TOGETHER.
SHAPING THE FUTURE.

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Parents,

As you know, our community voted on Measure P this past Tuesday. I am disappointed by the outcome, but I respect that the majority of our voters want a different solution to the increasing student enrollment facing our schools and to the funding of the classroom technology required to ensure student access to 21st century learning strategies.

Following a review of the final voting results, and consultation with key school district and community leaders, I will present a plan for our Board of Trustees' consideration on next steps to engage the varied constituencies of the San Mateo-Foster City School District and ways to address these challenges together.

San Mateo-Foster City School District's teachers, staff, principals, and administrators genuinely care about the success of every child. We work smart, and we work hard to find the best way to educate every child in safe and modern facilities. With your help, we will find that best way together.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cynthia Simms
Superintendent
csimms@smfc.k12.ca.us

District Vision
The San Mateo-Foster City School District educates and inspires students to live, lead, and learn with integrity and joy.

GREAT SCHOOLS DOING GREAT THINGS!

Audubon Elementary
On Wednesday, October 2, the Audubon Elementary School PTA held their annual MOVE-A-THON. Their biggest and main fundraiser, which supports all the PTA programs at Audubon, had over 671 children participate and more than sixty volunteers and staff helped coordinate the day.

Surpassing their goal, the school raised over $127,639! The Move-A-Thon donations support a variety of programs such as small group instruction time, PE & PMT, primary grades physical education program, assemblies for the arts, Family Science Night, choir, teacher support, classroom supplies, Library support and extended library hours, Literacy Week and author assembly, Soul Shoppe anti-bullying grade-level workshops, Art in Action program, San Mateo County School Board Association Kent Award winning Technology Program, fieldtrips and more!
The Audubon PTA would like to thank all of their sponsors and families for their generous donations with a very special thank you to Lions Club of Foster City, Ted's Village Pharmacy, Super Cuts of Belmont, Golden Gate Towing, Bay Area Pediatric Dental Wellness Group & Dream Dinners of Belmont and many more.

Sunnybrae Elementary
On Wednesday, October 16, the performance of the College of San Mateo band included the world premiere of "March of the Meritorious" written by Sunnybrae Elementary School Principal Lorin Wilson. The leap from principal to composer may seem broad but Mr. Wilson has played trumpet professionally in both symphonic and jazz groups. Mr. Wilson shares, " 'March of the Meritorious' is not a typical march like one might expect to hear. It attempts to capture the journey that anything of worth-anything of true merit-will go through, from the captivating moment of inception, through times of questioning and doubt, to outright conflict and challenge. Yet, through the process, something of true merit, whether an idea, a business, a relationship, a life, comes out stronger and more resilient than when it began." Although he has arranged and written many things for smaller groups, this is his first original composition for large group. Considering both the challenges and opportunities facing the field of education, maybe it's appropriate that this piece was written by an educator.

The CSM band performs several times throughout the year. Mr. Wilson has played with the group for a few years now. Two years ago, they also performed his first band arrangement, "Star Spangled Banner Tribute," written to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Congratulations Mr. Wilson!

DISTRICT-WIDE HAPPENINGS

Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Information Night
Do you have a child turning 5 next year? If so, come to the District's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten Information Night. Held annually, this year's event will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Bayside Performing Arts Center - 2025 Kehoe Avenue, San Mateo.

For the 2014-15 school year, students will be eligible to enter:

- **Kindergarten** if his/her 5th birthday is on or before September 1, 2014
- **Transitional Kindergarten** if his/her 5th birthday falls on or between September 2 - December 2, 2014

We encourage parents of incoming Transitional Kindergartners and Kindergartners who are new to the district to attend this event where you will receive an overview of the District and its programs, learn about registration requirements, hear more about our innovative Magnet school programs and how the transfer process works, and learn about what to expect in TK and Kindergarten next year. Spanish translation will be provided.

Visit the Student Registration page or contact Student Services at (650) 312-7345 for questions regarding K-8 New Student Registration. Visit the Transitional Kindergarten page or contact (650) 312-7241 for questions regarding Transitional Kindergarten.
International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 9 was International Walk to School Day. Our students celebrated by walking, biking, skateboarding and school bus riding to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders, taking steps to build healthy hearts and reduce their carbon footprint.

In the United States, International Walk to School Day was celebrated at over 3,500 events at participating schools. Walkers from the U.S. joined children and adults in 40 countries around the world. Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

For additional information on International Walk to School Day, please visit these web sites:
- International Walk to School in the USA - [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org)
- National Center for Safe Routes to School - [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)
- International Walk to School - [www.iwalktoschool.org](http://www.iwalktoschool.org)

S.P.O.R.T. Fun Run

On Sunday, September 29 over 375 students participated in the S.P.O.R.T. (Sage Parents Organizing Resources for our Teams) fundraiser for middle school after-school sports programs. The event raised approximately $20,000 for our schools! Borel Middle School won the trophy for the most laps run and most money raised.

After-school sports are critical to the well-being of our children and our community, but they are not free. S.P.O.R.T. is a non-profit fundraising organization that supports hundreds of Abbott, Bayside S.T.E.M. Academy, Borel and Bowditch students.

Thank you to our student, parents, staff and community for joining in the fun, getting some exercise and building community spirit. For more information on the S.P.O.R.T. program, how to volunteer and donate, see the [S.P.O.R.T.](http://www.sportweb.org) website.

Common Core State Standards

The San Mateo-Foster City School District is excited about the opportunity the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) present for our teachers, principals, staff and most importantly - our students! The Common Core provides us with a clear and consistent goal to ensure that our students are ready for college and career success in a 21st Century global economy. The Common Core Standards emphasize depth and complexity, use of technology and evidence-based analysis of text. Students will explore, collaborate, and discuss complex ideas in depth.

CCSS Key Points

The Standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs. The standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to be successful in our global economy and society; and
- Are evidence based
SM-FCS D Implementation Plan
This year our schools are focusing on the implementation of the CCSS in English Language Arts. Teachers and principals are engaged in professional development opportunities on a regular basis to ensure a deep understanding of the standards and what they mean for our students in the classroom. Teachers are studying the big shifts in English Language Arts, immersing themselves in the standards document and collaborating as they set goals to monitor student learning by using instructional activities that align with the Common Core.

Look for more information on resources for families in the coming months.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES
Summary of October Meetings

October 3 Board of Trustees Meeting

- Recognized Eleanor Lindquist Britter of the Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club for her contributions towards student wellness
- Approved the District response to the Grand Jury Report on Capital Appreciation Bonds
- Approved the Nonpublic Agency/Nonpublic School contracts listed for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of $89,146.89
- Accepted the gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent

October 17 Board of Trustees Meeting

- Approved a new District logo
- Conducted a Public Hearing and approved Resolution No. 31/12-13 for sufficiency of textbooks at District traditional calendar schools
- Received an overview from the Superintendent regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Process
- Received information from the CBO regarding the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Fund and the Assistant Superintendent of Education Services regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Fund
- Accepted the gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

- November 7, 2013, 7:00 pm
- November 21, 2013, 7:00 pm

All meetings are held in the SM-FCSD Board Room, 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA unless otherwise indicated.

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