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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Letter - February 2018

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Community,

I wanted to take the time to update you on recent changes to the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees.

Election of Officers

At the February 8, 2018 SMFCSD Board Meeting, the Board held an election of officers and we are pleased to announce that Audrey Ng will serve as President, Shara Watkins as Vice President and Noelia Corzo as Clerk for the upcoming year.

School Board Candidate Application Now Available

As you may be aware, effective January 31, 2018, Trustee Nancy Kohn Hsieh resigned from the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board. At a special meeting held on February 1, 2018, SMFCSD Trustees took action to fill the Board vacancy through an appointment process. The term of this appointment would end November 2019. All eligible candidates may apply to be considered for the vacancy. Eligibility for appointment can be found in CA Education Code 35107:

(a) Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a school district without further qualifications.

(b) (1) An employee of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office.

Regular board meetings are held twice a month on Thursday evening with occasional special meetings called. Some personal time is also necessary for study, visitations and possible committee meetings. If you have any questions about what being a member of the school board might require in terms of additional time and responsibility, please contact me or any one of our Trustees.

If you would like to be considered and are willing to serve, please submit a [Candidate Application](#) by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2018. Applications may be emailed or mailed to:

San Mateo-Foster City School District
Attn: Amber Farinha
1170 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404
afarinha@smfcsd.net

All applicants will be reviewed for eligibility and interviews will be held starting at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

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!

2017-2018 Upcoming Coffee Chat All Chats are from 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 27*

College Park Elementary
715 Indian Avenue, San Mateo

****Please note, this Coffee Chat will be conducted in Spanish.***



Upcoming Events

Mon, Feb 19

President's Day Holiday -
No School

Thu, Feb 22

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm -
District Office

Thu, March 8

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm -
District Office

Mon, March 12

Professional Development
Day - No School

Wed, March 21

School Board Candidate
Interviews, 5:30 pm -
District Office

Thu, March 22

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm -
District Office

Local Control Accountability Plan Stakeholder Engagement



The 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 a quality education to over 12,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. LCAP Stakeholder Engagement meetings are currently taking place at your school site during PTA, English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), School Site Council and staff meetings. The Superintendent has also been engaging the community regarding LCAP at her Superintendent Coffee Chats over the past few months.

[For more information on the 2017-2018 LCAP Stakeholder Engagement Process and Timeline visit the LCAP page of the SMFCSD website.](#)

5th Grade Puberty Informational Workshop

Join us on Feb. 20, 2018 for an informational and interactive family program for parents and pre-adolescent children (ages 10-12) on the subject of puberty.

Health Connected Family Programs are inclusive - families learn together in mixed groups to encourage understanding and acceptance. Using drawings, multimedia, and activities, the various changes that happen to the body during puberty are explained. Families learn, laugh, and share together, making a potentially sensitive subject more comfortable and paving the way for future conversations. Spanish translation is available upon request.

February 20, 2018

6:30-8:00pm

Fiesta Gardens International School
1001 Bermuda Drive, San Mateo

Please reserve your space for by registering at: <http://bit.ly/2FIJX9Q>



San Mateo-Foster City School District presents...
A Health Connected Family Program
PUBERTY TALK

For: Parents/trusted adults AND pre-adolescent children (ages 10-12)	Health Connected has been serving youth and parents in the Bay Area with their superior sexual health and relationship education for over 20 years. Health Connected strives to empower parents and trusted adults with knowledge and skills to effectively engage their children in open and honest conversations about sexual health.
Date: February 20, 2018	
Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm	
Location: Fiesta Gardens International School Multi Purpose Room, 1001 Bermuda Dr, San Mateo	

You are invited to join us for a fun and interactive family program. Health Connected Family Programs are inclusive- we learn together in mixed family and gender groups to encourage understanding and acceptance. Using drawings, multimedia and activities, the various changes that happen to the body during puberty are explained. Families learn, laugh, and share together, making a potentially sensitive subject more comfortable and paving the way for future conversations.

Spanish translation will be available upon request.

480 James Ave | Redwood City, CA 94062 | 650.367.1937 | www.health-connected.org | info@health-connected.org

School Accountability Report Cards Now Available



Each year public schools throughout California are required to provide information to the community in the form of an annual School Accountability Report Card (SARC). These report cards provide a variety of data to allow the public to evaluate and compare schools in seven major areas:

- Demographic information
- School safety and climate for learning
- Academic data
- Class size
- Teacher and staff information
- Curriculum and instruction
- Fiscal and expenditure data

Following state guidelines, the report cards issued each February, focus on the previous academic year.

You may request a paper copy of a SARC report from any school office, the District Office or by downloading it from this website. If you have questions about the information contained in the SARC or would like additional information about the school, please contact the site principal.

We invite you as parents and community members to become partners with us as we strive to provide a quality education for all.

[Please visit our School Accountability Report Card page for more information.](#)

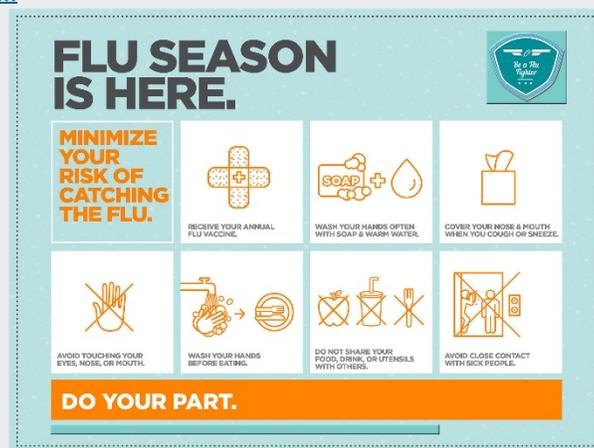
Flu Season Is Here

Winter is here, which also means the cold and flu season is officially upon us. The health and safety of our students and staff is a primary concern in the San Mateo-Foster City School District and in order to keep our students, staff and families healthy, we need your assistance at home.

We encourage you and your family to continue to practice the 3 C's:

- **Cover** your sneeze with a tissue and cover your cough with the inside of your elbow and not your hands
- **Clean** your hands frequently with soap and water and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- **Contain** germs by staying home and keeping your child home they are sick (A fever >100, coughing, sore throat, body aches, nausea, vomiting etc.)

To keep the flu from spreading, we ask that you keep sick children at home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours. Any children who are sick at school will be sent home. [Read More ...](#)



San Mateo Foster City Education Foundation



Take a look, it's in a book! Our 2nd annual District-wide Education Foundation **Read-A-Thon** is here. February 26 through March 9, 2018 elementary schools across our district will participate in a Read-A-Thon to fund our TK-5 music programs. Our Read-A-Thon is a fun academic-based fundraiser that every child can participate in, regardless of their reading level. Family members

can read to pre-readers to foster their love of reading and log their reading minutes for them. Pick a favorite book and share it with your child by reading aloud or curl up on the couch to read side by side.

Everyone in our community can get behind the value of reading. Ask your friends and neighbors to sponsor your reader. Strong reading skills help your child in every subject. With such clear benefits to our students, the SMFC Education Foundation is eager to promote this event! Read-on, readers!

To find out more: www.smfcedfund.org. SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID 94-3110731



School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

Board Meeting Summary - February 8, 2018

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

- Held an election for officers of the SMFCSD School Board
- Finalized the Appointment Process for filling the Board vacancy
- Received an Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update
- Received the Middle School Math Placement Annual Review
- Received a Preschool overview
- Received the Draft 2018-19 Budget Development Calendar
- Received information on the Educational Specifications for the New Elementary School in Foster City



Special Board Meeting Summary - February 1, 2018

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

- Discussed the process of filling the School Board vacancy
- Received information on the California School Dashboard

Board Meeting Summary - January 25, 2018

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

- Approved Resolution No. 11/17-18 Calling for Full and Fair Funding of California's Public Schools
- Received recommendations from the Fiscal Advisory Committee
- Received information on Parcel Tax steps to a successful revenue measure
- New Elementary School in Foster City Current Project Cost Estimate
- Approved the purchase of Borel Middle School - New Gym & Classrooms Project - American Modular Systems (v)
- Approved the CEQA Notice of Exemption - Michael Baker International for Borel Measure X Project
- Received information on the Governor's Proposed State Budget for 2018-19
- Approved Resolution No. 10/17-18 to Exempt the San Mateo-Foster City School District from the General Plan, Zoning and Ordinances of the City of San Mateo for Facilities Projects Funded by Measure X (v)

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.

2017-2018 SMFCSD Student Calendar

- August 15 - First Day of School
- September 1-4 - Labor Day Holiday
- October 6-20 - Fall Break
- November 10 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 22 - January 8 - Winter Break
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- February 19 - President's Day Holiday
- March 12 - Teacher PD Day - No School
- April 2-13 - Spring Break
- May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 21 - Last Day of School



[2017-2018 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#) | [2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#)

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