

## **Panda Press - Week of Feb. 7, 2022**

### **Important dates**

- Feb. 8, 15 and 22 Virus Geeks at CP 12:30-6:00
- Feb. 7-11 Literacy Week
- Feb. 8 Principal's Chat 5:30-6:15
- Feb. 8 PTA General Assembly 6:30
- Feb. 10 SMFCSD Board Meeting 6:30
- Feb. 16 SSC meeting 3-4:00
- Feb. 19 Chinese New Year's Parade in SF

**IMPORTANT: Please contact Principal Singh if your child tests positive or if there is someone close to your family or in another setting your child goes to (ex: after school) who is positive. It is also important that Dr. Singh knows about symptomatic children as well. Please keep children home if they are positive or symptomatic. Thanks.**

**Principal's Chat:** Please join us from 5:30-6:15 on 2/08 for the principal's chat. Principal Singh will share a little bit about our Secure Campus experience and what we learned, give an update on Covid procedures, and share how we're doing with teaching/learning and social emotional development. We'll also talk a little bit about how parents' constructive feedback helps us build up and improve our school.

**Counseling Services Update:** Our Counselor, School Psychologist and Mental Health Intern have been busy supporting students, staff and families! Please take a look at the [English](#) and [Spanish](#) updates. They work with groups, individual students, and whole classes.

**Book Character Day on Friday, 2/11 during Literacy Week:** Wear an outfit resembling your favorite book character. The book character should be obvious. Wear the book character outfit or uniform (not free dress). Celebrate your love of reading and an end to a wonderful Literacy Week. Show your Panda Pride!

### **Covid update - Please read carefully.**

- Each Tuesday, we do pool testing. If your child is not signed up we strongly encourage you to do so. Katie Garcia, our AA, can help you register. It makes it a lot easier when everyone is in the pool - otherwise we need to ask for outside tests or get permission to rapid test. (We have received a limited supply of rapid tests for use at school. We also have some for families who really need them. Contact Katie.)
- If there is a positive pool or there is a report from a family of a positive case, we do rapid testing for students in the pool and require non-pool students to test before they come to school the next day. The second test for non-pool students is in 5 days. We ask for proof of testing, preferably by email before students arrive. Pool students are tested in the following pool. The whole community gets a letter for a positive case and the class/es

impacted get the close contact letter. The classes with close contact isolate at recess/lunch during eating time. We keep track of all cases of Covid or exposure.

- We will continue to mask, hand wash and/or use hand sanitizer and maintain distancing as much as possible. We ask that families please consider using N95 masks. We have N95's available. We will be distributing them this week through classes.
- IMPORTANT: If your child is showing symptoms, tests positive for Covid or is in close contact with someone who is positive or showing symptoms (family, close friends, after school programs, etc.), please let Principal Singh know ASAP and keep your child home. Principal Singh and the teachers will work with you on an independent study contract if your child is out more than 3 days (Covid quarantine is 5 calendar days).
- Independent study contracts - If students are out less than 3 days, teachers can guide them on work to be done during their absence or upon returning - they do not qualify for an independent study. If students are out more than 3 days due to travel quarantine or voluntary Covid-related quarantine, students can have access to work or can make it up upon return. If students are out more than 3 days related to mandatory Covid quarantine (positive case, close contact) students have work assigned and a 15 minute session daily with each teacher.
- Students testing positive and then returning after quarantine will NOT be included in the pool so that a positive result is not generated for the pool. We will NOT continue to rapid test them. Since students won't be tested, we recommend that families test as needed.

**Food Services** - Menus posted just in the Child Nutrition Page (under menus) February menu.

<http://www.smfcisd.net/en/assets/files/Nutrition%20and%20School%20Meals/February%202022%20Menu.pdf>