

Panda Press - Week of Jan. 17, 2022

Important dates

- Jan. 17 No classes - MLK Day
- Jan. 18 Principal's Chat - 5:00-5:45
- Jan. 19th 8:40 Earthquake Drill
- Jan. 20th 12:30-7:30 Virus Geeks (MP Room)
- Jan. 21st 7-8:00 Virtual Talent Show (PTA - Link)

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.

Covid update:

- 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.
- 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 monitor the testing of students in impacted classes.
- 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 will have a limited supply of N95's available. We are not sure what next steps will be on district-provided rapid tests after the initial distribution last week.
- **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.

Free Grocery Distribution information for SMFCSD.

- [Second Harvest Food Distribution Sites San Mateo Foster City English](#)
- [Second Harvest Food Distribution Sites San Mateo Foster City - SPANISH](#)

Mandarin Adult Classes: Adult Mandarin classes. The registration deadline is Wednesday the 19th. The beginner class starts on the 20th and the intermediate class starts on the 23rd.
<https://forms.gle/BZYBMACH2kPfHmAFA>

MediCal Event and CalFresh: The Sanctuary Task Force is sponsoring an event with the County on how to enroll in MediCal and CalFresh benefits. This event will take place on **Feb 1 at 7 PM and include Mandarin translation.** The event will begin with an informational presentation and then the opportunity to sign up for one-on-one appointments. Diego Perez is sending outreach to Mandarin speaking families. [Flyer: MediCal CalFresh Parent Information Night](#) Mandarin

Principal's Chat: Tuesday, Jan. 18th. 5:00-5:45 p.m.

<https://smfcsd-net.zoom.us/j/84116905263?pwd=VEhCQnpZa1Z4cEFQVmR3M00xMzFuUT09>
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