Lead Elementary Owls

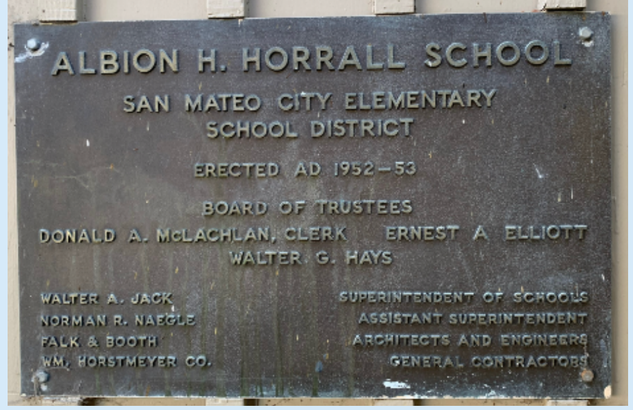
School Information 2025/2026

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LIVE • LEAD • LEARN



Hello we are



We are a local neighborhood school that opened in 1954 as Albion H. Horrall. School, named after a former San Mateo Superintendent. 11 years ago, we were renamed Lead Elementary School. For a while, it was a magnet school focused on literacy and digital arts. That is no longer the case. Our new name is Cottage Grove, and the official name change will take place for the 2026/2027 school year. Until then, we will be Lead, soon to be Cottage Grove. Generations of families have attended our school. Several current Lead parents attended our school as students! We are a Title 1 School dedicated to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practices. We are a deeply committed community that loves our students.





Cottage Grove
Elementary School

Three Core Values

Lead Owls

Care for Self



Care for Others



Care for Environment



THREE AREAS OF FOCUS

Lead Owls

Small Group Intructions/ Centers



Technology< Hands On



Common Rountines & Practices



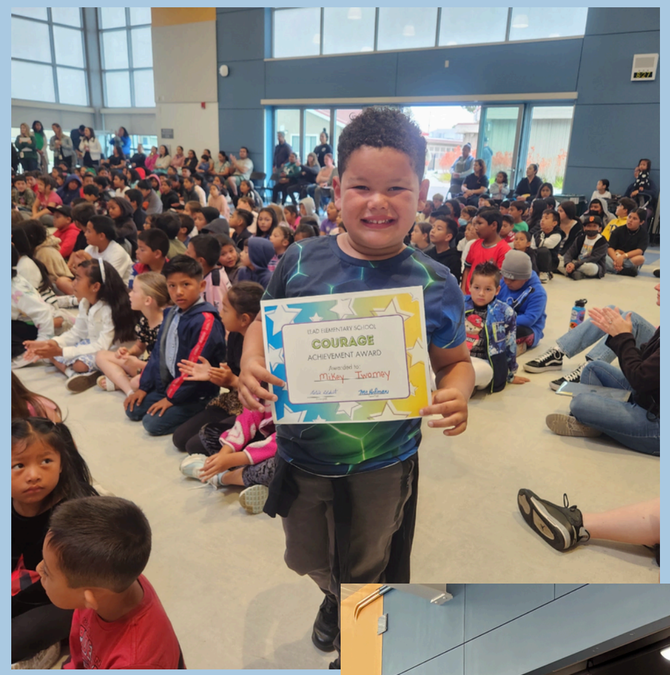
Our Community

- Nearly **400** students
- **50** staff members
- Preschool-**5**th Grades
- One Preschool Special Day Classes (SDC)
- TwoTransitional Kindergarten (TK) class
- Three Kindergarten classes
- Two-Three classes each of grades 1st-**5**th
- Boys and Girls Club

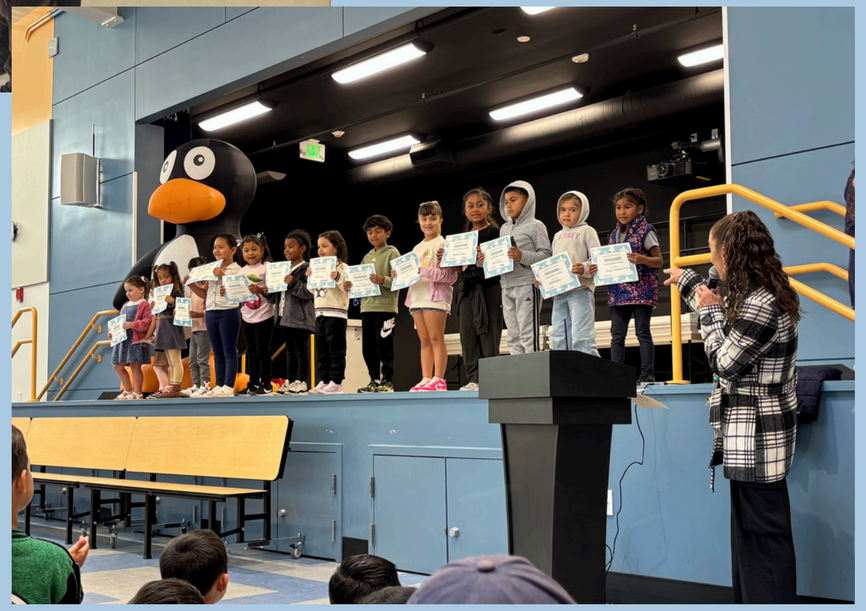




What Makes Us Unique



FIRST FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES





PBL IN ACTION

A Balanced Curriculum

TK: PRESCHOOL LEARNING FOUNDATIONS AND KINDERGARTEN CA CONTENT STANDARDS

- HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS
- SECOND STEP (SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING)
- LIBRARY, MUSIC, ART

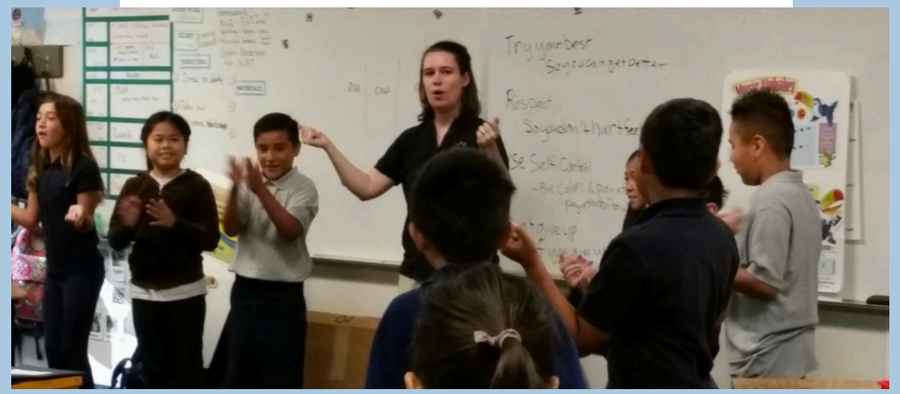
KINDERGARTEN:

- PAF & BENCHMARK ADVANCED FOR LITERACY (ELA)
- ZEARN MATH
- NEXT GENERATION HANDS-ON SCIENCE - TWIG SCIENCE
- TCI SOCIAL STUDIES (FOCUSING ON COMMUNITY)
- SECOND STEP (SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING)
- LIBRARY, MUSIC, ART, PE



Partners

MUSIC FOR MINORS



ART FOR SCHOOLS



BGCP



Daily Schedule



TK

8:00-8:20 Morning Meeting
(morning activities, calendar, songs, stories)
8:20-8:45 Language Arts and ELD
(alphabetic principle, phonemic awareness, shared reading)
8:45-9:15 Learning Centers
(writing, fine motor, art, sensory, science, alphabet)
9:15-9:30 Read Alouds/ Movement/ Music
9:30-10:00 Snack / Recess
10:00-10:20 ELD/Oral Language Development
10:20-10:45 Math
10:45-11:30 Choice Time
(STEM, dramatic play, reading, social-emotional learning)
11:30-12:00Lunch
12:00-12:30 Clean up & Closing Circle
12:40 Dismissal

KINDERGARTEN

8:00-8:25 MORNING MEETING
8:25-10:00 READING/ELD/CENTERS
9:00-9:20 PE GROUP 1
ALPHABET / LETTER OF THE WEEK/ SIGHT WORDS
9:20-9:40 PE GROUP 2
VOCABULARY/ WRITING
10:00-10:10 SNACK
10:10-10:20 RECESS
10:20-10:35 READ ALOUD
10:35-11:30 MATH
NEW SKILL/SONGS/CENTERS
COUNTING COLLECTIONS
11:30-11:55 SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES
11:55-12:55 LUNCH AND SNACK

1:00-1:30: CHOICE TIME
1:30-1:45 CLOSING CIRCLE
1:45-2:00 CLEAN UP/GO HOME



Bell Schedule

REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE

Grade	Gates open	Instructional Start	Recess/ Snack/Lunch	Dismissal
Preschool SDC	8:30 am	8:30 am	Within the School Day	12:30 pm
Preschool	8:30 am	8:30 am	9:00-9:40 am	12:00 or 4:30 pm

Grade	Gates open	Instructional Start	Recess & Snack	Recess & Lunch	Dismissal
TK	7:50 am	8:00 am	9:40-10:00 am	12:00-12:20 pm	12:30 pm
Kindergarten	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:00-10:20 am	11:55-12:55 pm	2:00 pm
1st and 2nd	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:05-10:30 am	12:00-1:00 pm	2:20 pm
3rd	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:20-10:45 am	12:00-1:00 pm	2:20 pm
4thand 5th	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:20-10:45 am	12:00-1:00 pm	2:45 pm

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE

(Every Wednesday, Parent-Teacher Conference Days, and April 26 and May 24, 2024)

Grade	Gates open	Instructional Start	Recess & Snack	Lunch & Dismissal
TK	7:50 am	8:00 am	9:40-10:00 am	12:30 pm
Kindergarten	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:00-10:20 am	12:30 pm
1st and 2nd	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:10-10:30 am	12:30 pm
3rd	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:20-10:45 am	12:30 pm
4th and 5th	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:20-10:45 am	12:30 pm

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE (BEFORE FALL OCTOBER BREAK)

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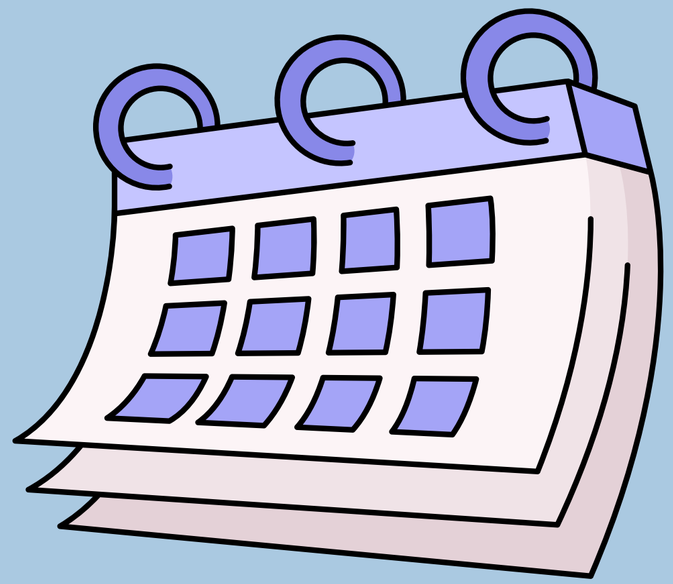
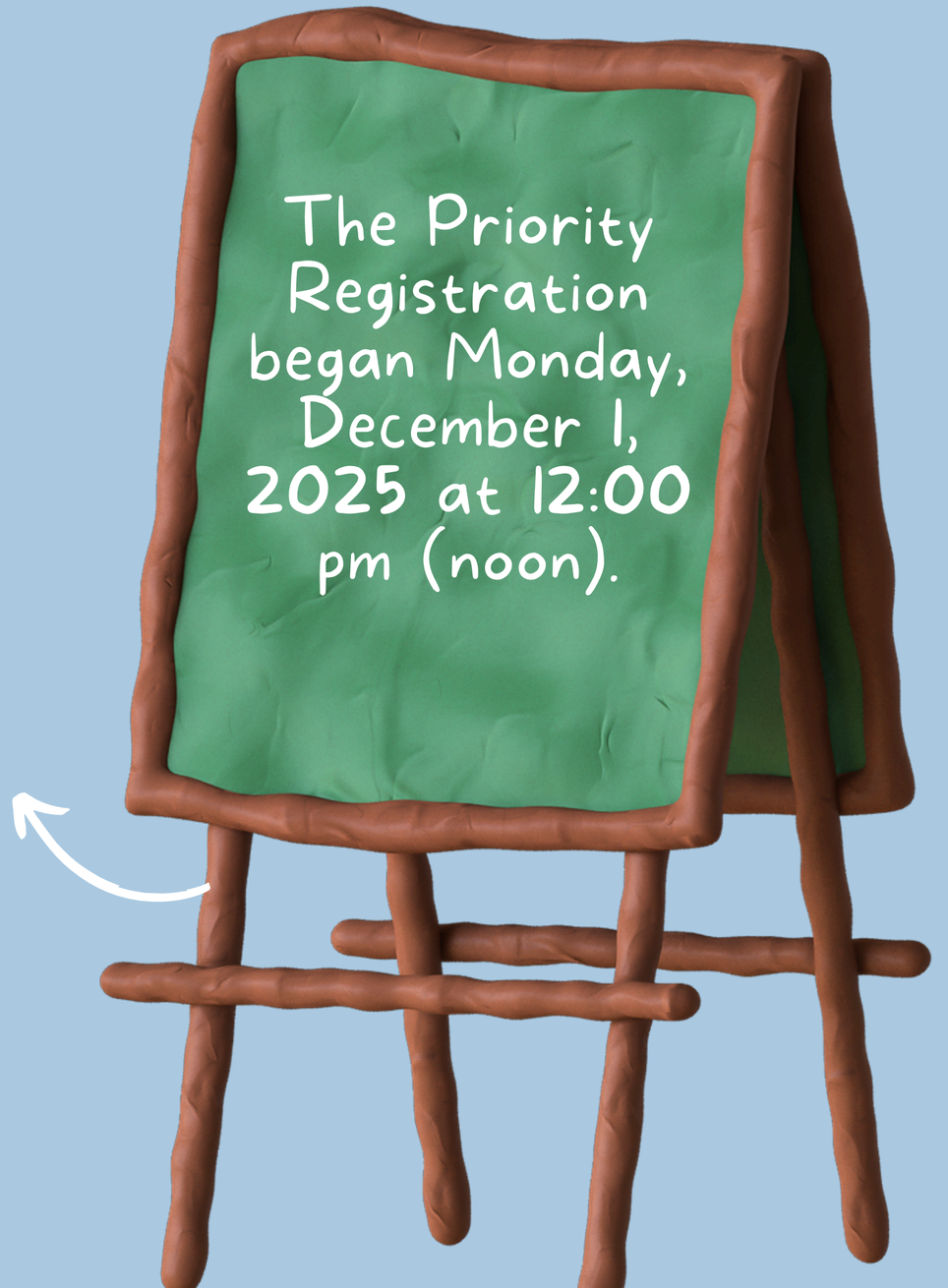
Kindergarten	7:50 am	8:00 am	10:00-10:20 am	12:30 pm




The Priority Registration began Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12:00 pm (noon).



Thank You!

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