



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Update - April 2018

Dear San Mateo–Foster City Community,

At our April 19 Board Meeting, we had much to celebrate as we enter into Spring!

Congratulations

CSEA President, Sue Olinger, will be recognized by the California School Employees Association as a 2018 Award Honoree. Congratulations to Sue!

Congratulations to Jadelyn Chang (Foster City Elementary) and Anita Sol (Fiesta Gardens) who completed the rigorous National Board Certification program!

Welcome New Sunnybrae Principal

We also welcome Aleyda Barrera-Cruz to the District. Aleyda was approved by the Board of Trustees as the next Principal of Sunnybrae Elementary. Aleyda is coming to the District from North Hillsborough School where she currently serves as their Principal. Her educational background has focused on the study of language learning. She holds a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with a BCLAD and a Master's from Stanford and another Master's from the University of California at Berkeley.

Labor Relations

The first District/SMETA negotiations session was held last week. A District update has been posted on the website where you can follow the process – see our [Labor Relations](#) page.

Potential Parcel Tax

During the Board Meeting, the Trustees discussed the parameters of a potential parcel tax and asked staff to bring a Resolution calling for a parcel tax back to the May 7 Board meeting. Program elements are still being discussed and may include such areas as attracting and retaining staff, STEM opportunities, supporting reading and writing, supporting the arts and keeping our libraries open.

Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month and the Trustees read and passed a Resolution to recognize the importance of supporting and including students with autism and, in fact, all of our students with disabilities. Along these lines, our local SELPA runs a Resource Parent Council-Community Advisory Committee (RPC-CAC) which holds a variety of meetings throughout the year to support parents and students with disabilities. They welcome both General Education and Special Education staff and parents to the meetings. The Trustees approved the appointment of five parents from our community to the RPC-CAC: Steve Davis, Jenny McPherson, Melissa LaRue, Maggie Chen and Lisa Warren. Please see the [attached flyer](#) and feel free to share it with anyone else that you think might be interested.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Reclassification of English Learners celebration - May 14 starting at 6:30 pm at the Bayside Performing Arts Center.
- “Love North Central” clean-up day - June 9 starting at 9:00 am at the King Center.

Sincerely,
Joan Rosas, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Summer Theatre / Drama Enrichment Registration is Now Open

SMFCSD is pleased to offer a summer Theatre / Drama Enrichment program June 27-July 24.

This year's The Wizard of Oz, Jr. production is open to all incoming 3rd-8th grade students for both stage and technical support.

Online registration is open now, go to
www.myschoolbucks.com

Upcoming Events

Mon, May 7
(rescheduled from May 3)
Special Board Meeting,
5:00 pm - District
Office

Mon, May 14
Reclassification of
English Learners
Celebration, 6:30 pm -
Bayside Performing
Arts Center

Thu, May 17
Board Meeting, 7:00
pm - District Office

Mon, May 28
Memorial Day Holiday
- No School



College Park Elementary Named 2018 California Distinguished School!

Congratulations to College Park Elementary School for being named a 2018 California Distinguished School! State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced that 287 elementary schools across the state are being honored in this program which returned after a three-year break and replaces California Gold Ribbon Schools Program. "These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21st century college and careers," said Torlakson. The 2018 California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes elementary schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The schools represent examples of excellent teaching, learning, and collaborating, and successful school climate efforts.



Bayside Academy FAB Lab Wins Kent Award!

Congratulations to the Bayside Academy for winning the prestigious San Mateo County School Board Association's (SMCSBA) Kent Award! The Bayside FAB Lab is an evening of hands-on learning and discovery with 20 activity tables and exploration stations held every March in the Bayside Academy gym to celebrate and showcase Bayside's STEM program. Students, families, staff and teachers gather to participate in building or exploring squish rockets, augmented reality sandboxes, robotics obstacle courses and much more! Attendees bring home their creations to continue the discovery and fun of learning.



Bayside Academy Beautified on Comcast Cares Day!

Thank you to Comcast Cares & the 500+ volunteers who came out to beautify the Bayside Academy Saturday! Our students, parents, staff & community members did an amazing job. A special thank you to Assemblymember Kevin Mullin & Senator Jerry Hill for your support!



School Emergency Preparedness Info Night

for Parents and Community Members

The Big Five in Action

Monday, April 30, 2018

6:45 pm to 8:30 pm (program starts at 7:00 pm)
Capuchino High School Auditorium
1501 Magnolia Avenue, San Bruno

When an emergency occurs, it is critical that parents and community members are aware of safety procedures to ensure all kids can learn in a safe environment. Come join this important conversation and learn more about:

- School safety procedures across San Mateo County
- How parents can support safe schools
- Emergency communications

Light refreshments. Home language translation available upon request.

For More Information
Contact Loren Villalba, lvillalba@smcd.org or (650) 602-5686
Register online at smcd.com/big5info or by phone at (650) 602-5686

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Family Education Event on San Mateo County's Big Five Safety Protocol

Join us at the School Emergency Preparedness Information Night for Parents and Community Members on Monday, April 30 - The Big Five in Action. Learn about school safety procedures and emergency communication across San Mateo County and how parents can support safe schools.

Monday, April 30
6:45 - 8:30pm
Capuchino High School
1501 Magnolia Avenue, San Bruno

See flyers for more information: [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Chinese](#).
Register online today!



Read-A-Thon Results Are In!

The 2018 SMFC Ed Foundation Read-A-Thon was a great success with over 870,000 minutes read and \$64,000 raised for our TK-5th Grade Elementary Music programs! That's \$26,000 more than last year! An enormous thank you to the 12 participating elementary schools and to a generous local bank for matching the fundraising efforts of Foster City Elementary students. Special acknowledgment to the top five inspirational readers who gathered the highest sponsorships: Colten S. (Meadow Heights), Jocelyn S. (Highlands), Jaxson S. (Foster City Elem.), Quinn W. (George Hall), and Aeon V. (Beresford).

Last but not least, the Read-A-Thon would not be possible if not for our amazing teachers. Kudos to our top five classes, each raising well over \$1000, from College Park, Ms. Tong, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Shi & Ms. Hiraga and from Meadow Heights, Ms. Andrews. Check out how your school did at www.smfcdfund.org/read-a-thon/

School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

Board Meeting Summary - April 19, 2018

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

- Received information on Updated District Release of Directory Information Board Policy 5125.1
- Approved Resolution No. 21/17-18 Autism Awareness Month
- Approved Candidates for the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Resource Parent Council-Community Advisory Committee (RPC-CAC)
- Received an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Approved the Facilities Use Rate Schedule for 2018-2019
- Received information on 2018-2019 Budget Development Assumptions



- Review Parameters for New Parcel Tax Measure
- Approved the District's Declaration of Need
- Approved a Sabbatical Leave Request
- Reviewed AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Agreement with Confidential and San Mateo Elementary Administrators Association (SMEAA)
- Approved Confidential and San Mateo Elementary Administrators Association (SMEAA) Salary Increase

Special Board Meeting Summary - March 26, 2018

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

- Received and Discussed Polling Results from Godbe Research

Board Meeting Summary - March 22, 2018

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

- Received information on the District's Communication Practices
- Approved the Board Meeting Calendar for 2018-2019
- Received the Special Education Annual Report
- Received an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) - Family Engagement
- Approved the Second Interim Financial Report 2017-2018
- Approved Resolution No. 17/17-18: Support of AB 2808 (Muratsuchi) to Increase Local Control Funding for California's Public Schools
- Approved Reclassification of a Classified Position
- Approved Resolution No. 18/17-18 for Reduction of Classified Services for 2018-2019
- Approved the District's Initial Proposal for the 2018-2019 Reopener Negotiations with San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA)

Special Board Meeting Summary - March 21, 2018

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

- Interviewed Candidates to Fill Board Vacancy
- Approved and swore in Kenneth Chin as the New Trustee

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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