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SAN MATEO-
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Letter - January 2017

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Community,

Happy New Year! We are excited to have welcomed back over 12,500 students last week.

Measure X Facilities Projects

As you know, our district is very large and we are continually striving to not only meet the educational needs of our students but also the facility needs of the district. To that end, we are continuing our planning for the new middle school gyms in San Mateo at Abbott, Borel and Bayside STEM Academy. Community Meetings will be held to share information about potential designs and to gather community input. Watch for upcoming dates on our website. We are also continuing our planning for the new elementary school in Foster City. As a reminder, while the first round of Community Meetings is now over, there is still an opportunity to provide

any additional input and/or questions by emailing them to newschool@smfcsd.net.

Parcel Tax Renewal - Measure Y

In November, the School Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District Quality Education Renewal Measure on the March 28, 2017 ballot. Local funding approved by voters in 2010 is scheduled to expire in June 2017. If enacted, Measure Y renews previous voter-approved funding with no change in the current tax rate (\$209.92 with CPI adjustments), for an additional nine years. Measure Y would renew funds to:

- Maintain programs/instruction in reading, writing, math, science, technology, and engineering
- Attract and retain quality teachers and educational staff
- Keep school libraries open and accessible to students
- Support art, drama, music and other specialized programs

More information on Measure Y is available at www.smfcsd.net/measure-y.

2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Calendars

I am pleased to report that school calendars for both 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 have been finalized! See more information in the article below.

I look forward to seeing you at one of my **Coffee Chats** coming up this month and next, see dates and locations below.

Sincerely,

Joan Rosas, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Superintendent Coffee Chats

You are invited to share coffee and conversation with San Mateo-Foster City School District Superintendent Joan Rosas. Come share your ideas and discuss the latest topics impacting SMFCSD and public education. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS

**Wednesday, January 25,
2017**

6:30-7:30 pm

Brewer Island Elementary
School Library

1151 Polynesia Drive,
Foster City



Tuesday, January 31

6:30-7:30 pm

Parkside Elementary School Library
1685 Eisenhower Street, San Mateo

Monday, February 13

6:30-7:30 pm

George Hall Elementary School Library
130 San Miguel Way, San Mateo

Upcoming Events

January 25

Coffee Chat 6:30 pm -
Brewer Island
Elementary

January 31

Coffee Chat 6:30 pm -
Parkside Elementary

February 2

Board Meeting 7:00
pm - District Office

February 13

Coffee Chat 6:30 pm -
George Hall
Elementary

February 16

Board Meeting 7:00
pm - District Office

2017-2018 & 2018-2019 School Calendars Are Now Available

The District and the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA) Bargaining Teams have successfully concluded the negotiation of the school the calendars for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. The team worked diligently to prepare calendars that would best accommodate the students and staff of our district that included the following:

- Days for professional development and teacher work days that allowed ample time for teacher input and staff planning
- Attention to options that responded to the needs expressed by parents
- Alignment of the winter and spring breaks with the San Mateo Union High School District
- The opportunity for all staff and students to be in school on the first Wednesday in October so that the state student and teacher census would be counted

To print copies of the calendars, please click on the links below:

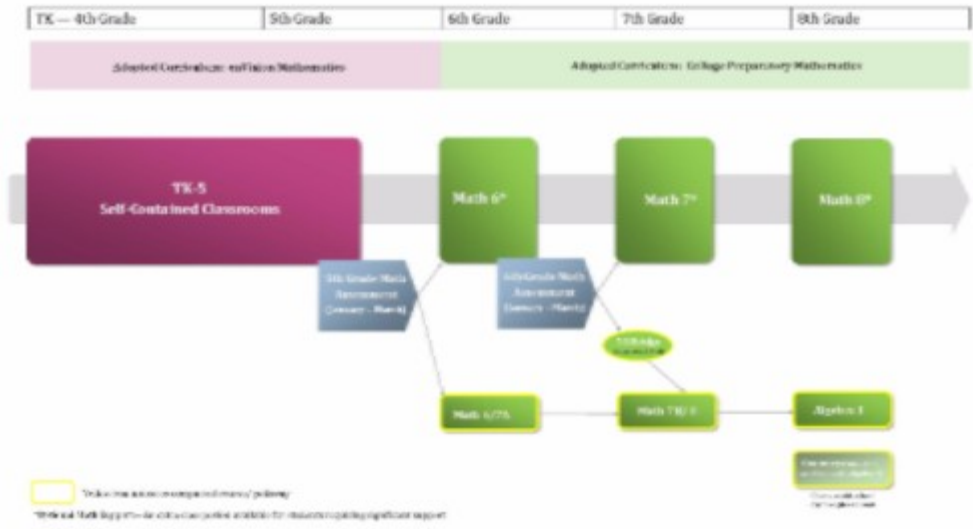
[2017-2018 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#)

[2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#)

Middle School Math Placements

Information on the SMFCSD math placement and process for students currently in 5th and 6th grade was mailed home to families on January 9th. If you would like additional information on our math pathways and placement process, please view the video below or visit the [Math Curriculum](#) page of the SMFCSD website.

SMFCSD TK-8 MATHEMATICS PATHWAYS and PROCESSES



SMFCSD Math Pathways and Process Video

[View Video in Español](#)

Local Control Accountability Plan Stakeholder Engagement



San Mateo-Foster City School District works with parents, staff members and community members to create the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The three-year plan lays out our district goals for providing quality education to over 12,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. LCAP Stakeholder Engagement meetings will be held at your school site during PTA, English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), School Site Council and staff meetings. The Superintendent will also be engaging the community regarding LCAP at her upcoming Superintendent Coffee Chats.

[See more on the 2016-2017 LCAP Stakeholder Engagement Process and Timeline by visiting the LCAP page of the SMFCSD website.](#)

InfoSnap New Student Registration & Transfers for 2017-2018

The San Mateo-Foster City School District InfoSnap registration and transfer portals to register new students and/or apply for a transfer for the 2017-2018 school year are now open!

New Student Registration and Transfer Requests



- If you have a new student entering the SMFCSD for the first time in the 2017-2018 school year, please be sure to review the instructions on how to complete your registration during the Priority Registration period of **January 17 - February 10, 2017** on our [Student Registration & Enrollment](#) pages.
- If you are interested in applying for a transfer to attend a school other than your child's home school, you will be prompted to complete an InfoSnap online transfer form once you have *submitted* the online registration form.

See our [Student Registration & Enrollment](#) pages on our SMFCSD website for more information.

Currently Enrolled SMFCSD Students That Wish to Apply for a Transfer

- If you have a currently enrolled student and wish to apply for a transfer to another school for the 2017-2018 school year, please be sure to review the instructions on how to request a transfer on our [Transfer Request Process](#) page.
- Parents/guardians may apply for a transfer **ANY TIME during the transfer period – January 17 – February 10, 2017** to be entered into the lottery.
- **Please note:** in order for your request to be processed, **you will need to enter your child's student ID number in the transfer request form.** Please locate it well before the transfer window opens. Student ID

numbers can be found on report cards, student ID cards, and class schedules. You can also contact your child's school office to obtain it.

See our [Transfer Request Process](#) page on our SMFCSD website for more information.

Borel Music Students Perform at Chabot College



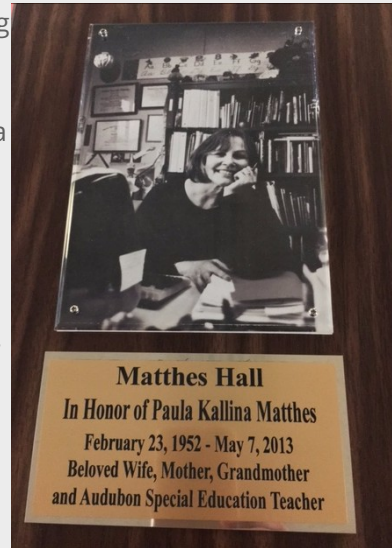
In January, five students (from left to right: **David Harris, Kelton King, Nour Alaoui-Ismaili, Kayla Shiao, and Mia Birkelund**) were selected to represent [Borel Middle School](#) at the CMEA Bay Section Conference Concert at Chabot College in Hayward. The mission of the

California Music Educators Association (CMEA) is to promote music education. Borel students practiced alongside musicians representing 16 Bay Area counties. The students performed in front of an audience of family members and educators in the campus' Performing Arts Center. Congratulations Borel students!

Audubon Elementary School Building Dedication

On Monday, January 9, 2017 the Audubon staff, along with the Matthes family, came together to posthumously honor special education teacher Paula Kallina Matthes by naming their new classroom building and kitchen facilities Matthes Hall.

Paula Matthes passed away on May 7, 2013 in Foster City, California. She grew up in Garwood, Texas and graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a Masters in Special Education and a license in Speech Pathology.



Ms. Matthes was a special education teacher at Audubon who taught school for 35 years and loved every one of her students. Paula and her husband of 35 years, Mike, raised their daughters Lauren and Caroline in Foster City - they are alumni of [Audubon Elementary](#) and Bowditch Middle School. Both daughters are teachers, and Lauren Bottani teaches first grade in our district. Paula provided her family and friends with many wonderful memories over the years and she was cherished by many.

The Audubon staff was honored to celebrate Paula's dedication to education and her family's dedication to Audubon school. A plaque of remembrance has been hung in Matthes Hall in her honor.

School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

Board Meeting Summary - January 19, 2017

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Approved the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 District Calendars
- Approved Resolution No. 21/16-17 – Setting Forth Principles in Support of Undocumented Students
- Approved Board Policy 7315 – Electronic Signage, as amended
- Received an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Received an update on the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program
- Accepted the gifts as approved by the Superintendent
- Received the Special Education Annual Report
- Accepted the 2015-2016 Financial Audit Report

Board Meeting Summary - December 8, 2016

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Held annual reorganization meeting electing the following officers: President – Chelsea Bonini, Vice President - Lory Lorimer Lawson, Clerk – Audrey Ng
- Approved an Exemption from Zoning Ordinances and Regulations related to the building of a fourth elementary school in Foster City
- Approved the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Districtwide Servers, Server Storage, Classroom Intercom, and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Systems
- Accepted the gifts as approved by the Superintendent
- Approved the Final 2016-2017 First Interim Budget Report
- Approved two new members of the Measure L Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee – Michael Krause & Randy Raphael

To review upcoming Board of Trustee Meeting agendas and previous meeting summaries - go to the [Board Agenda & Summaries page](#) of the SMFCSD website.

All Board Meetings are open to the public and held at the San Mateo-Foster City School District Office - 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City at 7:00 pm. Community members are encouraged to attend.

2016-2017 San Mateo-Foster City School District Calendar

- August 17 - First Day of School
- September 5 - Labor Day Holiday
- October 24-31 - Fall Break
- November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 19-January 9 - Winter Break
- January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- February 20-21 - President's Day Holiday
- April 3-7 - Spring Break
- May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 14 - Last Day of School

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