



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Update - February 2019

Dear San Mateo–Foster City Community,

I hardly know where to begin! We came back from the winter holiday and it has been a whirlwind ever since. Happy Lunar New Year and Happy Valentine's Day too!

Congratulations Bowditch & Borel Middle Schools!

Every other year the California Department of Education invites qualifying schools to apply for the California Distinguished School Award. This year there were only three invitations made to middle/high schools in San Mateo County. Two of the three invitations went to our schools... Congratulations go out to both Bowditch and Borel Middle Schools!



New Grants for the District - We were successful in attaining three grants for our District:

- **Preschool Expansion** - We received a grant to open another 12-month, full-day preschool class at the Turnbull Child Development Center. We have had a waiting list of parents seeking subsidized care and are very pleased that to meet that growing need.
- **Special Education Credentials** - We received a grant to support staff who are interested in obtaining their special education credential.
- **Low-performing Student Block Grant** - We received a state grant that will be used for supporting student achievement in the area of math.

Enrollment Update

Tom Williams, our district demographer, presented enrollment information at the last board meeting. While birth rates are down, San Mateo and Foster City have seen increased housing so the net effect will be a fairly stable enrollment picture for the next five years. Do remember that we are still overenrolled for our

current facilities, thus the need for our Measure X expansion projects.

Measure X Update

After months and months of paperwork, we are seeing progress on our Phase I Measure X facilities projects. In Foster City, demolition of the shopping center is starting. In San Mateo, bid walks are starting for the gyms and classrooms at the three middle schools and, if those go well, you will see shovels in the ground this spring!

Wishing you well,
Joan Rosas, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Upcoming Events



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.

- LAST COFFEE CHAT OF THE YEAR -

Thursday, March 28, 2019

5:30-6:30 pm

Baywood Elementary

600 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

*Spanish translation provided

Important Dates

Mon, Feb 18

President's Day Holiday
No School

Wed, Feb 20

LCAP Engagement Meeting
6:30 pm - Borel Middle School

Thu, Feb 21

School Board Meeting,
6:30 pm - District Office

Wed, Feb 27

LCAP Engagement Meeting
6:30 pm - College Park
*Conducted in Spanish

Wed, Mar 6

LCAP Engagement Meeting
6:30 pm - Abbott Middle School

Thu, Mar 7

School Board Meeting,
6:30 pm - District Office

LCAP Family & Community Engagement

PARTNER WITH US 

LCAP Family & Community Engagement

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

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Join your school community & district leaders to:

- REVIEW our district LCAP progress
- REFLECT on the ROOT causes of that progress
- RECOMMEND district IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

All meetings 6:30-8:30 pm | Families may attend any session
Translation and child care will be available

- **January 30 - Bayside Middle School - 2025 Kehoe Ave, San Mateo**
- Bayside Academy, College Park, LEAD, North Shoreview & Parkside
- **February 6 - Bowditch Middle School - 1450 Tarpon St, Foster City**
- Audubon, Bowditch, Brewer Island, Foster City
- **February 20 - Borel Middle School - 425 Barneson Ave, San Mateo**
- Baywood, Borel, Highlands, Strawberry, San Mateo Park
- **February 27 - North Central Community - College Park - 715 Indian Ave, San Mateo**
- Meeting will be conducted in Spanish with English translation
- **March 6 - Abbott Complex - 600 36th Ave, San Mateo**
- Abbott, Beresford, Fiesta Gardens, George Hall, Laurel, Meadow Heights

ASÓCIESE CON NOSOTROS 

Participación Familiar y Comunitaria de LCAP

Ayúdenos a planear y preparar a su estudiante para el futuro.

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Únase a su comunidad escolar y líderes del distrito para:

- REPASAR nuestro progreso de LCAP del distrito
- REFLEJAR sobre las causas FUNDAMENTALES de ese progreso
- RECOMENDAR ESTRATEGIAS de MEJORA para el Distrito

Todas las reuniones 6:30-8:30 pm | Las familias pueden asistir a cualquier sesión
Habrá traducción y cuidado de niños

- **30 de enero - Escuela Intermedia Bayside - 2025 Kehoe Ave, San Mateo**
- Academia Bayside, College Park, LEAD, North Shoreview y Parkside
- **Febrero 6 - Escuela Intermedia Bowditch - 1450 Tarpon St, Foster City**
- Audubon, Bowditch, Brewer Island, Foster City
- **Febrero 20 - Escuela Intermedia Borel - 425 Barneson Ave, San Mateo**
- Baywood, Borel, Highlands, Strawberry, San Mateo Park
- **Febrero 27 - Comunidad del Norte Central College Park - 715 Indian Ave, San Mateo**
- La reunión será en Español con traducción al Inglés
- **Marzo 6 - Complejo Abbott - 600 36th Ave, San Mateo**
- Abbott, Beresford, Fiesta Gardens, George Hall, Laurel, Meadow Heights

LCAPP Family & Community Engagement Meetings

The Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is a critical part of California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). It is a three-year, district-level plan that is updated annually. The plan describes the school district's key goals for students as well as the specific actions (with expenditures) the district will take to achieve the goals and the means (metrics) used to measure progress.

The LCAP addresses the needs of all students, including specific student groups, and all districts must specifically address English learners, foster youth, and low-income students. In addition, the LCAP must address the state of California's eight priority areas that include student academic achievement, school climate, student access to a broad curriculum, and parent engagement. It is aligned with the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.

Your input is valued! Please join us for one of these important meetings.

[Download the District LCAP](#) | [Download the District LCAP in Español](#)

Meadow Heights Gives Back to Paradise Students



Meadow Heights Project Night Night

In November 2019 the California Camp Fire devastated Butte County. [Meadow Heights Elementary](#) Student Council partnered with Project Night Night to support fire survivors. Bags were filled with a book, blanket and stuffed animal and delivered by school volunteer Marjan Wells distributed to Paradise Elementary School students. Thank you Meadow Heights families for your generosity and caring of others!

Parkside Montessori MLK Day of Service



Peninsula Multifaith Coalition at Parkside Montessori

On Monday, January 21 (MLK Day of Service) many volunteers from the [Peninsula Multifaith Coalition](#) and the **Parkside Green Team** descended upon the [Parkside Montessori](#) campus devoting hours of work in the back garden area. Groups worked on weeding and turning the soil in the large beds, adding pavers for access to the interior sections of the large beds, sweeping the courtyard shared by the Library and Rooms 12 and 19, filling more than twenty green waste bags full of weeds, constructing three large compost bins, two potting stands of different heights and a small shed for our gardening tools.

Thank you to Grace Dulnuan-Turner and Laurette Grant (Green Team Leaders) for all your many months of meetings, research and time spent on working with the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition coordinators Jim Sell, Penni Thorpe and Ken Klieman among others. Getting down and dirty can be quite satisfying. The garden is truly ready to be a functioning outdoor classroom!

School Accountability Report Cards Now Available

A School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is published for all school sites each February with the focus on the previous academic year. These report cards provide information about each school and its students including:

- Demographic data
- School safety information
- Academic achievement data
- Class sizes
- Teacher and staff information
- Curriculum and instruction information
- Fiscal and expenditure data



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

Free Family Health Fair - February 21

Free Family Health Fair
Join us for a Preschool Family Health & Wellness Fair at College Park Elementary School

Sponsored by the San Mateo-Foster City Preschool Program
Turnbull Child Development Center

DATE: Thursday – February 21, 2019
TIME: 4:00PM – 6:00PM
PLACE: College Park Elementary School
715 Indian Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94401

FREE! For more information, please call: 650-312-7248

Participantes incluyen:

- Children's Dental Health (San Mateo County - Brighter Bites Program)
- SM Public Library
- First 5 - Help Me Grow
- Emergency Preparedness - American Red Cross
- San Mateo County Health Department - Tobacco Education Coalition
- Stanford Health
- Reading Assistance Programs (Project READ)
- San Mateo County WIC Program
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Legal Aid Society of SM County
- Dr. Martin Luther King Center, SM
- Police Athletic League of SM
- Planned Parenthood
- STAR VISTA - Healthy Homes - Environmental Health
- San Mateo County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Edgewood Center for Children & Families

Free to attend • All Ages are welcome

For more information, please call 650-312-7248

Feria Familiar de Salud
Únase a nosotros para una Feria de Salud y Bienestar para Familias de Niños Preescolares en la Escuela Primaria College Park

Patrocinado por el Programa Preescolar del Centro Turnbull de Desarrollo Infantil de San Mateo-Foster City

FECHA: Jueves – Febrero 21, 2019
HORA: 4:00PM – 6:00PM
LUGAR: Escuela Primaria College Park
715 Indian Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94401

GRATIS! Para más información por favor llamar al 650-312-7248

Participantes incluyen:

- Salud Dental de Niños Condado de San Mateo - Programa Brighter Bites
- Biblioteca Pública de San Mateo
- First 5 - Help Me Grow
- Preparación para Emergencias - American Red Cross
- Departamento de Salud del Condado de San Mateo - Coalición de Educación de Tabaco
- Stanford Health
- Programa de Ayuda de Lectura (Project READ)
- Programa WIC del Condado de San Mateo
- Banco de Alimentos Second Harvest
- Sociedad de Asistencia Legal del Condado de San Mateo
- Centro King de San Mateo
- Liga Atlética de la Policía de San Mateo
- Planned Parenthood
- STAR VISTA - Hogares Saludables - Salud Ambiental
- Prevención de Envenenamiento de Niños de Plomo de San Mateo
- Centro Edgewood para Niños & Familias

Gratis para asistir • Todas Edades Bienvenidas

Para más información, por favor llame al 650-312-7248

Borel Middle School Presents Newsies!



Extra! Extra! Read All About it! Borel Middle School presents **Newsies!**

Now is the time to seize the day with Borel Drama's production of *Disney's Newsies!* A two-time Tony Award-winning show, **Newsies** has audiences calling it "a musical worth singing about!" (*The*

New York Times). It's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you don't want to miss.

Set in New York City at the turn of the twentieth century, **Newsies** is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a newsboy who dreams of a better life. When publishing titan Joseph Pulitzer raises distribution prices, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies to strike for what's right. With help from reporter Katherine Plumber, all of New York soon recognizes the power of young people.

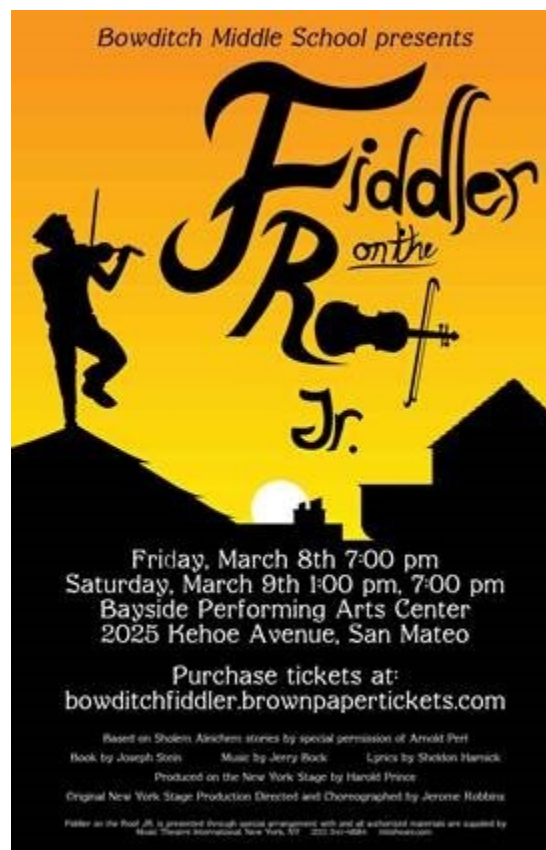
Where? San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 N. Delaware Street, San Mateo

When? March 1st @ 7:00pm; March 2nd @ 7:00pm; March 3rd @ 2:00pm

Tickets & Information - www.boreldrama.com

Preview Video - https://youtu.be/U1bLc_9qhL0

Bowditch Middle School Presents *Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.*



Bowditch Middle School presents Fiddler on the Roof JR.

This special adaptation of the nine-time Tony Award-winning Broadway musical is set in the little village of Anatevka. The story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters as he tries to protect his daughters and his way of life from a changing world. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to marry off his daughters and instill in them a sense of tradition in the face of growing anti-Semitism in Czarist Russia.

Created by Broadway legends Jerome Robbins, Harold Prince, Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick and Joseph Stein, *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* tackles the universal theme of tradition in ways that reach across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion.

Come see all our hard work! Tickets will be available for purchase at bowditchfiddler.brownpapertickets.com.

Teacher Recruitment Fair - March 9

TEACH SAN MATEO COUNTY

EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT FAIR

**SATURDAY
MARCH 9, 2019**

10 AM to 2 PM

101 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, CA 94065

All current, prospective,
and substitute PK-12
teachers and administrators
are invited to attend this event

Registration and more information at:
teachsmc2019.eventbrite.com

HOSTED BY:



San Mateo County's
23 school districts serve
nearly **94,000** students:

Bayshore Elementary
Belmont-Redwood Shores
Brisbane
Burlingame
Cabrillo Unified
Hillsborough City
Jefferson Elementary
Jefferson Union High
La Honda-Pescadero Unified
Las Lomitas Elementary
Menlo Park City
Millbrae
Pacifica
Portola Valley
Ravenswood City
Redwood City
San Bruno Park
San Carlos
San Mateo-Foster City
San Mateo Union High
Sequoia Union High
South San Francisco Unified
Woodside Elementary
San Mateo County
Office of Education

The San Mateo County Office of Education is pleased to host the 2019 Educator Recruitment Fair. Come and meet representatives from public school districts recruiting for PK-12 teachers, prospective teachers, substitute teachers, and certificated administrative positions throughout San Mateo County. Workshops will be held on credentialing pathways and how to become a substitute teacher. Information will also be available on the SMCOE Induction Program.

Informal interviews will be held onsite so come dressed in interview attire and bring 25 copies of your current resume. All PK-12 teachers, prospective teachers, substitute teachers and certificated administrators are welcome to attend this event. [Register on Eventbrite.](http://teachsmc2019.eventbrite.com)

LOVE North Central Cleanup Day - April 13

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Neighborhood Cleanup Day
Dia de Limpieza

#SanMateo #CommunityPride facebook.com/hancsm

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2018

381 volunteers

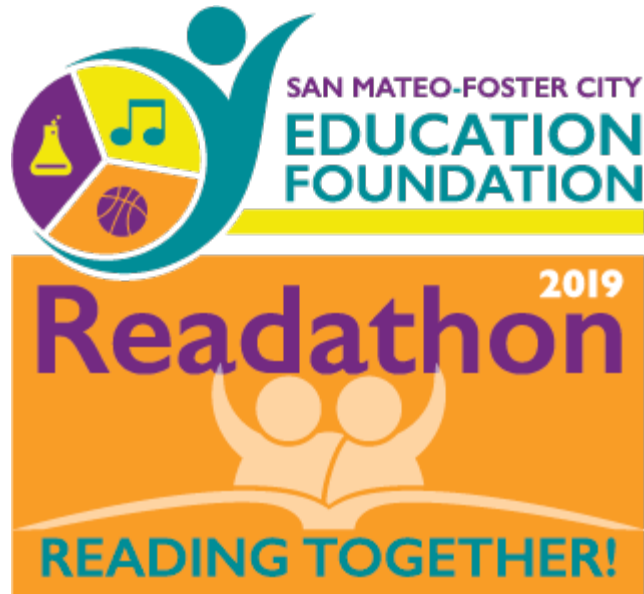
- 15 yd³ garbage
- 1 yd³ recycle
- 5 lbs cigarette butts
- 3 lbs bottle caps
- 18 dump sites

#SanMateo #CommunityPride facebook.com/hancsm

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



Reading Together! A big round of applause for SMFC Education Foundation board members Liz Yeager and Bob Hardy for pulling together this massive fundraiser to benefit all 12,000 of our kids, Principals Haley, Hurley, Kazemi and Rubalcaba for reading at our library kickoff events, the Foster City and San Mateo Librarians, Pete the Cat and Snoopy for going all out to create these memorable events, read-aloud video celebrities for sharing their love of reading and our amazing school reading reps for making our 3rd annual District-wide Readathon a roaring success. Thank you to every student, family, teacher, librarian and principal for reading together and supporting all the District students!

Volunteer! We are looking for a volunteer coordinator, grant writers, school liaisons, content writers and board members. Please email president@smfcedfund.org. To donate visit: www.smfcedfund.org. SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 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 February 7, 2019 Meeting:

- Approved additional Equity Task Force members
- Received information on Enrollment Projections from Demographer, Tom Williams
- Received information on the Low Performing Student Block Grant (LPSBG)
- Received an update on the LCAP Benchmarks for Student Achievement



At the January 24, 2019 Board Meeting, the Trustees:

- Approved the Equity Task members
- Received information on the Communications Committee

- Received information on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Engagement Planning 2019-2020
- Received information on the Governor's Proposed State Budget Overview
- Received information on AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Agreement with Confidential Employees and San Mateo Elementary Administrators Association (SMEAA)
- Approved Confidential Employees and San Mateo Elementary Administrators Association (SMEAA) Salary Increases
- Approved the Certificated Seniority List

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 Student Calendars are now available.

[2019-2020 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#) | [2020-2021 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#)

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



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