WELCOME!

San Mateo-Foster City School District
Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Magnet School Information Night
Kindergarten & Magnet School Information Night

- Introduction to the San Mateo-Foster City School District
- Provide information on parent involvement and kindergarten readiness
- Review the registration process
- Provide an overview of our new Transitional Kindergarten program
- Highlight our innovative magnet programs
District Office Staff Introduction

• Molly Barton
  Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

• Amber Farinha
  Coordinator of Enrollment & Communications

• Alicia Heneghan
  Principal on Special Assignment - Transitional Kindergarten

• Cheryl Shrewsbury
  Principal on Special Assignment - Child Development

• Stephanie Fraumeni
  Principal on Special Assignment - The Children’s Annex Before & After School Programs

• Tatiana Sandoval
  Student Services Administrative Assistant

• Vicky Perez
  Student Services Administrative Assistant

• Karin Bender
  Administrative Assistant to Molly Barton
District Demographics

• District serves communities of San Mateo and Foster City

• 20 Schools: Transitional Kindergarten – 8th Grade
  – 5 Transitional Kindergarten sites
  – 15 elementary schools (K-5)
  – 1 elementary/middle school (K-8)
  – 4 middle schools (6-8)

• 12,000 K-8 students

• 500 preschool students
District Demographics

School Calendars
- Traditional and Year-Round

District Services and Programs
- Special Education
- Gifted and Talented Program
- English Language Learners
- Measure L Facilities Bond
- Child Development/Preschool Programs
- Transitional Kindergarten
- The Children’s Annex
- Parent Involvement
ELEMENARY SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAMS:

• College Park Elementary Mandarin Immersion
• Fiesta Gardens International School Spanish-English, Two-Way Immersion
• George Hall Elementary Accelerated Project-Based Learning
• Horrall Elementary Visual & Performing Arts and Technology Integration
• North Shoreview School (K-5) Montessori School/Music & Art
• Parkside Elementary Montessori
• San Mateo Park Elementary Math & Science
• Sunnybrae Elementary International Baccalaureate World School
Magnet School Programs

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAMS:

• Abbott Middle School (6-8) Two-Way, Spanish Immersion Program
• Borel Middle School International Baccalaureate World School
• North Shoreview School (6-8) Montessori School/Music & Art Middle Years Program
• THE Bayside S.T.E.M. ACADEMY Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
San Mateo-Foster City School District

Parent Involvement
SMFC Education Foundation

Gordon Strause,
San Mateo Foster City Education Foundation
President
SMFC Education Foundation

Volunteer Opportunities

Events
• Bowl-a-thon (February)
• Cook-off (March)
• Soccer/Field Day (May/June)

General
• Board Membership
• Website
• Business Sponsorship
SMFC Education Foundation

• Email: smfcedfund@smfc.k12.ca.us
• Website: www.smfcedfund.org
• Facebook: smfcedfund
• Twitter: @smfcedfund
• Phone: (650) 312-7235
Atticus Rotoli
President, San Mateo-Foster City PTA Council

• Introduction to PTA
• Volunteering opportunities
To learn more about PTA

• California State PTA
  www.capta.org

• San Mateo Foster City PTA Council
  www.smfc.17thdistrictpta.org

• Your school PTA website
Welcome to Kindergarten!

Elizabeth Jordan,
Baywood Kindergarten Teacher
Getting Ready

- Kindergarten is a very special school year for parents and children alike!

- Is your child ready?
  - Alphabet recognition
  - Personal knowledge
  - Counting objects and understanding quantities
  - Size and shape relationships
  - Small muscle skills
  - Social skills
Expectations / Standards

Our Kindergarten curriculum is driven by the California State Standards -
www.cde.gov/standards

• Language Arts
• Math
• Social Studies
• Science
Do’s and Don’ts

• In this case…”don’ts and do’s”… some practical suggestions for helping your child be a successful student
Kindergarten is the first step in an exciting journey!
School Assignments

• Students are eligible to enroll in **Kindergarten** if their 5th birthday is on or before October 1, 2013

• Students are eligible to enroll in **Transitional Kindergarten** if their 5th birthday falls on or between October 2 – December 2, 2013

• To find your school of assignment, go to www.smfc.k12.ca.us/lookup

• Priority registration for TK-8th grade is February 25 - March 15, 2013

• All students MUST register at their school of assignment unless they receive an approved transfer before priority registration begins on February 25
Intradistrict Transfer Process

Intradistrict Transfers

• Transfer deadline is January 25, 2013
• Notification letters will be sent home by February 15
• Students receiving approved transfers will register at their approved school
• Transfers will only be approved until 10 days before the start of school
• All wait lists expire once the school year begins
New Student Registration

• Go to the SM-FCSD website – www.smfc.k12.ca.us – For Parents section > Student Registration

• Open the New Student Registration Packet

• Completely fill out all required forms

• Print out 2 copies of each form and sign them

• During the New Student Priority Registration period beginning February 25, go to your school of assignment and register in person. Bring all original documents as well as 2 completed copies of all required registration forms.
New Student Registration

Required Forms and Documents

- New Student Registration Form
- Home Language Survey
- Informal Primary Language Survey
- Child’s Birth Certificate or Passport
- Child’s Immunization Record
- Parent Identification
- Report of Health Examination for School Entry
- One original and current proof of residency is required from each of the following groups:
  - **Group One** - Lease, property tax bill, homeowner or renter’s insurance policy, State or Federal Tax return with W-2 attached, payroll/check stub
  - **Group Two** - Utility Bills (Cable, Phone, PG&E, Water)
For the 2013-14 school year, online pre-registration will be piloted at 9 schools:

1. Abbott Middle School
2. Audubon Elementary
3. Bowditch Middle School
4. Brewer Island Elementary
5. Foster City Elementary
6. George Hall Elementary
7. Highlands Elementary
8. Meadow Heights Elementary
9. North Shoreview Montessori (K-8)
Online Pre-registration

• Instructions will be available on selected school websites in February. Please check back at that time.

• Online pre-registration is **not** a guarantee of enrollment – you are still required to go to your school of assignment with all required forms and documents to complete your registration in person during the New Student Priority Registration period beginning February 25
Questions?

For more information, contact the Student Services Department

(650) 312-7345

Visit the SM-FCSD website

www.smfc.k12.ca.us

> Student Registration
> Student Transfers
Transitional Kindergarten

For parents with children who will turn 5 years of age on or between October 2 – December 2, 2013

please stay for a brief presentation on Transitional Kindergarten
Welcome to Transitional Kindergarten!

Alicia Heneghan, Principal on Special Assignment for TK
What is Transitional Kindergarten?

• Created by the Kindergarten Readiness Act 2010

• Law changed Kindergarten entry date from December 2 to September 1

• The new age requirement will be phased in by moving the cutoff date one month a year for three years, beginning in the fall of 2012
What is Transitional Kindergarten?

• Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience for students who are born between September and December.

• For the upcoming, 2013-14 school year, if a child turns 5:
  – On or before September 30: Register for Kindergarten
  – October 1 – December 1: Register for TK
  – On or after December 2: Eligible for preschool only
What is Transitional Kindergarten?

- TK is part of the public school system and is free to participating students, however, registration in the program is optional.
- Students who enroll in TK will attend the program for the full academic year and will then attend kindergarten the following school year.
- The Transitional Kindergarten classes are a three-hour program daily.
- Current TK classes are located at Audubon, Baywood, Beresford, Parkside and San Mateo Park Elementary Schools.
- TK students are eligible to attend the Before and After School Annex Program – see booth in Gym.
• Transitional Kindergarten is taught by SMFC credentialed teachers

• TK is intended to give young learners a head start and provide them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs

• TK curriculum is a blend of the California Kindergarten standards and the CA Preschool Foundations for 5 year-olds

• The TK environment provides more opportunities for social-emotional and language development through interactive, hands-on activities so that children will have the skills to be successful in Kindergarten
What is the difference between K and TK?

- Focus is on the social and emotional needs of the child
- Students are taught to interact with their peers
- Students are taught the academic foundations they will need to be successful in Kindergarten
Registering for TK

- Registration for Transitional Kindergarten program is the same process as for Kindergarten. Beginning February 25, parents will register at their school of assignment based on address.

- Please complete the Intent To Register form and return it to the District Office if your child will be 5 years old on or between October 2 and December 2, 2013 OR if your child turns 5 between September 1 – October 1 and you are planning to request a TK placement. This will aid us in our planning.

- Check the District website for periodic updates and information regarding TK
Questions?

For more information, contact the Transitional Kindergarten office

(650) 312-7341

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