

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

This newsletter comes to you as we are concluding our first trimester and celebrating the wonderful fall weather as well as preparing for the upcoming holiday season! We are proud of the progress our students are making and as a team we are continuing our progress monitoring efforts to ensure we are supporting EACH ONE of our students' continuous growth during this school year. As we experience our weather changes please be aware of potential foggy day conditions. Foggy day information will be posted on our website as well as on Channel 18. Additional information is contained within this newsletter.

As you are aware our Lemoore Elementary School District Board of Trustee's took action in July to move forward with a General Obligation Bond on the November 2018 ballot. Measure D information has been sent home via letters home and posted on our district website. Hopefully, you have seen the conceptual school designs posted at our sites as well as the rendering of our proposed new elementary school to be located on the corner of Cinnamon and 19<sup>th</sup>. Measure D will provide the funds needed to make critical facility improvements within our district as follows:

- Construct a new elementary school to reduce overcrowding
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, and lighting systems to be more energy efficient
- Make health, safety and handicap accessibility improvements
- Renovate/repair the interior and/or exterior of existing outdated classrooms, restrooms, library/media centers and school facilities
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms
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We look forward to Election Day and will have more information to share following November 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are thankful for our community that supports and believes in our schools along with our staff who are dedicated to serving our 3,320 students. I hope to see you at many of the wonderful events planned in the coming weeks along with our music and choir performances scheduled during the first weeks of December. I also want to encourage our families to provide our students with the best gift of all, the love of reading. Make sure our students are spending time over the Thanksgiving holiday and winter break exploring and reading books! I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy holiday season!

*Cheryl Hunt*



EVERY STUDENT  
ALL STAFF  
COMMITTED TO  
HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
ORIENTED TO RESULTS  
NO EXCUSES  
EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

# LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Flag Football Champions

Congratulations to our Liberty Middle School Flag Football team. Coach Gamboa, led our students earning the SAL Tournament championship against Kings River Hardwick, 42 to 6. This victory helped finish their already impressive undefeated football season. It was amazing to see their teamwork and the community support all season long. We are so proud of their hard work and for representing Liberty with PRIDE.



**Trick or Treat Night** On Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Middle school held it's second Trick or Treat night with the Lemoore community. With the help of Meadow Lane Elementary, our Lemoore families were treated to creative trick or treat stations, haunted classrooms, Halloween games, as well as delicious food and drinks from our local vendors. Thank you to our staff and ASB, for their participation and dedication to our community event. We were so excited about the turnout and look forward to planning it again for our next school year.



## Attendance Matters

Dear Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season (Thanksgiving/Winter Break), we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate EACH ONE of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the holiday season. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on **November 19-23 for Thanksgiving break and December 17-January 4 for our winter break.**

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off before or after these vacation periods. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. Thank you for promoting positive attendance with your children.





# MEADOW LANE ELEMENTARY

## Sixteen Days of Gratitude

Trimester one is coming to an end and we have much to be thankful for. We are thankful for the hard work and effort our students have put into their learning since the first day of school back in August. We are grateful for all the parent volunteers at our book fair, the Mustang Nation Foundation fundraiser, and field trips that have happened in Kindergarten and first grade. We are grateful for the hard work our staff has put in to clarifying what students are expected to learn, designing lessons that meet student needs, reviewing assessment results, and making instructional decisions that benefit and promote learning.

This all leads in perfectly into Thanksgiving and the third annual 16 Days of Gratitude at Meadow Lane. This program began two years ago and students were asked to write about those things that they were grateful for and why. They wrote about sights, smells, books, and people. The things students wrote were really impressive. We expect again to be amazed by our students, the good work they do, and the beautiful hearts they possess. And with that, one last bit of gratitude to all parents and guardians doing all you can to send students to school each day ready to learn.

School-wide attendance has also been a strong point this year at Meadow Lane. The number of students with chronic levels of absenteeism is smaller and the overall attendance has been up school-wide. As the cold and flu season approaches, remember that we have a school nurse on staff and if you are unsure whether to send a child to school, bring them and have the nurse give them a quick check-up. Once again, thank you for sending your children in record levels.

## Upcoming events

Trimester one ended on November 2 and report cards will be going home the week of November 13. There will be parent teacher conferences for students who are at risk of not meeting grade level proficiency on guaranteed standards. If you have questions about your child's progress you may always call the office and make arrangements to conference with your child's teacher. The first trimester awards assemblies will be on November 14, 15 and 16.

## Since August...

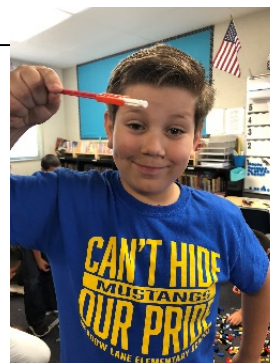
In the 60 days since school began, we have recognized over 60 students as Students of the Month. We are happy to have this event back on the Meadow Lane calendar. Many students have also received class and school recognition for perfect attendance and demonstrating their learning. The Meadow Lane staff is also working and learning to provide students with specific feedback and praise for demonstrating the kind of learning behaviors that promote academic achievement.

Our football and volleyball teams have surpassed the halfway point in their season and while the football team is looking for the elusive first win, the volleyball team is unbeaten.

The GATE students have been having regular meetings and two of our paraprofessionals have started up the Art Club again, providing students with an outlet for their creative abilities.

We've had a family literacy night, a mobile dairy, and emergency vehicles on campus. Our district maintenance department has installed a new electronic marquee in front of our school.

EACH ONE of our students is important, valuable, and worth all our effort. The Meadow Lane staff is doing the right work to move our students FORWARD. We are proud of the progress our students have made so far this year and we look forward to seeing what progress they can make as the year continues to unfold.



# UNIVERSITY CHARTER

We are well into the year now and your child should be well versed in using their iPad both at school and home. Students were given instruction in the classroom on the expected handling of iPads and the rules which apply to their use. Parents are asked to take an active role in monitoring the use of iPads at home. We have found that this technology is a helpful tool when used appropriately. A copy of the rules is available in our office and website. Here are some helpful guidelines for parents to know:

- Charge iPad nightly and keep in a public place other than the child's bedroom if possible.
- Check student screens often to ensure students are using iPads for educational or research directly related to assignments.
- As much as possible have students complete work on iPads in a public place like the living room or kitchen table.
- Student should only be using iPads for education or research related assignments.

**Parking Patrol** - Pick-up and parking at UCS can sometimes be very congested. As we prepare for wet weather some areas currently used for parking will become too muddy for vehicles. We are looking to form a committee of volunteers to help patrol the parking area and help keep it safe. If you interested and can volunteer your time at least once a week please call Mr. Camarena at 924-6890 for more information. With your help we can continue to provide a safe and positive school environment.

**Turkey Trot** - We are having our first fun walk/run for UCS. This event is sponsored by our Dude.BeNice club and is open to all students. The fun walk/run will take place November 16th from 8:15 to 10:00 AM. This fun walk/run promotes healthy and active lifestyles, builds school spirit and pride, instills a sense of accomplishment, and creates a fun and memorable way for our students to participate in supporting their education. We invite you to come join us to help, cheer, or walk/run with your student. Please sign up at: <http://signup.com/go/PQAmkEG>  
On day of event bring identification and sign in at UCS office to receive your visitor badge.  
Any questions call 924-6890.



## Literacy Matters

Over the upcoming school holiday breaks, students will have opportunities to participate in exciting family experiences that include reading! Reading with our children can be a fun, rich experience for every member of the family and will also help set our students up for success. Whether older children read books of interest to others or younger children interact with books through adults, the next several weeks can be a great time for students to build on their love of reading with their family.

Reading, for most children, is already a pleasant and exciting experience. As students practice reading, they become interested in and motivated to learn more. The more that adults and older siblings can read aloud to children, the more their vocabulary develops and background knowledge will grow which leads to a greater understanding of the world around them. Reading aloud provides opportunities for parents and other family members to become role models for reading and share their excitement about stories, poetry or articles children might not discover on their own.

Please set aside some quiet time every day for a read-aloud with the family. During your read-aloud, consider the following:

- Talk about the story before, during and after a read-aloud session. Making connections between the story and the child's life helps to cement their understanding of ideas.
- Use information within the text to answer children's questions.
- Talk about illustrations and invite children to describe what they see and how the information connects with the story.
- Pause to ask questions: "Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? Why did she do that?"
- Bring the story to life! Encourage your child to draw, paint or pretend to be one of the characters.

Your family's encouragement of reading will not only stress the importance of this lifelong skill but will create wonderful lasting memories with the family and possibly, a new family tradition!

# ENGVALL ELEMENTARY



## Red Ribbon Week

Engvall celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a schoolwide assembly during our Monday Flag Ceremony. We had three guest speakers, Lieutenant Commander Lori Folberg, LPD Officer Ward, and LPD Officer McPherson. They all spoke about the importance of being drug free and the positive things that can happen in your life when you remain focused. Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department also joined our ceremony and brought a large flag to display for our flag salute. We concluded our ceremony by taking a schoolwide photograph with the guest speakers, LVFD, Engvall staff and students.



## Engvall Inspirational Rock Garden

Engvall has started an Inspirational Rock Club. Mrs. Garrett leads the club and she meets with students every Tuesday and Thursday until Winter Vacation. The focus of this group is to inspire all students to stay positive. Students have made rocks that have positive comments and pictures on them. To begin the Inspirational Rock Club Mrs. Garrett started with looking at examples of rocks that students thought would inspire others. Rocks will be displayed in a flower bed at the front of Engvall.

## Focus on Writing in all subjects

A focus this year at Engvall is for students to take their Academic Conversations into writing. At the conclusion of lessons students are writing short answers to questions posed by teachers. These questions are in math, English, reading, science, and history. In kindergarten, students may write a word or two and add a picture to their paper to share their answers. The expectation is that students will become confident in putting their thinking into writing.

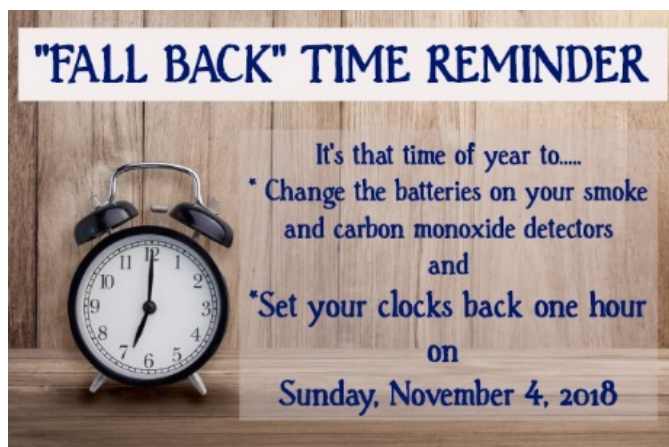


Students are gearing up to complete their Accelerated Reader goal for Trimester 1. Many students have met or exceeded their goals while others are finishing up reading their last book of the trimester. At the end of the trimester, which is November 2, student council will play games for the Accelerated Reader rally to celebrate all students success' in reading.

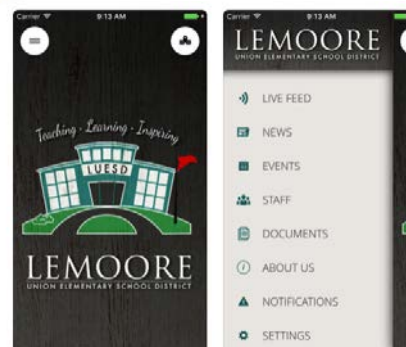


## Engvall Volleyball and Football

Engvall has had an exciting football and volleyball season. Both teams are doing well. Teams are practicing twice a week with games on Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm. The football team is coached Mr. Botelho and Mr. Ramirez and has 21 players. The volleyball team is coached by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Morshead and has 14 players.



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# CINNAMON ELEMENTARY

Ms. Kosorek has started the after school gardening club for our students. She meets twice a week with students on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students are learning how to plant and care for a garden as well as healthy eating. We look forward to sampling from the Cinnamon Garden!



Our football and volleyball season is off to a great start! Students have been learning the fundamentals of both sports under the tutelage of Coach Brandon and Coach Brittney. This year, our PTC provided students with new sports uniforms. Cinnamon Eagles are looking sharp!



Ten staff members have been attending training at the Kings County Office of Education, Lemoore complex to gain professional development in positive classroom discipline. Teachers committed to 5 evening sessions to further their knowledge in this subject. As educators, we are always learning and improving our craft.



## student COUNCIL

This past September our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students participated in our annual student council elections. Our students did a terrific job giving their speech to the student body and practicing their public speaking skills. We were impressed by all the candidates. This year's student council officers are: Megan Sinaga (President), MacKenzie Brown (Vice President), Kimora Gardner (Sergeant-At-Arms), Devin Alexander (Treasurer), Olivia Snell (Secretary), and Mariah Ramirez (Publicity Director).



# LEMOORE ELEMENTARY

## Red Ribbon Week

Lemoore Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week with some fun activities. Students wore red, mixed up their clothes, and wore bright colors all in an effort to increase student awareness of saying NO to Drugs. We also had a visit from the Lemoore Emergency services and the K-9 unit of the Lemoore Police Department. Students also received stickers, bookmarks and participated in a coloring contest. Teachers also got into the act with a chip and dip competition.



## Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is in full swing. Students are meeting with their Bigs every Thursday. A big thank you to Tachi Palace, Mayor Ray Madrigal, LHS and the Lemoore community for giving the students at Lemoore Elementary the opportunity to be part of such an awesome program.



## Latino Literacy Night

The Latino Literacy Nights have started again. The group is open to any family and involves literacy activities, which provide literacy skill-building opportunities for young children, while enhancing literacy skill development of all members in the family. The primary activity associated with literacy is reading; however, there are many other ways that families can carry out literacy activities at home, such as poetry, songs, and using picture books. However, one of the most effective ways to promote family literacy in the home is storytelling." <https://www.lecturebooks.com/books-and-storytelling-talking-family-literacy/>

Latino Literacy group meets every Thursday from 6:00pm - 7:30pm from October 18th to November 15th. For more information please contact Dr. Solian at 924-6820.

## Dictionaries from Rotary

A big thank you to Lemoore Rotary for providing dictionaries to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Lemoore Elementary. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Ochoa delivered the dictionaries and the students were excited; they were especially excited about the reference section in the back of the dictionaries that gave information about the states, the presidents, and showed how to form the alphabet in sign language.





# STAFF DEVELOPMENT

LUESD teachers and paraprofessionals participated in district-wide professional development on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The areas of learning included training on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), English Language Development (ELD), Close Reading, Reading Comprehension, Goal Setting and professional development for elementary PE teachers. The staff did a wonderful job of leaning in and engaging in the interactive training! The focus on literacy, ELD, refining learning targets and implementation of the NGSS will continue throughout the year. The staff is to be commended for their hard work, positive attitude and commitment to their own learning in order to support EACH ONE of our students!



The Foggy Day Schedule is called on a daily basis. The foggy day schedule is broadcast beginning at 6:15AM at the following locations:

## Online:

<http://www.valleypbs.org/fog/>

## Television Stations:

KVPT - Channel 18

KSEE - Channel 24

## Radio Station:

KMJ 580AM

The announcement will be for students in the Lemoore Area Schools including Lemoore Elementary, Meadow Lane Elementary, Engvall Elementary, Cinnamon Elementary and Liberty Middle School.

You may also call the Lemoore Areas School Transportation Office at 924-6640 x 1 for foggy day information.

The primary goal is to transport your child(ren) in a safe manner at all times.

## Plan A

Class times are 9:45a.m. -3:36p.m.

## Plan B

Buses to school are cancelled, but will transport students home. Although buses are canceled, classes will begin at the times listed above in Plan A.



## REMEMBER:

There is no supervision on campus before 9:15a.m. on foggy days.







You are invited to share coffee and conversation with  
**LUESD Superintendent Cheryl Hunt.**  
 This is an open opportunity for parents to meet informally to share ideas to support academic success for all students and discuss the latest topics and goals impacting **LUESD** and public education.  
 All parents are welcome to attend.  
 Hope to see you there!

### **SCHEDULE**

**8:00-9:00AM**

JAN 9 — LEMOORE ROOM 4L

JAN 16— CINNAMON LIBRARY

JAN 23— MEADOW LANE ROOM #37

JAN 25— ENGVALL ROOM #2

JAN 28— LIBERTY MEDIA CENTER

FEB 6— 8:30-9:30 UNIVERSITY CHARTER MULTI PURPOSE ROOM



11/2	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
11/12	Veterans Day – No School
11/19-11/23	Thanksgiving Break
12/4	LE and CE Winter Concert – LMS Gym
12/5	District Choir Concert – LMS Cafeteria
12/6	EE and ML Winter Concert – LMS Gym
12/12	LMS Winter Concert – LMS Gym
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



## All New and Returning Volunteers and Chaperones Required to Complete Online Application Using Raptor in 2018/2019

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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete Online Volunteer/Chaperone Application and Registered Sex Offender Check through the Raptor System</li> <li>2. TB Risk Assessment/Clearance <b>VOLUNTEERS DO NOT REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete Online Volunteer/Chaperone Application and Registered Sex Offender Check through the Raptor System</li> <li>2. TB Risk Assessment/Clearance</li> <li>3. Criminal Background Check/Fingerprint Clearance</li> </ol>

LiveScan Fingerprinting Process: Once Chaperones have completed the online application and been cleared including TB clearance they must contact the school site to receive the LiveScan Fingerprint Request Form. Upon receiving the LiveScan Request form the Chaperone will need to call and schedule an appointment with the Kings County Office of Education at (559) 584-1441. *Cost for fingerprinting is at the expense of the chaperone, and is currently \$61.00. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable to Kings County Office of Education.* 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

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