



SAN MATEO-  
FOSTER CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Newsletter

## SMFCSD Newsletter - March 2019



Join Superintendent Rosas for coffee and conversation. Meetings are designed to provide an avenue for school families and community members to stay informed about District initiatives and learn more about the great things taking place in San

Mateo-Foster City schools. We hope to see you there! Meetings are held in different areas of our District. Parents and community members are welcome to attend any or all Chats.

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- LAST COFFEE CHAT OF THE YEAR -

## Important Dates

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### Thu, Mar 21

School Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm - District Office

### Thu, Mar 28

Superintendent's Coffee Chat,  
5:30-6:30 pm - Baywood

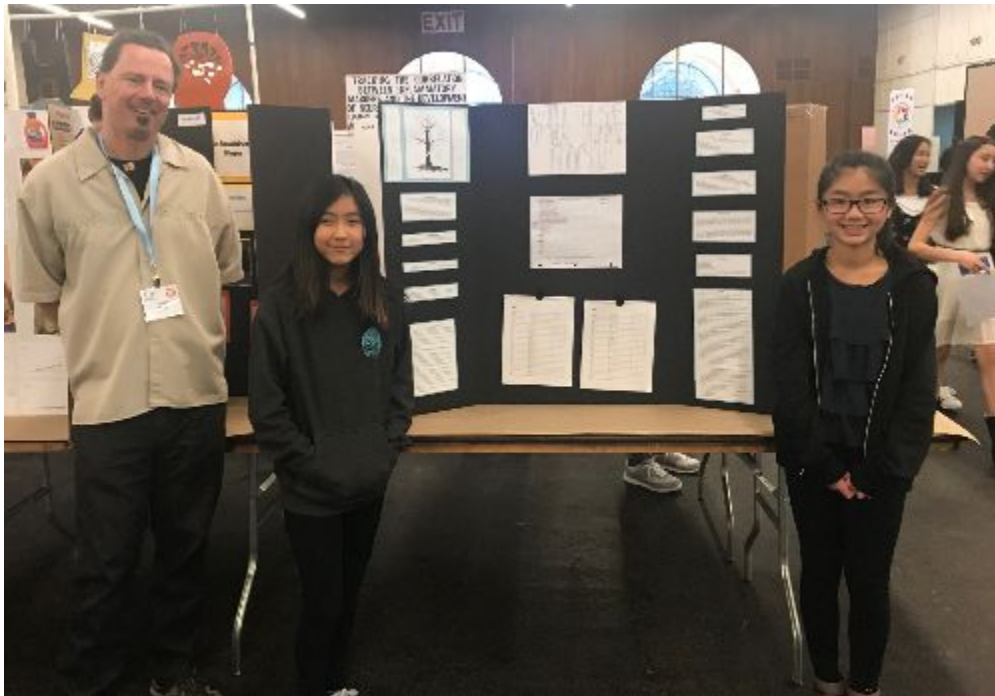
### Apr 1 - 12

Spring Break  
No School

Thursday, March 28, 2019  
5:30-6:30 pm  
Baywood Elementary  
600 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo  
\*Spanish translation provided

Thu, Apr 18  
School Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm - District Office

## Bayside Students Excel at Science Fair



Bayside Scientists Peyton & Melody with teacher, Mr. Luperini

Congratulations to Peyton Hija & Melody Chen who won 2nd place in their category of 6th Grade, Behavioral Science at the Next Big Think, San Mateo County Office of Education's STEM Event on March 3. Additionally, STEM Academy 7th grader Eesha Gupta also took 2nd place in 7th Grade, Behavioral Sciences. We wish you the best of luck at the Golden Gate STEM Fair later this month!

This is the **eighth straight year** that Bayside STEM Academy has sent students to County, the San Francisco Fair, the Broadcom Masters Fair, and to the State Finals. We are all very proud of our students for their hard work and perseverance!

## Beresford Kicks Off Literacy Week



Why do you love reading? Just ask the Beresford Bears!  
Kick off Literacy Week Video Link - <https://vimeo.com/324400215>

## San Mateo Park is Running Marathons!



Marathon Kids Run Club

San Mateo Park Elementary school students have been participating in the Nike sponsored Marathon Kids Run Club since January of this year. Park students are about setting and achieving goals both inside and outside the classroom - through running, the program shows kids they can achieve more than they ever thought possible and put them on the path to healthier lives.

The Park School Marathon Kids set a goal to run or walk at their own pace a total of four marathons by the end of the school year. They run two days a week before school on campus and one time per week in physical education class. To date, Park students have run collectively a total of 1638 miles! The school goal is to run a total of 7023 miles, which takes them from San Mateo to New York and from New York to Unalaska, Alaska.

San Mateo Park believes every student deserves to live a happy and healthy life, and by setting personal goals and participating in Marathon Kids, we believe they will get there!

## Congratulations Bowditch Incentive Awardees

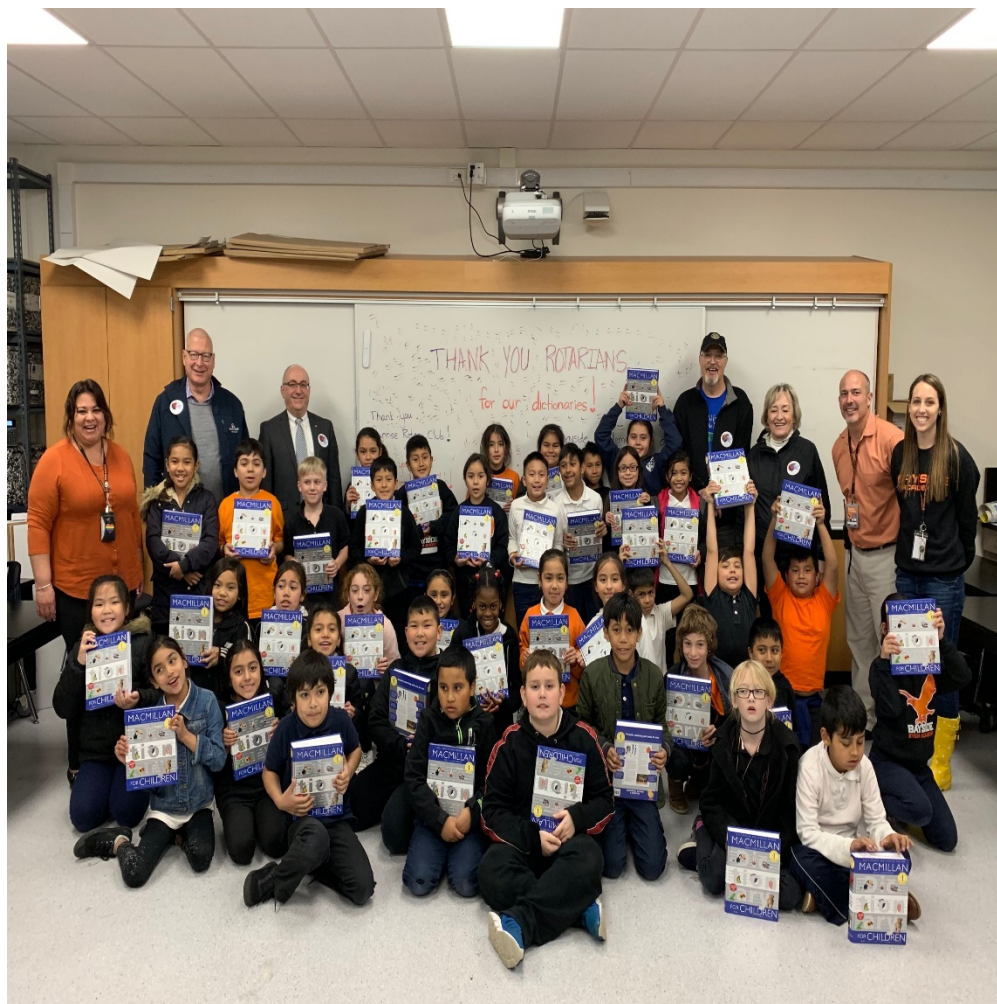


**Bowditch Incentive Awardees**

On March 1 the Bowditch PTSA held its 2nd Incentive Awards Luncheon in honor of the 40 Bowditch students who received Incentive Awards for the 2nd Quarter. Incentive Awards are given quarterly to students who exhibit commendable behavior, enhancing the overall quality of life at Bowditch – either through outstanding personal progress or contributions to the classroom and/or campus

experience. Some examples of character traits valued: working hard to improve in class, participating in the classroom in a noteworthy way, helping a teacher or fellow student in some way, contributing to a greater sense of school spirit and pride, and seeing a need and filling it. Congratulations to all the Awardees!

## Thank You Rotary Clubs of San Mateo & Foster City!



Bayside Academy



San Mateo Park Elementary



LEAD Elementary



Foster City Elementary

Over the past decade, the Sunrise Rotary Club of San Mateo, the San Mateo Rotary Club and the Foster City Rotary Club have graciously donated dictionaries to third grade students throughout our District, and this year is no exception! With grant funds, the Rotarians were able to purchase hardbound, MacMullin third grade dictionaries to help students increase literacy skills and develop their love of learning. Thank you to our generous community partners for your continued support every year!

## Sunnybrae's Parent Education Night Focuses on Literacy



Sunnybrae Literacy Parent Education Night

Sunnybrae School hosted a literacy bilingual parent education night on February 27. Parents had the opportunity to share feedback on challenges that prevent students from reading at home. They also had the opportunity to learn strategies from our teachers on how to support reading at home with their children. The children took home books at their reading level and everyone had an amazing time. A huge shout out goes out to the parents and teachers who attended this event!

## College Park Shines in Chinese New Year Parade



College Park and Friends of Mandarin Scholars

Celebrating the Year of the Pig 🐷, our College Park Elementary Students marched in the Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco! Thank you to the Friends of Mandarin Scholars (FMS) who organized & supported the troupe.

## Don't Miss the Bayside Fab Lab - March 22





**BAYSIDE ACADEMY**

# FAB LAB

Mini Maker Faire

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COME TO LIFE!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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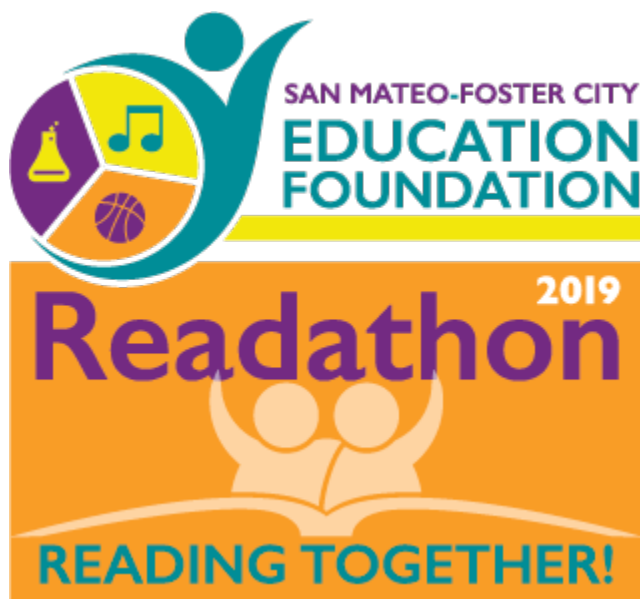
# LOVE North Central Cleanup Day - April 13



**Get ready for the 2019 Neighborhood Cleanup Day!** On April 13 from 9:00-12:00, you are invited to a community service event for the entire family - all ages and abilities welcome! Volunteers can win prizes, then enjoy a BBQ lunch with your neighbors. Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to work hard and have fun! Gloves and bags provided.

\*\*\* Enter on N. Claremont St Parking Lot. Registration opens at 9AM with coffee and donuts.\*\*\*

## San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation News



We read and succeed - together! Thank you for making the Ed Foundation's 2019 Readathon & Fundathon an amazing success. SMFCSD students read over **1 million minutes** and raised over **\$113,000!** We will be granting these funds to benefit our children's musical education.

The top two fundraisers from each school were honored at a "Readathon Reception" held at Fiesta Gardens. Local children's author, Deborah Underwood, shared her personal story, read two of her books and answered students' questions. The Ed Foundation board celebrates every student who joined this effort by reading and securing pledges. Thank you for embracing this Readathon as a community. Together we can achieve more for every student in every school!

*Want to get involved?* Please mail [president@smfcedfund.org](mailto:president@smfcedfund.org). We would love your help! Currently looking for photographers, school liaisons, runners and writers. SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 94-3110731

## 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 March 7, 2019 Meeting:

- Recognized the new Equity Task Force Members
- Approved the 2019-2020 Board Meeting Calendar
- Approved Resolution No. 29/18-19 for Observing March 2019 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- Approved Resolution No. 30/18-19- AB 428 - Funding for Children with Disabilities
- Received the Second Interim Financial Report - DRAFT
- Approved the Agreements with the City of San Mateo and the District regarding the Bayside Gym Project

### At the February 21, 2019 Board Meeting, the Trustees:

- Approved an additional Equity Task member - Francisco Guzman
- Received a Parcel Tax Review and Next Steps with John Whitehurst
- Approved three delegates to be placed on the CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot
- Approved the Bid Award for Borel Middle School's New Gym and Classrooms - Increment #1 (Sitework) - Rodan Builders, Inc.
- Held a Public Hearing on San Mateo Elementary Teacher Association (SMETA) Initial Proposal for the 2019-2022 Successor Negotiations with San Mateo-Foster City School District
- Received the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA) Initial Proposal for the 2019-2022 Successor Negotiations
- Conducted a Public Hearing on San Mateo-Foster City School District (SMFCSD) Initial Proposal for the 2019-2022 Successor Negotiations with the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA)
- Approved the District's Initial Proposal for the 2019-2022 Successor Negotiations with the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA)
- Approved Resolution No. 27/18-19 for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services for 2019-2020
- Approved the Certificated Skipping and Tie Breaking Criteria

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 - visit our [Calendar](#) page on the SMFCSD website to download a PDF copy or export the SMFCSD Calendar to your device.

