



Dear Lead Elementary School Families-

Thank you so much for such a beautiful and successful Lead Spring Festival last Saturday! As Nicola Cadenas, our PTA President shared, "this event could not have happened without all the planning and volunteering from families, our teachers and staff, and community neighbors. So I send you a HUGE thank you for our amazing Lead Community for making this a great success."

And we hope your child enjoys a Guest Author visit tomorrow at Lead! Please learn more about our guest author, Andrew Jordan Nance, by visiting <http://www.andrewjance.com/> where he has his many books for purchase and lots to share and learn.

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

### [Important Information](#)

**CAASPP Notice of Statewide Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Families:** Please click on the [English](#) and [Español](#) letters. Our testing at Lead began this week and teachers have shared the specific dates and tests with you. Third, fourth, and fifth grade parents, please make sure your child is charging their Chromebooks each night at home especially during this next month of CAASPP testing. Students will need their Chromebooks to take the test and we don't have the capability to charge all Chromebooks at school. Thank you!

**COVID Testing:** Pool testing continues at Lead every Tuesday. The link is [here](#) in English and Spanish. The passcode is LEAD2021. Testing calendars are available on our [Safe Return to School page](#). Please remember that if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home.

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

**Playworks from Coach Thomas:** Playworks will be running the same Classroom Game Times this week. We will be finishing up the Roshambo competition. Junior Coaches will meet Wednesday after school from 12:45pm to 2:45pm for training.

**Library Books and Instruments due by Friday, June 3:** All Lead library books and instruments must be returned by this date to avoid being marked late or lost, and potentially being charged for those items.

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**Monday, May 16th to Friday, June 10th - CAASPP Testing Window for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades:** Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will take the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test in English Language Arts and Math. Please read more by visiting <https://www.caaspp.org/>. Please click on the [English](#) and [Español](#) letters.



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**Friday, May 27th (Minimum Day Schedule):** Please note we will follow our Minimum Day Schedule found by clicking [HERE](#) on this Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

**Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day (No School):** We hope you and your family are able to enjoy the Memorial Day holiday.

**Wednesday, June 1st (ALL DAY) - Rainbow Spirit Day:** Encourage your child to show school spirit by wearing clothes that are bright and colorful honoring Pride Month. Students who dress up for Spirit Day do not need to wear their regular school uniform on this special day.

**Wednesday, June 1st (12:00-2:00pm) - Sunnybrae and Lead Community Resource Fair:** [Please click HERE for more information.](#)

**Wednesday, June 1st (7:00-8:00pm on Zoom) - Lead Principal and Superintendent Virtual Chat:** Please attend our Principal Chat for families on Zoom with Mr. Slife and Superintendent Ochoa in English and Spanish.

### [For Your Consideration](#)

**Newton Summer Camp at Baywood:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Basketball Academy with City of San Mateo:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Chess for Summer City of San Mateo:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Hillbarn Theater Summer Camp - Frozen:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Hillbarn Theater Summer Camp Tots - Shiners:** Please [click HERE](#).

**Request Internet:** The SMFCSD is making efforts to ensure that families have equitable internet access. The Results of this survey will allow the district to arrange for the distribution of T-Mobile hot spots to families that currently do not have internet access. If your student does not have access to the internet at home please participate in [this survey](#).

**Lead Care Closet:** Read more [HERE](#). Lead Families come by our "Care Closet" in Room 6 to find basic items like clothing for the family, shoes, blankets, toiletries!

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month:** [Here is a list](#) full of MH Awareness Month education and events.



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**San Mateo PAL is hosting a Free Health & Wellness Resource Fair:** Please consider attending this event on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am-2:00pm at King Park (725 Monte Diablo Ave, San Mateo). This event is open to everyone and all ages are welcome! Please [click HERE for more information in English](#) and [HERE for Spanish](#).

**Resources from Samaritan House:** [Here is information](#) for anyone who has an emergency need. [Here is information for Samaritan House's two Free Medical Clinics](#), one in San Mateo, one in Redwood City. They are open to all San Mateo County residents over the age of 18 who do NOT have any insurance at all (i.e. they can't have Medi-cal, Denti-cal, etc.). Lastly here is a [Hot Meal flier](#), which invites you to pick up individually-sealed hot meals that are needed for those at home.

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

Respectfully,  
Mr. Chad Slife

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