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MIDDLE SCHOOL**Buccaneer
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Hello Bowditch Community,

Happy President's Day. Please see below for this week's updates.[View this email in your browser](#)**WHAT'S NEW?****SMFC SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Bowditch Facilities Survey - The Facilities Master Plan community input session was held last Tuesday, February 11, 2020. If you would like to provide your suggestions about facility needs at Bowditch Middle school-repair, replacement, new or additional on facility needs but could not attend the School Community Meeting, please use one of the links below.

For the English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/smfcsdfacilityneeds>For the Survey in Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/enespanol>

Our School Facilities Master Plan Team will be considering all input over the next month and a half. Input includes the needs identified by the District for the school, the input provided at the recent School Community Meeting about the development of the SMFCSD Facilities Master Plan for

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the New Decade, and input from the Survey. Please provide your input as soon as possible--the Survey will be available through the end of February.

Name for the New Elementary School - The SMFCSD is inviting students, parents, staff and community members to help the Board of Trustees decide on a name for the District's new elementary school in Foster City. Please [see this flyer](#) for more information.

LCAP Family Engagement - Please join your school community and District leaders at our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Engagement Meeting to:

REVIEW our district LCAP progress
REFLECT on the ROOT causes of that progress
RECOMMEND district IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is an annual plan required by the State of California to detail local educational agencies' (LEAs) actions and expenditures to support socio-economically disadvantaged students, English Learners, and foster youth. It is aligned with the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.

All meetings are from 6:00–8:00 pm and translation services and child care will be available. Dates and locations are as follows:

- February 26 - Abbott Middle School - [600 36th Avenue, San Mateo](#)
- March 3 - Bowditch Middle School - [1450 Tarpon Street, Foster City](#)
- March 10 - North Central Community - College Park Elementary School - [715 Indian Ave, San Mateo](#); *This meeting will be conducted in Spanish with English translation.*

Please [see this flyer in English](#) or [this flyer in Spanish](#) for more information.

BOWDITCH NEWS

Prop 13, Spirit Roll Initiative and Measure L -

There are two important education funding ballot measures that the California State PTA has endorsed, that will help with K-12 funding as well as other areas. For more details, please read [this message from CAPTA](#). The California PTSA strongly encourages you to vote for this bond measure, Prop 13, in March and to sign the petition to include the Spirit Roll Initiative on the November 2020 ballot. You can sign the petition by clicking [here](#).

The March 3rd ballot will also include a bond initiative for

SMUHSD - Measure L (<https://www.voteyesonl2020.com/>). This bond measure will repair classrooms, update learning technology and make essential safety improvements (including security upgrades) to all our local high schools in the San Mateo Unified High School District. All funds will stay local from this Measure if it passes. Please read more on the pros and cons related to this measure in the ballot information that has been sent to your home.

Parent Ed Events

Positive Psychology on **Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm at Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Ave. San Mateo.** Parents play a crucial role in raising a teen but often lack the tools and know-how to best support their child's growth. This Positive Psychology seminar taught by Village Coaches is designed to give parents an overview of seminal research as well as best practices they can use at home to help their child thrive. Admission is free, but registration using this Eventbrite link is requested: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/positive-psychology-seminar-for-middle-school-parents-by-village-coaches-tickets-75230180495>. Spanish translation will be available. Proudly sponsored by SMFC District Middle school PTSAs. Event flyer is available [here](#) and in [Spanish here](#).

Attention 8th Grade Families-Volunteers Needed for One Stop Shop on Wed March 4th -

One Stop Shop and Parent Information Night is when parents learn about 8th grade promotion activities, turn in forms and payment and receive ceremony tickets.

With over 300 families, attending, we need parent volunteers to make sure the process moves along smoothly and quickly. If you can help please sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e48aca72daa8-8thgrade>

2L Soda Bottles Needed - 7th Grade Science Classes are in need of 2 Liter Plastic Soda (Drink) Bottles for an upcoming project. The bottles need to be see-through (ideally clear). Bottles can be dropped off in the office, or students can give them to Mr. Mooney, Ms. Koyanagi, or Mr. Bryan (Rooms 18, 19, and 20) throughout the month of February and early March until we have 300 bottles.

STEM Trip for Interested 6th Graders - Last Fall break, there was a STEM trip to Boston that got rave reviews! The kids who participated took classes at MIT and Harvard over 4-days, and had guided tours. It was an enriching experience!

Emmie Yang has volunteered to help organize the next STEM trip for next school year's Fall break, when the

current 6th grade kids will be in 7th grade. The tour is organized and run by Education First company, who organizes various educational trips all over the country. The number of spots for the trip will be limited to keep it manageable. Give your kids an eye-opening STEM experience and expose them to what a university environment is like!

This trip is open to *current 6th grade students* (and will occur when they are in 7th grade). There will be an Info meeting on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30pm at The VIBE Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City**. Education First is hosting the information night. See [this flyer](#). Please [kindly RSVP](#) for this meeting. As a reminder, this trip is run by Education First and is not organized by Bowditch Middle School.

Bowditch PTSA Board Slate for 2020-2021 - The Bowditch PTSA Nominating Committee met on *February 4, 2020* to consider all eligible candidates for the **Academic 2020-2021 term of office**. On behalf of the nominating committee, we present the following slate of officers for the Association's consideration:

President: **Harpreet McDermott**
VP of Programs: **Tao Wang**
VP of Fundraising: **Vinita Naik**
VP of Communications: **Lauren Mansfield**
VP of Membership: **Daphne Wong**
Treasurer: **Luanna Tang**
Financial Secretary: **Divya Seshadri**
Recording Secretary: **Heidi Wallweber**
Historian: **Ilkay Baskan**
Auditor: **Srini Venkat**

The election will be held on **Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 3:10 pm** at the Bowditch PTSA General Meeting.

Book Fair at Bowditch? - The Bowditch PTSA would like to sponsor a book fair at school. We are looking for one or two people that are interested in making this happen by organizing or chairing it. Please inform us of your interest by emailing bowditch.pta@gmail.com. We'll move forward only if we get a response on this. *TIME IS RUNNING OUT...*

COMMUNITY NEWS

The VIBE Middle School Dance - The VIBE is hosting a Middle School Dance, this Friday, February 21, 2020. Tickets are available at the VIBE or during lunch at Bowditch Middle School. Please see [the VIBE webpage](#) for more information.

AYSO Spring Soccer - This **Saturday, February 22, 2020** is the last in-person registration event for the AYSO Spring Soccer Program. For more information and to register online first visit www.fcayso.org. For the middle school students, the Spring Program is focused on having lots of fun, reviewing old skills, learning new ones, and having fun scrimmages. No soccer experience is necessary. It's laid back and non-competitive compared to the Fall program.

SHARE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

MATHCOUNTS®

CONGRATULATIONS to the **Bowditch Mathcounts Team** for winning 2nd Place on the San Mateo County Mathcounts Chapter Competition held last February 9 in Bayside STEM Middle School. Congratulations to the Bowditch Team: **Arush Bisht, Anthony Yan, Ankit Muppala, Akilan Paramasivam, Anish Dara, Jake Hu, Tamanna Suria, Vishal Dandamudi, Zae Shah, and Soham Patil.**

Special Recognition to **Zae Shah** for taking 3rd Place Individual Round and 3rd Place Countdown round and **Arush Bisht**, 9th Place Individual Round and **Anish Dara**, 11th place.

Bowditch will Advance to State Competition. Advancing to the State Championship: Team: Zae Shah, Ankit Muppala, Soham Patil, & Arush Bisht. as well as Anish Dara for Individuals.

<https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>

Mathcounts Competition Series has 4 levels of competition—school, chapter, state and national. Each level of competition is comprised of 4 rounds—Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Round. Altogether the rounds are designed to take about 3 hours to complete.

- Sprint Round: focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have 40 minutes to complete 30 math problems without a calculator.
- Target Round: focuses on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Students receive 4 pairs of problems and have 6 minutes to complete each pair, assuming the use of a calculator.
- *Only the 4 students on a school's team can take this round officially.* Team Round: focuses on problem-solving and collaboration. Students have 20 minutes to complete 10 math problems, assuming the use of a calculator.
- Countdown Round: focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have a maximum of 45 seconds per problem without a calculator. *This round is optional at the school, chapter and state level.*



IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs. Feb 20 - Positive Psychology Parent Ed Night

Wed. March 4 - 8th Grade One Stop Shop

Sun. March 8 - Daylight Saving starts, don't forget to change your clocks

Fri. March 13 - Staff Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

REMINDERS

Solutionaries - Do you have students who love to develop solutions that do the most good and least harm to people, animals and the environment? Consider taking part in the *San Mateo County Office for Education SOLUNTIONARY EXPO*. Proposals must be entered by **February 28, 2020**. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

Bowditch and SMFCSD Calendars -

- [2019-2020 Bowditch PTSA Calendar Feb5.pdf](#)
- Online version: <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/calendar>
- [2019-2020 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)
- [2020-2021 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)

Tip: You can add the Bowditch PTSA calendar to your google calendar by selecting Google's 'Add a friend's calendar' and use bowditch.pta@gmail.com

Join the Bowditch PTSA Facebook Group - Our Facebook page features important reminders and information from the Bowditch community. Be sure to join and like us on [Facebook](#) so you get the latest scoop!

Share Your Child's Success - Did your child have any recent successes ? In keeping with the community spirit, we would love to feature any achievement of your kids that can be shared with all. Please send your stories to bowditch.comm@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities at Bowditch - Please complete the [2019-2020 Volunteer Opportunities form](#). Any amount of time that you have to give is appreciated. Please contact the Harpreet McDermott, PTSA President, at Bowditch.pta@gmail.com with any questions.

Log Your Volunteer Hours - Have you volunteered at Bowditch this week? Please take a moment to [log your volunteer hours here](#).

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA



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