERE](#).



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Camp Keff for TK-5 during Spring Break: Please [click HERE](#).

Highlands Recreation Center Camp during Spring Break: Please [click HERE](#).

Latinx Youth Conference on March 19th: Please click [HERE for English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#).

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,
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