



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

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.

- 2018-2019 SCHEDULE -

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

6:30-7:30 pm

Abbott Middle School

600 36th Avenue, San Mateo

*Spanish translation provided

Thursday, March 28, 2019

5:30-6:30 pm

Baywood Elementary

600 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

*Spanish translation provided

Important Dates

Thu, Jan 24

School Board Meeting,
6:30 pm - District Office

Tue, Jan 29

Superintendent Coffee Chat,
6:30 pm - Abbott Middle School

Wed, Jan 30

LCAP Engagement Meeting
6:30 pm - Bayside Academy

Wed, Feb 6

LCAP Engagement Meeting
6:30 pm - Bowditch

Thu, Feb 7

School Board Meeting,
6:30 pm - District Office

Mon, Feb 18


President's Day Holiday
No School

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, Sunnybrae, 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

SMFCSD Student Calendars Now Available



The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SMFCSD Student Calendars are now available.

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Teacher Spotlight - Tim Hilborn



Google for Education

Tim Hilborn teaches technology to over 300 students at Abbott and Borel Middle Schools. He uses Google's free computer science (CS) curriculum, CS First, with rubrics he created to make sure all his middle-schoolers can access technology in purposeful and engaging ways.

Read the full article, ["Tim Hilborn uses CS First to assess student learning in computer science."](#)

San Mateo County Teacher Recruitment Fair

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

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 Lomas 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

HOSTED BY:



Family Talk for Parents and Students



Health Connected and San Mateo-Foster City School District present

Family Talk: What's Happening To Me?

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:30p.m-8:00p.m

**Fiesta Gardens International Elementary School
Multipurpose Room, 1001 Bermuda Dr, San Mateo**

Health Connected and SMFCSD welcomes you to **Family Talk: What's Happening To Me?** a presentation designed to promote healthy communication within families that lasts a lifetime!

Through drawings, multimedia, and activities, families will explore the physical changes of puberty. In a relaxed and friendly setting, families learn, laugh, and share- making a potentially sensitive subject more comfortable.

This **90 minute program** is recommended for children between **10-12** years old and their adults. However, adults may bring children who are younger or older, depending on their maturity level.

Families of all structures are welcome!!

Spanish translation will be available upon request. Childcare will not be provided.

Parent Engagement- Vanessa Kellam | 650.367.1937 x 18 | www.health-connected.org | vanessa@health-connected.org

Join the Parent Project



Find answers to your parenting questions

Do you want to build a stronger relationship with your kids?

The Parent Project® is a 12-week class that gives parents, grandparents, and caregivers the tools to build strong and healthy families. Contact the facilitator to register at least 3 weeks before class starts. *All classes are free!*

Start Date	Time	Language	Location	Contact/Registration
Wednesday, January 16th	5:30pm-9:00pm	Spanish	South San Francisco High School 400 B St SSF, CA 94080	Ayrnn Bautista abautista@sfusd.org (650) 877- 8756
Tuesday, January 29th	5:30pm-9:00pm	Spanish	Sunnybrae Elementary 1031 S Delaware St San Mateo, CA 94403	Julia Ho jho@smfcsd.net (650) 312-7599
TBD	5:30pm-9:00pm	English	Carlton High School 1400 Alameda de las Pulgas Belmont, CA 94002	Mercedes Gutierrez mercedes.gutierrez@star-vista.org (650) 465-7041
Monday, February 25th	5:30pm-9:00pm	English	Mouton Center 901 Weeks St East Palo Alto, CA	TBD
Thursday, February 28th	5:30pm-9:00pm	Spanish	Half Moon Bay High School 1 Lewis Foster Drive Half Moon Bay, CA 94019	Jessica Castellanos jessica.castellanos@star-vista.org (650) 477-4259

www.smchealth.org/ParentProject













Food Resources


EAT HEALTHY

Connect with Food Resources

You And Your Household May Be Eligible For One Or More Of These Programs:

 <p>Help purchasing nutritious food for low-income households</p>	
 <p>Free groceries and meals, help figuring out where to go</p>	
 <p>Year round meals for students</p>	
 <p>Food checks for pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding or recently had a baby, infants, and children under 5</p>	
 <p>Meals for older adults (Age 60+)</p>	

To check which programs you qualify for
 visit www.getfoodsanmateocounty.org
 or call Second Harvest Food Bank at 1 (800) 984-3663



Earned Income Tax Credit Information Act



Earned Income Tax Credit

The California *Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC)* Section 19853(b) requires local educational agencies (LEA) that operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to annually notify households about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Information Act.

The EITC is a benefit for working people with low to moderate income. In order to qualify for the EITC, households must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if taxes are not owed or households are not required to file. The EITC reduces the amount of tax households owe and may allow

for a refund. Please see our [Child Nutrition Department](#) web page to see if you qualify and for more information.

Discounted Youth SamTrans Bus Passes Available

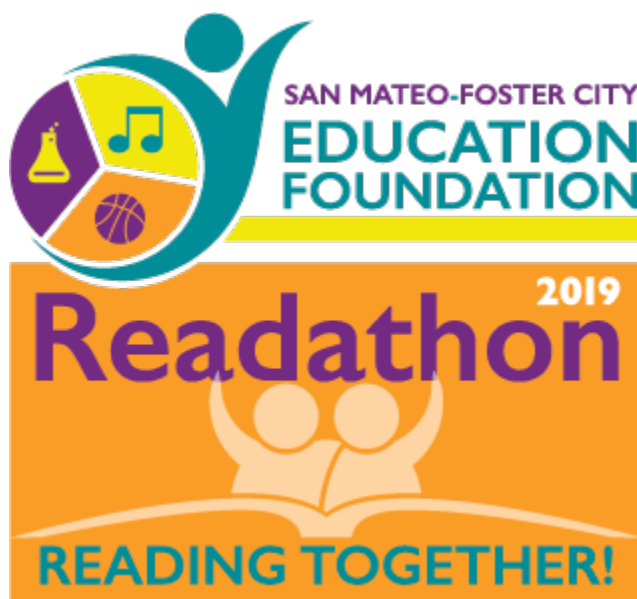


San Mateo-Foster City Schools will be offering Discounted Youth SamTrans bus passes for purchase in your child's school office. **These bus passes are available for any student who rides SamTrans to get to and from school and who qualifies for the district's free/reduced meal program.**

Passes will be on sale the last week of the month and the first week of the next month. The cost of the pass is \$22 - only cash will be accepted for this purchase. Please be prepared to show proof of your child's eligibility into the meal program by providing the letter that you originally received from our Child Nutrition department.

For questions, please contact Lori Fukumoto 650-312-7340.

San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation News



We are so excited to be kicking off the **3rd Annual SMFC Education Foundation Readathon!** Join us by “Reading Together” **January 26th - February 8th.**

Don't miss our Readathon Kick-off events with special guest readers and refreshments:

- **Saturday, January 26th 2-4pm at the Foster City Library**
- **Monday, January 28th 7-8:30pm at the San Mateo Main Library**

Check our website smfcedfund.org for read-aloud videos representing each of our schools. We hope this Readathon creates a sense of community across our diverse district while raising educational funding for all of our students. Our aim is to raise at least \$25 per student towards our \$75,000 goal.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Education Foundation, our next meeting is January 14, 7-8:30pm in the Abbott Lab, SMFC District Office, 1170 Chess Drive.

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 January 10, 2019 Board Meeting, the Trustees:

- Received information on the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference
- Received information on “At Large” and “By District” Elections
- Received information on the Equity Task Force Selection Process/Scoring Rubric/Planning for First Meeting
- Received information on the 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements
- Received information on AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Unit Agreements (SMETA) and (CSEA)
- Approved SMETA-SMFCSD Tentative Agreement and Salary Schedules
- Approved CSEA-SMFCSD Tentative Agreement and Salary Schedules
- Approved the SMFCSD Calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years

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



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