

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

June has arrived and we are days away from completing the 2020/2021 school year. We have been through a lot as a district and as we wrap up this year, we are thankful and grateful for how we maneuvered the challenges together. We accomplished this by focusing on EACH ONE of the precious students we serve. We are proud and excited to share several highlights, celebrations, retirements and pictures of our students and staff in this final edition of our 2020/2021 newsletter.

As I reflect on this school year, I am reminded of how grateful I am to work with such an amazing group of dedicated staff who have truly made a difference for our kids! I want to acknowledge and praise the work of our entire team as their dedicated support and perseverance put us in a position to offer our students an in-person learning experience providing full days of instruction along with offering a distance learning option. Together, we can achieve more and this was proven repeatedly over the course of this school year. THANK YOU to the entire LUESD staff for your unwavering effort to stay the course and serve our students' educational and social-emotional needs. Each one of you worked diligently to make our Lemoore Union Elementary School District a safe and exceptional learning environment for ALL kids.

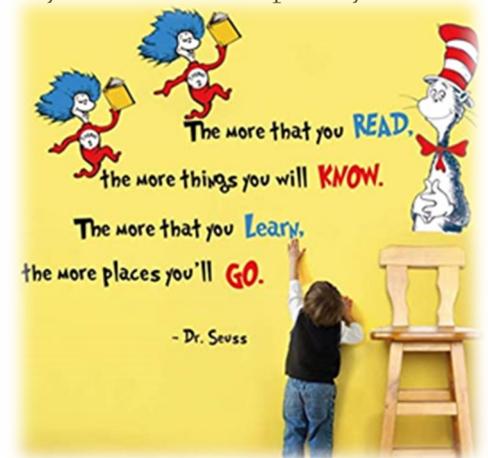
I would also like to acknowledge our LUESD parents, guardians and community members who have stuck with us over the year as we navigated the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will definitely be a school year we will never forget! Each of our families entrusted us to provide a safe and nurturing environment in order to deliver a high quality in-person and distance learning instructional experience. Our intense work to adjust our schools to meet the safety mitigation strategies paid off and we appreciate your support. Finally, our 2020/2021 school year would not have been as successful without the dedicated support from our LUESD School Board Members. THANK YOU for the time you give in service to our district. Your commitment and passion to make decisions based on what is best for kids was truly experienced this year.

We look forward to the coming school year and welcoming ALL of our students back to our schools. We are also thrilled to open our newest elementary school, Freedom Elementary. Over the next several weeks, we will provide additional information to all of our families regarding our school expectations for the 2021/2022 school year. We encourage you to continue to check our websites, Facebook page and school messenger calls home and emails in order to have the most up-to-date information. We also encourage you to review your contact information in our Aeries parent portal. Please make any necessary updates in order to ensure you are receiving critical school information. Communication is the key to success!

Enjoy the last week of school! I wish you all the best as you enter the summer months. Please make reading a priority for your children this summer, as it is the greatest gift you can give your child! Remain healthy and safe and remember, As Dr. Seuss shared, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you will go!"

Cheryl Hunt

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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

LUESD is taking online registrations for all new students including those entering Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten in the fall using the Aeries Online Registration process. As a reminder, children turning 5 years of age by September 1 are eligible for kindergarten and children turning 5 years of age between September 2 and December 2 are eligible for transitional kindergarten.

Please visit our district website at <https://www.luesd.k12.ca.us> for more information on how to register your child.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

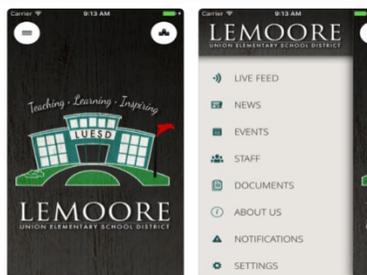
Data Confirmation

LUESD will continue utilizing the Aeries Data Confirmation process to have parents review and update their child's information online through the Aeries Parent Portal (<https://parentport.luesd.k12.ca.us>). During the month of July, new families to the district will be sent an automated email message with instructions on how to access their Aeries Parent Portal account that will give access to their child's information. Returning families will continue using the account information previously established. Parents will be able to update contact information including their home phone numbers, emergency contacts and other student information as well as download and certify the receipt of important school information such as the school's handbook.

In addition, the district will not collect a separate EZMEALAPP lunch application for 2021/2022 but will instead collect this information through the data confirmation process. Once you receive the instructions in the mail, do not delay in verifying your child's information. If you have had a recent move or expect to move over the summer, you will be required to submit proof of your new address (e.g. utility bill or rental agreement) to your child's school to update your mailing address in order to prevent any delays in receiving this important information. You can submit proof of address to the school's registrar, via email, using the email account that pertains to your child's school (see below). If you have multiple children attending multiple schools in the district, please submit proof of address to each school that applies.

Cinnamon Elementary: ceregistrar@myluesd.net
Engvall Elementary: eeregistrar@myluesd.net
Freedom Elementary: feregistrar@myluesd.net
Lemoore Elementary: leregistrar@myluesd.net
Liberty Middle School: lmsregistrar@myluesd.net
Meadow Lane Elementary: mlregistrar@myluesd.net
University Charter School: ucsregistrar@myluesd.net

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ENGVALL ROADRUNNERS Reading Rally



A rally was held to celebrate ALL Engvall students' accomplishments in reading! Each grade level has shown amazing growth in their Instructional Reading Level on the STAR reading assessment. Students participated in the scarf relay game, free throw relay, cart race game, and ping-pong ball race.

Each class earned extra rally points for cheering the loudest during each game. We celebrated each students' accomplishments and shared the importance of keep motivated to continue to read throughout the third trimester.



Roadrunner STRONG Day

Engvall's final Roadrunner STRONG day was held on Friday, May, 28th. Roadrunner STRONG day celebrates students who have a clean discipline record for the entire month of May. Students have participated in a variety of activities from outside games and challenges to digging up fossils and other science activities. This was a day to celebrate fantastic student behavior!



CAASP Testing

All 3rd through 6th grade students have been focusing on CAASPP testing for the past 3 weeks. They have worked diligently on reading each passage, answering all questions and doing their very best to showcase their learning. They have also had to write several constructed response answers and essays. We are very proud of all of our students for completing this assessment and staying focused throughout the days of testing.



LEMOORE LIONS



Distance Learning

Lemoore Elementary currently has 6 Distance Learning Classrooms with 152 learners in grades TK - 6th grade. The 5th & 6th grade learners have recently completed state testing while our 1st and 2nd grade students are continuing to focus on mastering their math and reading standards.

Mrs. Claycomb (kinder) and Mrs. Tangeman (TK/K) have a Reading & Math Olympics event underway. The Reading Olympics are a way to encourage reading at home for our distance learning students in Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten. This year a Math Olympics was added to encourage students to keep up on their foundational math skills.

A gold medal in reading is earned when a student reads 100 books on EPIC, demonstrates knowledge of all alphabet letters (both upper and lower case), and knows all letter sounds. In math, a student would need to be able to count to 100 by ones and tens, add and subtract within 10, and write their numbers from 0-20. In order to earn a silver medal, students would meet two out of the three areas and a bronze medal winner would complete one of the three areas. At the end of April, our TK and K distance learners had already read over 5,000 books!



VIP Table

The Lemoore Elementary ROAR store has been up and running weekly. The students can buy items from the store or they can purchase an experience for themselves. The most purchased experience is the VIP table. This allows a group of up to 4 students to reserve their own table and have real plates and napkins, as well as their own shade. On hot or windy days, students can choose to sit inside the library and enjoy music while eating their lunch.



SCIENCE

During our spring months, classrooms have focused their learning on science. The 4th grade students have been learning about solar energy and creating solar ovens. Students bring in items from home and design their own solar ovens. Students tested out their designs by cooking s'mores.

Kindergarten students focused on life sciences. They planted flowers and studied the life cycle of a butterfly. Our 3rd grade students and DL kindergartner's weekly STEM projects incorporated reading & math with an engineering project.



Celebrating Success

As the school year is beginning to wind down, students are striving to accomplish their end-of-year goals. Lemoore Elementary students have been dedicated all year on creating and achieving their goals. Now is the time students are getting to celebrate all of their hard work and accomplishments. We have been celebrating the attainment of student goals all year and have planned our year-end rally celebrations to be held on June 2nd and 3rd!

WAY TO GO LIONS!!



UNIVERSITY CHARTER HAWKS

Egg Hunt 2021

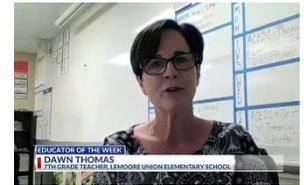
This year UCS held its first ever Egg Hunt. Thanks to our partnership with West Hill College Lemoore we were able to have a whole school event and maintain social distancing. Our student council advisor, Mrs. Rhoads, planned and supervised the members stuffing each one of the over one-thousand five hundred eggs with delicious goodies. Each grade level cohort was assigned a separate field to line up on and await the count down. At the horn sound the participating students raced up and down the field filling up their bag or basket with the filled, plastic eggs. Two lucky students in each grade found a silver or gold egg which awarded them a special treat. In the end, fun was had by all and everyone left for the spring break with smiling faces. We hope to make this an annual event.



KSEE 24 - Educator of the Week

It is our pleasure to recognize, once again, Mrs. Thomas as the LUESD Teacher of the Year. In addition to the accolades bestowed upon her by our district and the Kings County Office of Education, Fresno-based news station KSEE 24 aired a segment of her as an Educator of the Week. We congratulate Mrs. Thomas for her accomplishments and invite you to watch her segment by following the link below.

<https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/community/eotw/educator-of-the-week-mrs-thomas-from-lemoore-union-elementary/>



Industrial Age

8th graders have been learning about the rise of industrialism and the effects it had on America. Students are creating a replica of an invention that impacted Americans. Some of these included a sewing machine, typewriter, telephone, bicycle, Ferris wheel and a gyroscope.



OPEN HOUSE

UCS held a virtual Open House this year. Watch us online using the link below. This video will highlight each grade level and provide a glimpse into the 2020/2021 school year. Visit our YouTube Channel to select the grade to watch or visit this link below to watch the extended version which includes all grades. Also, please visit our [Online Guest Book](#) and leave us a comment. Thank you.

<https://youtu.be/cVLxz8r2wbU>

Happy Retirement!



UCS and the district wishes to congratulate Mr. Camarena on his retirement and his 29 years of service to the Lemoore Union Elementary School District. This is his 32nd year as an educator. He began his career in 1989 as a substitute teacher in Riverside County. His first full-time teaching job was as a seventh grade science teacher at Mission Middle School for the Jurupa School District. In 1992 he began teaching 6th through 8th grade science at P.W. Engvall Middle School. Later, when Liberty Middle School opened, he was transferred and taught 7th grade science as well as math and technology. In 2000, he was offered the position of Assistant Principal for Engvall Elementary. In 2003, he helped to oversee and open up a brand new school, University Charter School, where he has remained as its only administrator until 2021. He would like to thank the community of Lemoore and the students and staff of UCS for believing in him and trusting his leadership. He looks forward to the next phase of his life and wants you to help him in welcoming our new Charter School Dean, Mr. Michael "Micky" Yocum, Jr. As always, he ends by saying, "UCS Rocks and Go Hawks!"

MEADOW LANE MUSTANGS

If there was ever a time or a year to celebrate, this is it.

First of all, many, many thanks are due to the students, parents, and staff at Meadow Lane Elementary School for making this strange, unusual, hopefully never-to-be-repeated year as remarkably successful as it has been. Our students have worked all year long to be able to demonstrate proficiency on grade-level standards, and most of them have achieved that. Even after state testing concluded, grade levels were busy providing students with ample opportunities to demonstrate what they knew on the guaranteed standards. The work continued right up to the very end.

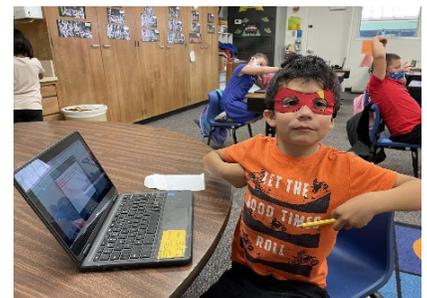
Parents, you have been extremely supportive of our school and your generosity and kindness are admirable; they are also greatly appreciated. At the end of last year and the beginning of this year, you were often thrust into the role of teacher and that was not easy. But just like our students and our staff, you learned new things and helped your children through. Again, thank you for that.

Our staff, our teachers, our paraprofessionals, our support staff, everyone dug in and offered help and assistance. Not once was there ever a, "This is just too much to ask," attitude. Was it difficult? Yes. Were there challenges? Yes. Did we find a way and provide the best educational opportunities and learning environments we could? YES! YES! YES!

STAR Reading data from the most recent assessment shows that in first grade students in the grade level reading band increased by 36%, in second grade there was 5% increase. An 18% increase in third grade. Fourth grade experienced a 22% point increase, Fifth grade had a 17% increase and in sixth grade there was also a 22 percentage point increase in the number of students reading in their grade-level band.

In the final days of our school year, there will be trimester 3 academic recognition to celebrate our students' academic accomplishments. All presentations will be on Zoom. Check the Meadow Lane Bloomz page for a link to the presentations and times for each grade level. Finally, we have information about devices. Students in school will be leaving their devices at school over the summer for much needed cleaning and maintenance. Students on distance learning will be returning their devices to school beginning at 1:30 PM on Thursday, June 3.

It really has been a great school year and a lot of positive things have come about as a result of the pandemic and its impact on our educational system. It's an old saying that the cream always rises, and that has definitely been the case this year as Meadow Lane students, parents, and staff have risen to every challenging occasion. Thank you all. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing our students back again in August in the Mustang Nation. Yip, yip, yip...YEEHAW!



Ace Librarian, Mrs. Pasley organized a wildly successful book fair in May. Reading - it is kind of a superpower when you're a first grader!

Another big success this year has been the continued growth and development of the district elementary PE program. Our teachers, Mr. Nunez and Mrs. Wheatley, got kids parachuting for joy! Everybody loves lunch!



CINNAMON EAGLES

BOOK FAIR!



Cinnamon held its annual spring book fair May 3rd through May 14th both online and in-person. The Scooby-Doo themed book fair was a huge success and there was excitement all around! We went well over our goal of putting 1,000 books into our student's hands! Each grade level cohort had a designated time to shop the books. During the book fair, students in all grade levels were given the opportunity to enter three contests to win items from the book fair. In the first contest students had to guess how many Scooby snacks were in a jar. In the second contest students were given a page to color, and in the third contest students who created an eWallet online had their name put in a jar. All three contests had students from both lower and upper grades as winners. In addition, raffle tickets were given to students daily for SOARING on campus both in and out of the classroom. Each day, on morning announcements, five students were chosen and given an opportunity to choose a book from the book fair in Mrs. Streib's office. It was such a huge success that we are already looking forward to our Fall 2021 book fair in August!



Cinnamon students are SOARING in the cafeteria! To spotlight and celebrate SOAR expectations in the cafeteria, one student per grade level is chosen each day by the cafeteria staff. This student, the V.I.P., exemplifies the SOAR expectations in the cafeteria consistently. The V.I.P., in turn, may then choose no more than 3 students to sit with him/her at the V.I.P. table located on the stage. Students are treated to service from the staff and can enjoy their lunch eating with friends. Students love this opportunity and can't wait to show how well they can SOAR in the cafeteria!





FREEDOM JETS

As the 2020/2021 school year comes to a close, Freedom Elementary is gearing up for its grand opening in August. While our students are relaxing over the summer, the hum of work continues on 19th Avenue. Many important decisions have been made recently from staffing to classroom assignments to selecting a school mascot/logo and ordering materials, curriculum, and furniture for our students.

The new Freedom staff has been touring the campus over the past few weeks. We were thrilled to have most of our teaching staff out to the school site on May 7th. Each teacher was able to peek into their new classroom. It was so exciting to see the looks on their faces as we went from the kindergarten classrooms, through the administration building, to the multipurpose room/cafeteria, and on to the rest of the classroom wings. Freedom Elementary will staff employees who have worked at each one of our district school sites, bridging the gap between our schools as we welcome students from each campus.

In the coming weeks, we will see a complete library delivered straight to the shelves, furniture being moved into the buildings, curriculum coming from school sites and the district warehouse, as well as green grass starting to sprout throughout the grounds. We will continue to move forward with great anticipation as we approach the start of a new school year.

The Freedom Jets will start school on August 9th with a ribbon-cutting ceremony planned for the last week of July. On June 9th, the Freedom teaching staff will meet at UCS to start the process of narrowing down the guaranteed standards for each grade level. This task is the first step of many as we work together to meet the needs of EACH ONE of our future students.

I encourage you to take a drive down 19th Avenue if you haven't lately. Things have taken shape thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people. We are excited for the Jets to take flight in August.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Cassina

Freedom Elementary School Principal



**Freedom teaching staff
visiting a kindergarten
classroom**



**Miss Cruz in her new
classroom**



**Staff touring Freedom Elementary
School**

LIBERTY PATRIOTS

Baseball/Softball

We were so excited that our students received an opportunity to engage in some sports this school year. Many students were excited to try out for the chance to represent Liberty Middle School. Though there were new regulations for the audience and the team, all of our Patriots were able to enjoy a favorite pastime. Our patriots were committed to practice four days a week and even practiced during spring break. We are thankful for coaches Senior, Jessup, Keel and Ballor, who helped our students play ball in a safe environment, and we are even prouder of all the students' hard work and dedication. Go Patriots!



Open House

Liberty Middle School held their Open House on April 22. Students and families were able to see their teachers and staff in a more relaxed setting. A big shout-out is in order for our music department. Our talented percussion and ukulele students entertained our community and staff all night with their amazing performances. Though this year did not include our annual Spring Carnival, we were still very appreciative of all the families and students who were able to join us that evening.



End of the Year Awards

It seems like the year has gone by so quickly. Our Annual End of the Year awards ceremony was different from the previous year's, but it still was a chance to congratulate and highlight our Patriots and their amazing school year. Parents were asked to drive up, while students were able to get their picture taken with their awards and some of the staff that helped them get there. The smiles and pride the students exuded represented all the hard work and dedication these students went through this year. We are so proud and thankful for all the students, staff, and families that helped make this happen!



WE CONGRATULATE OUR DISTRICT RETIREES



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
June 1	LMS Promotion Ceremony
June 3	UCS Milestone Ceremony
August 9	First Day of School



DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 21 – July 16

Monday- Thursday 7:30-4:30PM & Friday 7:30-11:30AM

Closed July 5

Phone: (559) 924-6800 Fax (559) 924-6809

Located at 1200 W. Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA 93245

CAC AWARD

Mrs. Geldore is a truly excellent educator. She is dedicated to the success of her students. She ensures that all students and their families are provided with resources and strategies to ensure success. Mrs. Geldore has also been quite successful with exiting students from her special day classroom. She is able to do this by pushing her students as far as they can go. She ensures that her students are integrated into the general education class as much as possible and ensures that they have access to grade level curriculum. Besides being an amazing and compassionate teacher, Mrs. Geldore created the "Days of Thanks" at Meadow Lane. This is when she has her students run a booth on campus and during the month of November. Her students work with their general education peers writing down various themes of thankfulness. This is then presented to the school board. She ensures that all of her students are treated as equals to their typically developing peers. Mrs. Geldore truly embraces the LUESD motto of EACH ONE: Every staff, All students, Committed to, High Expectations, Oriented to results, No excuses, Excellence every day. I cannot think of a greater person than Mrs. Geldore for this great honor.





Lemoore Union Elementary School District (LUESD) welcomes and encourages parents, grandparents, guardians, as well as other patrons of this district to become involved in neighboring schools by volunteering their spare time or by serving as a chaperone for school field trips. Please contact your school directly and ask how you can volunteer or chaperone. There are many ways to get involved in the education of children.

All New and Returning Volunteers and Chaperones Required to Complete Online Application Using Raptor in 2021/2022

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer or chaperone for the 2021/2022 school year **must apply** through the Raptor system, even if you have already applied through the Raptor system from the previous year. In order to complete the entire application process, you must visit the school site where you wish to volunteer or chaperone to have your government-issued identification scanned. You will receive an email notification once you have been approved.

- The LUESD Volunteer/Chaperone Application takes approximately five minutes to complete. Volunteer and Chaperone applicants are required to have a personal email address in order to submit the application, which includes automated notification when the application is approved.
- Volunteers and Chaperones who do not have an email address may use the district's email address, or ask for assistance at the school office to complete the application.
- NOTE: Please be prepared to provide proof of Adult Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Documentation at the time of application submission, by uploading the following file types (PDF, JPG, PNG).

[LUESD Volunteer/Chaperone Application \(ENGLISH\)](#)

[LUESD Volunteer/Chaperone Application \(SPANISH\)](#)

What is a Volunteer vs a Chaperone?

- **Volunteers** are under the direct supervision of a certificated employee (e.g. volunteering in the classroom, helping with special programs). Volunteers **DO NOT require fingerprinting**.
- **Chaperones** are not supervised by a certificated employee (e.g. field trips). **Chaperones require fingerprinting**.

Clearance criteria for each is listed below (IN THIS ORDER):

VOLUNTEER	CHAPERONE
1. Complete Online Volunteer/Chaperone Application and Registered Sex Offender Check through the Raptor System 2. TB Risk Assessment/Clearance VOLUNTEERS DO NOT REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING	1. Complete Online Volunteer/Chaperone Application and Registered Sex Offender Check through the Raptor System 2. TB Risk Assessment/Clearance 3. Criminal Background Check/Fingerprint Clearance

In order to expedite the fingerprint clearance process, all new chaperones shall use the Live Scan Fingerprinting service available through the Kings County Office of Education, by **appointment only, on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You may contact the Kings County Office of Education at 584-1441 to schedule an appointment. The processing fee is \$61.00 payable in cash only. Please pay this fee when you are fingerprinted, and provide the school site with one copy of the Live Scan Request form, once fingerprints are completed.



LUESD ONLINE RESOURCES

	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
	2020-2021 School Calendar
	Standards
	Cinnamon Elementary Website Cinnamon Facebook
	Engvall Elementary Website Engvall Facebook
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