



SAN MATEO-  
FOSTER CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Newsletter

## Superintendent's Update - May 2019

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Community,

Happy May! As we wind down the school year, we have much to celebrate...

### **New School in Foster City**

On May 10, we took another step forward in the journey to building a new elementary school in Foster City. District officials, through public contracting code, opened bids for the construction of the new school. There were two bidders who responded to the publicly advertised prequalification and bidding announcement, which began earlier this spring.



The bids will be evaluated according to State law based on their responsiveness to the details in the District's request for bids and considered in light of the District's available resources to fund the project. It is anticipated that the District's Board of Trustees will consider the award of bid for the project at either its June 6 or June 20 meeting.

If the bid is awarded, construction is expected to start in July 2019 and be finished within eighteen months, weather-dependent. For more information on the project, please visit our website at <http://www.smfcscd.net/en/measure-x/new-foster-city-elementary-school.html>

### **Happy Certificated and Classified Staff Appreciation Weeks!**

Undoubtedly, the most important factor in making SMFCSD the excellent district that it is, are our phenomenal staff members. During the Board Meetings this month, our Trustees will recognize both our Certificated and Classified Staff members with official Resolutions. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our staff for their dedication and commitment to their students and families. I would also like to thank our families for recognizing and appreciating our staff members over the past few weeks.

### Proposed Update to SMFCSD Vision and Mission Statements

School Board Trustees Watkins & Corzo are inviting parents and staff to engage in conversation about a proposed update to the District's Vision and Mission Statements. All meetings will be held in the School Library from 4:00-5:00pm. Choose from four meeting dates:

- May 22 at Bayside Academy
- May 29 at Borel Middle School
- June 5 at Bowditch Middle School
- June 12 at Abbott Middle School

Please join us for one of these important meetings!

Sincerely,  
**Joan Rosas, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent



### Students Bloom at Audubon

Thank you SMFCSD families for recognizing and appreciating our staff members over the past few weeks!

### Important Dates

#### Wed, May 22

Vision & Mission Meeting  
4:00 pm - Bayside Academy

#### Mon, May 27

Memorial Day Holiday  
No School

#### Tue, May 28

Special Board Study Session on Equity  
& Magnet Policies  
5:00 pm - District Office

#### Wed, May 29

Vision & Mission Meeting  
4:00 pm - Borel Middle School

#### Wed, Jun 5

Vision & Mission Meeting  
4:00 pm - Bowditch Middle School

#### Thu, Jun 6

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& Magnet Policies, 5:00 pm  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30  
pm - District Office

#### Wed, Jun 12

Vision & Mission Meeting  
4:00 pm - Abbott Middle School


#### Thu, Jun 20

School Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm - District Office

#### Thu, Jun 20

Last Day of School

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4:00-5:00 PM  
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TO SMFCSD VISION  
& MISSION**

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## LCAP Engagement Feedback - Now Available for Review

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### LCAP Family & Community Engagement



Help us plan and prepare your student to be ready for the future.

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#### LCAP Engagement Meetings

Thank you to the many parents, staff, and community partners who participated over the last few months in our LCAP Engagements. Your feedback on our current strategies and suggestions going forward have proved invaluable to efforts to improve our LCAP work! Timeline for completing the 2019-2020 LCAP:

- Board LCAP Public Hearing of Final Draft, June 6
- Board Approval of LCAP, June 20

**Feedback Notes** - As promised, we are posting the feedback that we received at our engagements; you will see notes from each engagement on our website at - <http://www.smfcsd.net/en/superintendent/local-control-accountability-plan-lcap.html>.

We encourage you also to attend Board of Education meetings in June where the draft and then final 2019-2020 LCAP will be reviewed. The community is invited to provide additional feedback in those meetings.

## LEAD Celebrates Autism Awareness Month



LEAD Students Wear Blue to Support Autism Awareness

[LEAD Elementary School](#) celebrated Autism Awareness Month throughout all of April. Students learned what it means to be a good friend and how they can help classmates with autism. Classes at LEAD participated in activities making puzzle pieces and reading books to increase awareness and spread acceptance throughout the school and the community. On Friday, April 19 the entire school wore blue to show support for the nearly 1 in 59 children in the United States who have autism! Thank you LEAD!

## Vision To Learn Donates Eye Exams & Glasses to Students



Fiesta Gardens students proudly show off their new glasses!

Students from [LEAD Elementary](#) had a second visit from the [Vision To Learn](#) mobile vision-care clinic this month. *Vision To Learn* is a nonprofit organization that offers eye exams and glasses to children at no cost. They have provided eye exams and glasses to 67 students in our District this year. The clinic provided exams to students from [Fiesta Gardens](#), [Meadow Heights](#) and [Sunnybrae](#) as well.

Many thanks to Fiesta Garden's **Principal Jeannette Ramirez** and to **School Community Worker Shea McElroy** for their tremendous support and coordination of this important opportunity!

## Bowditch Student Takes GOLD in Math Competition



Zaee Shah, Mathcon Gold Medalist!

Congratulations to 7th Grade [Bowditch Middle School](#) Student, Zaee Shah, for winning the GOLD MEDAL at the [MATHCON](#) competition held in Chicago! The Mathcon competition is conducted in two parts, an online test taken in March, then the top scorers across the nation are invited to the Finals in Chicago in April. Approximately

47,000 students from all 50 states and Canada participated and 900+ students were invited to the finals. Zae beat out all other 7th graders to win gold, congratulations!

## College Park Students Win FIRST Place in SF Parade!



San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade Winners

Congratulations to our [College Park Elementary](#)/Friends of Mandarin Scholars marching team for winning FIRST place in the SF Chinese New Year Parade for the second year in a row!

## Bowditch Students Hear from Holocaust Survivor



Mr. George Elbaum, Holocaust Survivor

[Bowditch Middle School](#) had the wonderful opportunity to hear Mr. George Elbaum, a Holocaust survivor, speak to 8th grade students. His visit fit perfectly with their unit called *Finding the Light in the Darkness/The Challenge to Make a Difference*. Students prepared questions for the Q&A that followed Mr. Elbaum's story. The talk was arranged by the 8th grade ELA department with the support of The Jewish Family and Children's Services Holocaust Center San Francisco.

## San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation News



*Flutes and Clarinets for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music - AIA at Lead - Makerspace at Beresford - Athletic Uniforms - Chromebooks in Classrooms - Glassware in Science Labs*

What do these all have in common? They were ALL funded this past year by the SMFCEF. We are a dedicated and committed group of parents who firmly believe in the whole child, with the goal of providing all of our District kids with the best education possible. In partnership with some of our larger sponsors (Gilead, PlayStation, Chance to Excel, First Republic Bank) and individual donors, we strive to fund additional programs and materials so that all of our students can achieve their full potential. Please think about joining this wonderful group of parents to further this great cause! Email [president@smfcedfund.org](mailto:president@smfcedfund.org) or check our website [smfcedfund.org](http://smfcedfund.org). We hope to see you this month at your 5<sup>th</sup> grade music concerts!

SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 94-3110731

## Community Conversations: Housing in San Mateo - May 18

How is the issue of housing affecting you and those you care about? Join the City of San Mateo for a different type of dialogue about housing in the community on [Saturday, May 18, 2019](#).

"Community Conversations: Housing in San Mateo" is a joint effort between the City and [Home for All](#), a San Mateo County collaborative aimed at helping the community talk more constructively about the shared challenge of housing.

The goal is to create an inclusive environment for dialogue where all people are welcome to share their perspectives. This effort starts with you!

[Sign up for their email list](#) to be notified of related events, resources and Community Conversations reports. [Register now](#).



**COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATIONS**  
**HOUSING IN SAN MATEO**

## Turnbull Family Festival - May 19

### **Turnbull Family Festival**

**Kid Friendly Activities  
Actividades para niños**



**Sunday/Domingo  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Turnbull Preschool  
715 Indian Ave  
San Mateo**

**Free/Gratis**

Legal Aid Society Meeting on Immigration  
& Legal Rights - May 28



## Immigration and Legal Rights

Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

\* English translation available

Learn about Immigration relief and legal rights:

- U-visa    ○ VAWA    ○ SIJ    ○ Asylum
- DACA    ○ family-based petitions

Tuesday, May 28th, 4:30 — 6 p.m.

Gymnasium at College Park Elementary School  
715 Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA. 94401



Childcare is available in the Elementary School Counseling Center, located at College Park Elementary on Indian Ave. between El Dorado St. and San Antonio Ave.



## Presentación informativa de inmigración

Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

\* Gratis y en español

Ven a aprender más sobre los derechos  
legales y el alivio de inmigración

- U-visa    ○ VAWA    ○ SIJ    ○ El asilo
- DACA    ○ peticiones basadas en familia

Martes, 28 de Mayo, 4:30 — 6 p.m.

Gymnasio de la escuela College Park  
715 Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA. 94401



Cuidado de niños disponible en la oficina de consejería (Elementary School Counseling Center, localizado al lado de la escuela College Park. Por el Indian Ave, entre medio de El Dorado St. y San Antonio Ave.)

## LEAD Celebrates Spring with Festival - June 1

**10:30 AM | Doors Open**  
**11 AM | Cascarones Toss**  
**12 PM | Dance Performances**  
**1 PM | Raffle Grand Prize**  
\*Must be present to win.  
**2 PM | General Raffle Draw**  
**2:30 PM | Color Parade**  
**3 PM | Event Close**

**EAT - EAT - EAT**

Waffles - Tacos - Shaved Ice - Popcorn - Cotton Candy

**PLAY - PLAY - PLAY**

SCIENCE PLAYWORKS -TEEN- maker [space]  
Free Zone - Face Painting - Fire Truck - Police Car  
DJ - Paper Flower Garden - Arts & Crafts

# Spring Festival

**CELEBRATING  
COMMUNITY & THE  
COLORFUL SEASON**

June 1, 2019

10:30 AM - 3 PM

**LEAD Elementary**  
949 Ocean Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94401

**Get Free Tickets:**  
<https://www.leadpta.org/events/spring-festival>

**Get Your Festival Shirt**

**Order by May 13th**  
\$15 each shirt  
Supports LEAD PTA Programs

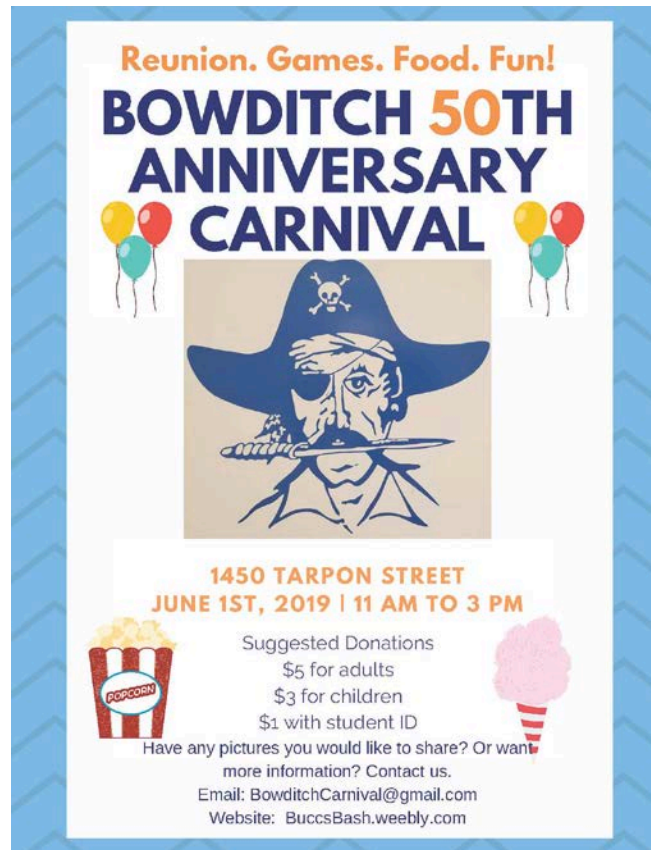
**Order Online:**  
<https://www.custermink.com/fundraising/lead-spring-festival>

If you need technical support to purchase the shirt, please reach out to us at [Korntalia](mailto:Korntalia) or email [amanda.morgan@leadpta.org](mailto:amanda.morgan@leadpta.org) and we will do our best to help.

**Keep Your Receipt**  
You will be required to show your receipt in order to pick up your shirt on-site at LEAD Elementary. Shirts will only be given to individuals with proof of purchase.

Thank you for supporting LEAD PTA and Students!

## Bowditch Turns 50! Celebrates with Carnival on June 1



## School Board Meeting Highlights

To review board presentations, upcoming agendas, and previous meeting minutes - go to the [Board Agenda & Summaries](#) page of the SMFCSD website.

### Highlights of Recent Meetings At the May 2, 2019 Meeting:

- Held a Study Session to review Equity Policies, Magnet Policy, Enrollment in Magnet Schools, and the Process for updating the Mission and Vision statement.
- Received Information on the Sunnybrae International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
- Approved Resolution No. 35/18-19 - Teacher/Certificated Employee Appreciation Week
- Received information on the CORE Districts Data Collaborative
- Received an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Received information on the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program



- Approved the San Mateo-Foster City School District and CSEA, Chapter 411 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Preschool Teachers

**At the April 18, 2019 Meeting:**

- Received Resolution No. 32/18-19 - Classified Layoff
- Gave input on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Received a Professional Development Update
- Approved Resolution 34/18-19 Measure V Parcel Tax 2019-2020
- Received information on the Facilities Master Plan Update

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 6:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to attend.

## 2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar

- August 14 - First Day of School
- August 31-September 3 - Labor Day Holiday
- October 5-19 - Fall Break
- November 12 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 21 - January 7 - Winter Break
- January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- February 18 - President's Day Holiday
- March 11 - Teacher PD Day - No School
- April 1-12 - Spring Break
- May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 20 - Last Day of School



The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SMFCSD Calendars are now available on the [SMFCSD website](#).

**Export the SMFCSD Calendar to your device** - Are you tired of manually entering important dates into your calendar? Now you can export the SMFCSD Calendar to your device, just click on [Export the SMFCSD calendar](#).



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