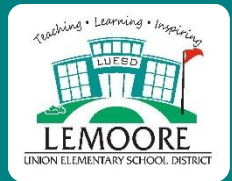


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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

Welcome back to our 2018/2019 school year! I am thrilled that we experienced a successful start at EACH ONE of our schools. I sincerely appreciate our LUESD staff and administrators who did a tremendous job behind the scenes to manage all the moving parts that exist in making a school year start successfully. Thank you to our LUESD team!

Our staff began the year with engaging professional development days and welcome back events. A wide range of professional learning sessions were offered to support further understanding in the areas of our academic work specific to literacy and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) along with English Language Learner supports. Our school site and department staff meetings along with our welcome back breakfast focused on building relationships and being a champion for ALL students! We will continue to ensure that every student will have an adult who knows them, knows their story, and will guide them to reach their fullest potential, student by student, skill by skill. I am proud to be a part of such a caring district and community!

Our vision is focused on *teaching, learning* and *inspiring* with a commitment to **E.A.C.H. O.N. E:**

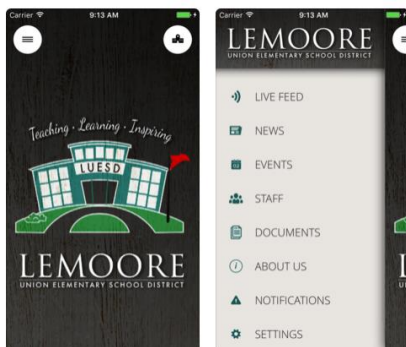
**Every student, All staff, Committed to, High expectations, Oriented to results, No excused, Excellence every day!**

With this vision in mind, we are excited to begin a new journey with our staff and students. Please take time to review our newsletter which captures the exciting things happening in our district. We also encourage our parents to be involved at our sites through volunteering in the classroom or supporting various activities planned this year. In addition, we hope you will download our LUESD App for your smart phone device. You can find the App in the App Store, just search for "LUESD." We have also upgraded our web site and have the capacity to increase our communication with our families via our live feed option along with our social media site and app access.

Thank you again for a solid start to our school year and wishing everyone an extraordinary 2018/19 school year!

All my Best,

*Cheryl Hunt*



GET THE "LUESD" App!



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## **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

### **To: Parents and Community Members,**

I would like to take this moment to welcome everyone back from summer vacation! As we begin to return to our regular school day routines, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of school attendance. Ensuring students are in their seats ready to learn on time every day is the first, most important step in setting them up for success. In order to learn, students must be present.

Research clearly shows a strong correlation between the amount of time children spend in the classroom and how able they are to acquire and develop important foundational skills in reading and mathematics that will continue with them throughout their time in school.

As school staff and family members, we need to work together to make school a priority where children are regularly attending so that they can succeed now and in the future. Attending school and having regular success opens up tremendous opportunities for students through and beyond high school, college and eventually their future career. At LUESD, we will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis to track attendance and provide assistance to address any barriers preventing your child from attending regularly.

We strive to establish strong partnerships between our schools and parents in order to maximize the learning opportunities available to students.

### **What You Can Do**

- Establish a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. The nursing services at the school may be able to help.
- If you suspect your child seems anxious about attending school, talk to their teacher or counselor to determine ways to make them feel comfortable and get them excited to learn.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school in case something unexpected arises. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Thank you,  
Ed Ochoa  
Assistant Superintendent



## **Tips to Promote Student Learning**

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. We need your help.

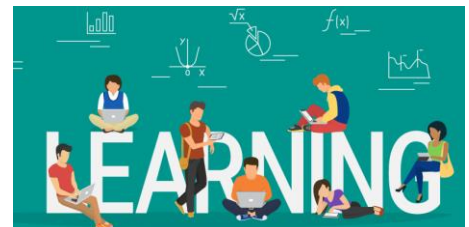
### **Some Attendance Tips to Promote Student Learning:**

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine so they are rested and alert when they get to school.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and pack backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day.

Sincerely,

LUESD Administration and Staff



# Message from the Board President



Tim Wahl, Clerk  
Trustee Area 4

*Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! We here at the district have worked especially hard to provide an amazing year of learning at your school site. The Board of Trustees looks forward to following our student's progress and achievements this year.*

*We are proud of the investments that have been made over the summer including asphalt work, playground equipment, new carpets, and new desks at various sites throughout the district. We also completed the installation of two new portable buildings at Meadow Lane Elementary School to support increased attendance needs. We are looking ahead to a bond measure in November. This will support our school facility needs as identified in our Facility Master Plan, which was completed last year. We look forward to sharing more information in the coming months regarding this measure and the needs of our district. We wish our students a successful 2018/19 school year!*

## Maintenance, Operations & Grounds – Lead the Way for School Year Preparation

We would like to thank our Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Grounds for the exceptional work conducted over the summer. We have shared a few pictures of the hard work that happened “behind the scenes.” Way to Go Staff!



Engvall Playground  
Equipment



Meadow Lane Portable  
Project



Liberty Middle School  
Gym Refinish





# District Welcomes New Staff



Back Row from Left to Right  
Anthony Patterson-Woods, Alex Senior, Sarah Lackey, Macario Gonzalez, Sara Nichols, Melissa Tracy, Katie Sippel, Sunni Wheatley, Maggie Murray, Linda Holland, Kristopher Carrillo and Lance Poitras

Front Row from Left to Right  
Antonia Llamas, Jenna Lemos, Krystal Ibanez, Jeanette Clodfelter (School Nurse), Heidi Robinson, Roselle Abad, Mylene Farmer, Caitlyn Cardoza, Denise Westlund, Melissa Van Matre and Stone Velo

Not Pictured:  
Evelyn Kain

# District-Wide Welcome Back Breakfast



**E.A.C.H. O.N.E.**

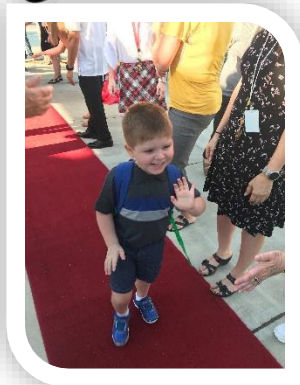
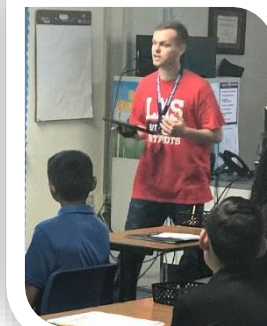


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# First DAY OF School



## The Importance of Literacy

Literacy is vital to developing a strong sense of well-being. Children who develop strong reading skills tend to perform better in school across all content areas and have a healthier and more positive self-image. They develop the skills necessary to become life-long learners with the ability to research and solve complex problems. LUESD emphasizes reading throughout the day and every day. As partners in your child's education, we would like your help in continuing to support this important work when children are at home in order to foster a lifelong love of reading.

### **Some Tips to Promote Literacy at Home:**

- Limit television and computer time in favor of reading time.
- Read with your children. This teaches them that reading is important and it can open the lines of communication on many topics.
- Emphasize reading with all family members. A child will value reading when they see their role models reading.
- Join your local library. Find library books about topics that interest your child and then read them together.

Learning to read takes ALL of us working together. Reading aloud to children at an early age is the most effective way to help them expand their vocabulary and recognize written words. Reading also stimulates a child's imagination and expands his or her understanding of the world. Our goal is to continue working together to provide the encouragement and support throughout the day to promote a love of reading and have all of our students reading at grade level by the end of the school year.

## BOND PROCESS UPDATE

Lemoore Union Elementary District Board of Trustees has been engaged in discussions regarding a potential bond measure for the November 2018 ballot. After careful consideration of a variety of research, community survey, and feedback from input-gathering sessions with staff and the community, the Board took action on the decision of a bond at their regular Board meeting on July 17, 2018.



We will be sharing with you the progress of the bond in the next few months of newsletters, as well as post Bond Process Updates on our Web Page. We will include updates for you to learn more information related to the steps of the bond process.

**Survey Results** – Isom Advisors conducted a live telephone survey with the Lemoore community, as requested by the District at the May 8, 2018 Board meeting. This was requested so that the Board and District leadership could receive input from voters related to their support of the districts need to address several facilities needs as identified as part of the Facilities Master Plan completed during the 2017/18 School year. The Board received the detailed findings of the General Obligation Bond Survey at the Board meeting on June 19, 2018. Responses received from those that participated in the survey, assisted the Board in identifying positive support for a school bond being placed on the November 2018 ballot.

**Bond Measure Approved** - During the first 2018/2019 regular monthly Board meeting for the Board of Trustees, on July 17, 2018, the Board unanimously (5-0) voted to approve a bond measure for the Lemoore Union Elementary School District to be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The elections office has accepted our bond submission and we have been assigned Measure D for the 2018 election ballot.

**Campaign Committee** - A campaign committee has been organized to assist the District with communication and information-sharing related to the upcoming bond measure D.

**About the Bond** - The Board has discussed facilities needs and anticipated enrollment growth in a series of community forums and Board workshops. Those conversations, in addition to the priorities of Lemoore residents that participated in the telephone poll surveys, have assisted the Board and District staff to establish the areas of focus that bond-funded projects would include:

- Construct a new elementary school to reduce student overcrowding
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, and lighting systems to be more energy efficient
- Renovate, repair, the interior and/or exterior of existing outdated classrooms, restrooms, library/media centers and school facilities

As part of the plan to meet the capacity needs of our growing school populations, the District will take these innovative, bold steps to support staff and students at all learning levels.

The District will continue to share information about the bond measure as it comes available. We will utilize our website page titled *Bond Development Process* in order for our staff and families to learn the latest!

## Visit the LUESD Bond Development Process web page to learn more!



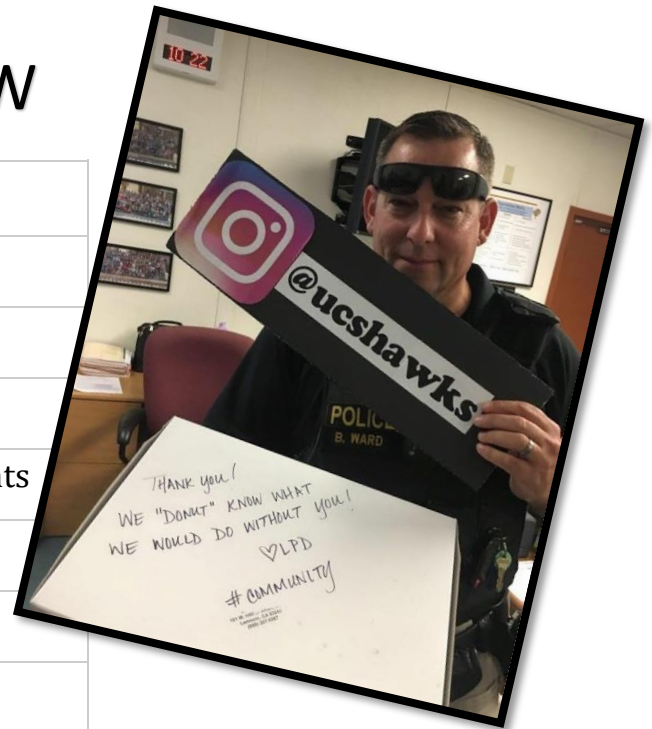


# We Appreciate our Support Staff



## IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Date	Event
9/3	Labor Day
10/8	Columbus Day - No School
10/2-10/5	Parent Teacher Conference
10/29	Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
11/2	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
11/12	Veteran's Day – No School
11/19-11/23	Thanksgiving Break
12/17-1/4	Winter Break

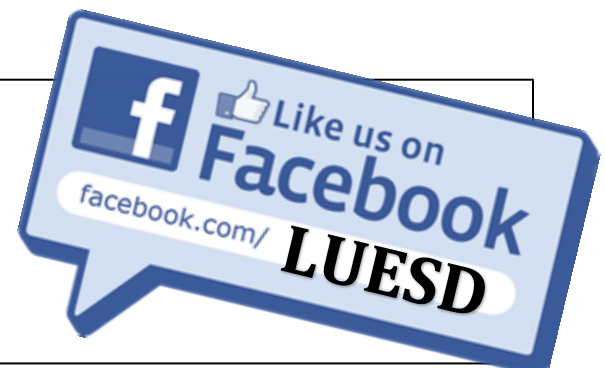


## DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION

Open Monday through Friday 7:30AM – 4:30PM (expect major holidays)

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

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





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 2018-19

Beginning July 1, 2018, anyone interested in serving as a volunteer or chaperone for the 2018-2019 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.

[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:

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

LiveScan Fingerprinting appointments will be scheduled through the Human Resources Department, once Chaperones have completed the online application. *Cost for fingerprinting is at the expense of the chaperone, and is currently \$87.00. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, credit card, Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable to Hanford Mobile Live Scan.* Returning Chaperones who have a fingerprint clearance on file with the district are not required to be fingerprinted again. A fingerprint clearance shall remain valid as long as the parent/guardian has children who remain continuously enrolled in the district. Any break in enrollment may cause the fingerprint clearance to be nullified.



## ONLINE RESOURCES

	<a href="#">Lemoore Union Elementary District Website</a> <a href="#">LUESD District Facebook</a>
	<a href="#">2018/2019 School Calendar</a>
	<a href="#">Standards</a>
	<a href="#">Cinnamon Elementary Website</a> <a href="#">Cinnamon Facebook</a>
	<a href="#">Engvall Elementary Website</a> <a href="#">Engvall Facebook</a>
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	<a href="#">University Charter School Website</a> <a href="#">University Charter Facebook</a>