



SAN MATEO-
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Letter - May 2017

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Community,

May is a time of appreciations. I am particularly thankful for the dedication of our San Mateo-Foster City School District staff and their commitment to the success of every student. They support our students in doing their best academically and provide encouragement and guidance. They are role models and understand the profound influence that they have in the lives of our students. It is my privilege to extend a heartfelt message of gratitude to our staff and I encourage our community to join me in appreciating our staff members during Certificated and Classified Appreciation Weeks and throughout the year.

I am excited to announce that **Jeannette Ramirez** has been selected as the next principal of **Fiesta Gardens International School**. Ms. Ramirez is coming to the San Mateo-Foster City School District from the Greenfield Union School District where she is the principal of Oak Avenue Elementary. Previously, she was a Principal in the West Contra Costa Unified School District and Vice Principal in the Pittsburg Unified School District. She has been a bilingual and dual immersion teacher and is looking forward to the opportunity to return to an immersion program and relocate to be closer to family here in the area. Her son, San Mateo Police Officer Julio Jolivette, is a graduate of Parkside Elementary School! We welcome Jeannette Ramirez to the Fiesta Gardens family.

It is a busy time of the year and I hope that you are able to enjoy the end of year festivities.

Sincerely,
Joan Rosas, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Summer Theatre/Drama & Instrumental Music Enrichment Registration Is Now Open!



The San Mateo-Foster City School District is pleased to offer summer Theatre/Drama & Instrumental Music Enrichment programs for students June 20-July 14, 2017 from 8:30am-12:00pm. Registration is now open! Find out more information by [visiting the SMFCSD](http://www.smfc.edu) website.

Upcoming Events

Wed, May 10

Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day

Thu, May 18

Board Meeting 7:00 pm - District Office

Tue, May 23

Student Health Presentation 6:00 pm - District Office

Mon, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday - No School

Thu, June 1

Board Meeting 7:00 pm - District Office

Thu, June 8

Budget/Parcel Tax Debrief - 5:00-7:00 pm - District Office

School Board Candidate Workshop - Time TBD - District Office

Wed, June 14

Last Day of School

Thu, June 18

Board Meeting 7:00 pm - District Office

California Department of Education Selects Borel Middle School as a 2017 Gold Ribbon School

The San Mateo-Foster City School District is proud to announce that [Borel Middle School](#) has been selected as a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School. The California Department of Education (CDE) recognizes outstanding educational programs and practices by



awarding the California Gold Ribbon Schools Award to public schools as California. Since the program's inception, the CDE has recognized 193 middle schools, 180 high schools, and 780 elementary schools as Gold Ribbon School Award recipients. [Read more about Borel's Gold Ribbon Award...](#)

San Mateo Park Elementary School Receives Kent Award for Panther Reading Program



We are proud to announce that the San Mateo County School Boards Association has awarded [San Mateo Park Elementary School](#) the J. Russell Kent Award for its outstanding Panther Reading Program.

Park School's Panther Reading Program combines Reading Recovery, Leveled Literacy Intervention, ongoing focused discussions about student literacy data, and professional

development for Panther Reading personnel, as well as, classroom teachers. [Read more about San Mateo Park's Award...](#)

Bayside STEM Academy Celebrates Earth Day with Campus Clean Up

Bayside STEM Academy

students, parents and staff celebrated Earth Day with a campus clean up held on Saturday, April 22. Over 50+ volunteers, including 30 students, showed for the Earth Day cleanup - scrubbing, weeding, planting and painting all 16 basketball backboards! [Read more about STEM's Earth Day Cleanup...](#)



Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day is Coming - May 10th!



On **Wednesday, May 10th**, put on your comfy shoes and join your school community in promoting health, fitness, and clean air by walking or rolling to school. Ideas for families include:

- Encouraging your student to use his/her safety knowledge when biking or skateboarding to school.
- Consider taking public transit or carpooling.
- If these options do not work for your family, please park several blocks from school and enjoy a little exercise and fresh air with your child as you walk together to school.


For more information on SMFCSD events contact **Wini McMichael** at wmcmichael@smfcsd.net. For more information on the National program, go to <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org>

Student Health Education Series for Parents

The San Mateo-Foster City School District is offering five informational sessions that provide parents/guardians with the skills to address sensitive health topics with their children at home.

The **Tuesday, May 23** presentation - **Families in Action: Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation** will be held from 6:00–7:30 pm at the District Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Julienne Nakano, Health & Physical Education, Teacher on Special Assignment at jnakano@smfcsd.net or (650) 312-7207. **To RSVP for the May 23 presentation - use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mtmbkpe>**



San Mateo-Foster City School District presents...

Five Part Student Health Education Series: For Parents and Community Members

The San Mateo-Foster City School District will be offering five informational sessions that provides parents/guardians with the skills of how to address sensitive health topics to their children at home. Please RSVP in order to save your space for any one of these workshops at the San Mateo-Foster City District Office. Seating is limited. These are parent/guardian presentations only. If you have any questions, please contact: Julienne Nakano, Health & Physical Education, Teacher on Special Assignment at jnakano@smfcsd.net or 650-312-7207.

Please join us!!

<p>Part 1:</p> <p>Marijuana and the Adolescent Brain January 11, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Board Room Presenter: Ralph Cantor, Consultant</p>	<p>Part 2:</p> <p>How to Talk, "The Talk", about Sexual Health for Elementary Schools February 9, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Board Room Presenter: Health Connected</p>
<p>Part 3:</p> <p>How to Talk, "The Talk", about Sexual Health for Middle Schools March 7, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Board Room Presenter: Health Connected</p>	<p>Part 4:</p> <p>BEYOND VAPING: Electronic Devices, Alternative Nicotine Products and More April 12, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Board Room Presenter: Alissa Ralston R.S.V.P. using this link: http://tinyurl.com/hcv5e31</p>
<p>Part 5:</p> <p>Families in Action: Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation May 23, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Board Room Presenters: Chuck Perryman, Counselor at Bowditch Middle School and Cody Shrewsbury, Teacher at Bowditch Middle School R.S.V.P. using this link: https://tinyurl.com/mtmbkpe</p>	

San Mateo County Fair School Ticket Program



The San Mateo County Fair is excited to announce the **Ticket to Fair School Program**, an outreach program that works directly with schools in San Mateo County to providing meaningful, educational fun for kids. Coming to the Fair has been a long standing tradition in our community and the

County Fair works to maintain that tradition while imagining the innovation of tomorrow. They want kids to have the opportunity to experience this great American tradition and be inspired, which is why the San Mateo County Fair will provide every elementary school student (TK-5th grade) in San Mateo County a FREE ticket to the 2017 Fair. **Watch for your child's free ticket to the Fair - coming home from your school in June!**

Students may also want to participate in the [Read to Ride Program](#) where students read two books, write a summary, bring the form to the Fair, and receive two free ride tickets! More details are available on the [San Mateo County Fair](#) website.

San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation Update



Celebrate our teachers and staff!

Join the Ed Foundation's yearly celebration of our teachers and staff! During your school's appreciation festivities, make a donation to SMFCEF in honor of your child's teacher or favorite staff member. They will receive a certificate letting them know you value

them. Look for the "Celebrate our Teachers" box at www.smfcedfund.org. **Thank you to our teachers and staff for everything you do for our kids and community!**

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!

And now for something new **May 22 to June 2** we will host our first annual districtwide read-a-thon. Our goal is to promote reading and raise money at the same time. This fundraiser brought in over \$100,000 for a neighboring education foundation! Click [here](#) to learn how the program works.



Volunteer Opportunities: To join our team, email volunteer@smfcedfund.org. SMFCEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 94-3110731

Help Wanted - SMFCSD IS HIRING!!

The SMFCSD has substitute teaching positions and part-time and full-time classified jobs available. Please consider supporting our students and teachers by working a few hours a day or more as a lunch supervisor, teacher assistant, translator, custodian, bus stop monitor, crossing guard, lunch server, or para professional supporting student learning. Whether you can fill in as a substitute or work full time, we can use your help!



For more information please visit the [Employment Opportunities Classified](#) page or contact **Barbara Weatherly** at 650-312-7292 or bweatherly@smfcsd.net.

School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

Board Meeting Summary - May 4, 2017

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

- Recognized Borel Middle School on being selected as a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School
- Received an update regarding the new elementary school in Foster City
- Approved Resolution No. 26/16-17 – Teacher/Certificated Appreciation Week
- Accepted the gifts as approved by the Superintendent
- Received an update regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)



Board Meeting Summary - April 20, 2017

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

- Approved the Network Refresh
- Received an update regarding the Montessori Program
- Received information regarding enrollment projections from Tom Williams, District Demographer
- Received the Middle School Math Placement Annual Review
- Received an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Adopted the Elementary School ELA/ELD Instructional Materials
- Accepted the gifts as approved by the Superintendent
- Approved Resolution No. 26/16-17 regarding a Special Education Assembly Bill
- Received information regarding the 2017-2018 School Facilities Use Fee Schedule
- Approved Resolution No. 24/16-17 regarding classified layoffs

Board Study Session Summary - April 13, 2017

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

- Received information on the budget related to the failure of Measure Y and recent fiscal information moving the District from Basic Aid back to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

To review board presentations, upcoming 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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