

# HUENEME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Dear Hueneme ESD Community,

On January 14th, the California Department of Public Health issued new guidance relating to opening schools for in-person instruction. Under this guidance Hueneme ESD still does not meet the criteria to open for in-person instruction. We are continuing to monitor both the county and local case and positivity rate data. While the most recent data showed a downward trend, which is great news, much of our school district continues to have some of the highest case and positivity rates in the county. See <a href="here">here</a> for the most recent data (as of Jan. 16) by zip code. We encourage everyone to continue wearing face coverings and practice social distancing. We look forward to when we can welcome students back in person!

We have received a few questions asking about when our teachers and staff will have the opportunity to be vaccinated. School staff are in Phase 1B, Tier 1, of vaccination priority and Ventura County is currently vaccinating Phase 1A, Tiers 1-3. A few of our staff members qualify in Phase 1A, such as our school nurses, school psychologists and occupational therapists, and have been able to get the first vaccine dose. Like the rest of the nation, the county is dependent on the supply chain to move into the next phase of vaccinations.

## **School Meals**

School meals continue to be available for those students whose families indicated they wish to participate in the meal program. Questions related to meal service, or new students who would like to participate, should contact the Food Service Department at (805)946-2550 or email foodservice@hueneme.org.

#### Parent/Family Programs

A number of parent programs are held throughout the district each month. Here are a few happening tonight:

## Social Emotional Learning at Home

Presented by Bard, Beach and Hueneme School Counselors Thursday January 28, 2021 6:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish Please contact the schools for registration information.

#### Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Series

Presented by Logrando Bienestar, Ventura County Behavioral Health Thursdays, Starting January 28 Email <u>lograndobienestar@ventura.org</u> to register.

## Haycox Parent Academy: Setting Routines and Structure at Home Larsen Parent Academy: Setting Routines and Structure at Home

Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00 – 7:00pm Contact Haycox School or Larsen School for the Zoom link.

### Stress and Resilience

Hosted by Sunkist School, Presented by Kaiser Permanente Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00 – 7:00pm Please see the Sunkist School website for details on how to join the webinar.

## **Attention 8th Grade Families**

High School Registration is just around the corner. Each high school in the Oxnard Union High School District offers different college and career pathways. I encourage you to visit the OUHSD website to learn more about the pathways and schools your child could attend. Be on the lookout for information regarding 9th grade registration.

## **Hueneme at Home Digital Learning Academy**

We have received a few questions about whether or not the Hueneme at Home Digital Learning Academy will be available for student enrollment next year. We are exploring continuing this alternative school program and anticipate that if there is enough interest, it will be offered as an option again next school year. Once a decision has been made, it will be communicated to all families.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership during this unique school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Walker Superintendent

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