

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

I hope this edition of the district newsletter finds you well! It is amazing how fast our year is progressing as we welcome 2019! We are excited regarding the new possibilities that the New Year will bring to our students, staff and families.

As a district we have moved an incredible amount of work. First and foremost I want to celebrate and thank all of our staff, students, community residents, and local businesses for their support and commitment of effort that was put forth to help Lemoore Union Elementary School District pass the Measure D bond on November 6th. We are so grateful to the Bond Campaign Committee and all of the volunteers that served in so many ways. The Lemoore Union Elementary School District and Board of Trustees are excited for the future of the District and the opportunities that our students will enjoy thanks to your investment.

As we take the next step in meeting our District needs, due to our growing community, we have a lot of planning and preparing taking place. The District's bond projects will be led by expert consultants who are familiar with the process of planning and executing school bond projects along with our team members within the District. Currently, we are seeking qualified members of our community to serve on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Additional information regarding the membership and application process can be found on page 11 of our newsletter. I hope you will consider being a member of this important committee.

Again, thank you for your support and for joining us in looking forward to the future. Our goal is to provide the best quality education for our students and this can be achieved by EACH ONE of us doing our part to create new possibilities. Thank you and wishing you all the best in the New Year!



Cheryl Hunt

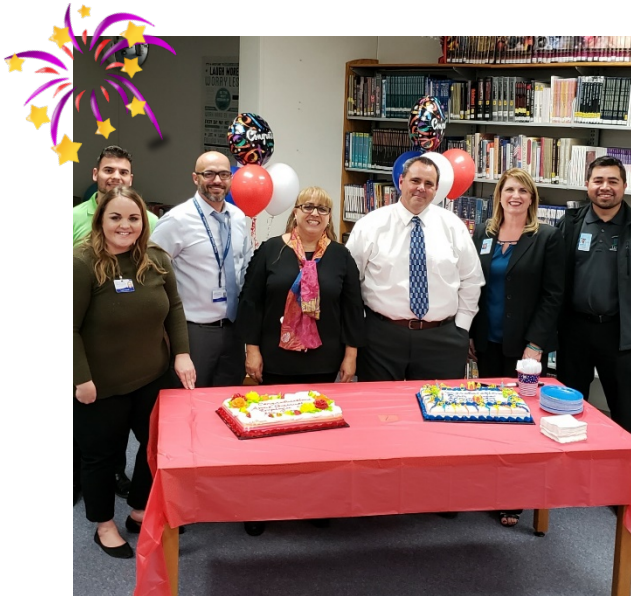


EVERY STUDENT
ALL STAFF
COMMITTED TO
HIGH EXPECTATIONS
ORIENTED TO RESULTS
NO EXCUSES
EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

2019 Excellence in Education Awards

We are pleased to announce our Lemoore Union Elementary School District Employees of the Year! **Theresa Soto**, First Grade Teacher Cinnamon Elementary School- Teacher of the Year! **Anna Covarrubias**, Para-Professional Liberty Middle School- Employee of the Year! In addition, **Ben Luis**, Principal at Liberty Middle School is our Administrator of the Year!

We congratulate EACH ONE of our outstanding employees. We are thrilled that they are being recognized for their commitment and service to the students and families we serve in our district! We also look forward to honoring them at the 2019 Excellence in Education Awards as part of the Kings County Office of Education and Educational Employees Credit Union event. The event will be held on April 2nd at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. We appreciate our staff and the difference they make each and every day! WAY TO GO!



2019 Excellence in Education Awards

Please join us on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Hanford Civic Center to honor the following nominees

Administrator/Manager of the Year

- LaVonne Chastain, Education Learning Coordinator – Kings County Office of Education
- Edwin Larkin, Learning Director – Corcoran High School, Corcoran Unified School District
- Ben Luis, Principal – Liberty Middle School, Lemoore Union Elementary School District
- Richard Rose, MOT Director – Pioneer Union Elementary School District

Teacher of the Year

- Sheryl McCarty, Math Teacher – Pioneer Middle School, Pioneer Union Elementary School District
- Isaias Ramirez, Physical Education Teacher – Corcoran High School, Corcoran Unified School District
- Theresa Soto, First Grade Teacher – Cinnamon Elementary School, Lemoore Union Elementary School District
- Anne Strong, Leadership Teacher – Lemoore High School, Lemoore Union High School District

Employee of the Year

- Jose Autuna, Maintenance Custodian – Lemoore Service Center, Kings County Office of Education
- Esmeralda Barajas, Registrar – Corcoran High School, Corcoran Unified School District
- Anna Covarrubias, Special Education Paraprofessional – Liberty Middle School, Lemoore Union Elementary School District
- Rosemarie Lopes-Horn, Alt. Education Administrative Assistant, Hanford Adult School, Hanford Joint Union High School District
- Rosa Mendez, Secretary – Pioneer Middle School, Pioneer Union Elementary School District
- Catherine Zaharris, Library Technician – Lemoore High School, Lemoore Union High School District

*Finalists are written in blue font.

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You are a wonderful
part of our team!

#EACHONE

News from Meadow Lane Elementary



First Fruits of Mustang Labor

Students in grades 3-6 have completed their trimester two benchmark assessments. They are taking tests from the Smarter Balanced Consortium, the same company that creates the CAASPP that our students will take in May. The students took their first benchmark in October and the results from this assessment are being compared to our January results. We are thrilled with the early results. We are very proud of the hard work Meadow Lane students and staff have been putting in to academic achievement.

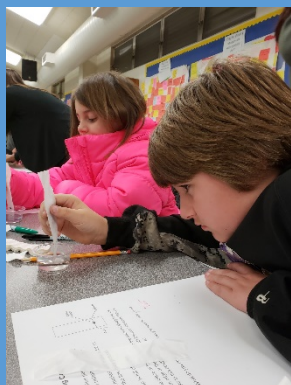


Four Meadow Lane Mustangs will be representing LUESD at the Kings County Spelling Bee next month in Hanford. Alexa Ong (first place) and Sireena Saiz (second place) will represent first grade. Gabriel DeSouza (second place) will represent third grade, and Seth Owens (first place) will represent sixth grade.



Soccer

Soccer practice is kicking into high gear and games are on the calendar beginning January 31 at home against Lemoore Elementary. All games are scheduled for Thursday afternoons from 3-4pm. Also, our parent club, The Mustang Nation Foundation, meets again on Wednesday, February 13 at 5pm in room 37. The parent club meetings are always open to any parents or family members of Meadow Lane students.



Zac Brown is absorbed in a science experiment.

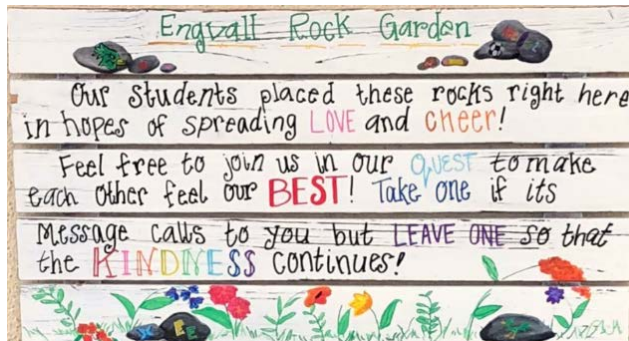


Our district has provided teachers with training on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) since August 2018. On January 16, Danny Cantelmi, from the Kings County Office of Education provided Meadow Lane parents information on the NGSS and gave them a small taste of what students can expect to experience with new science instruction. Parents learned about the three-fold method of doing, learning, and knowing and dove into projects like tower building. Parents and kids enjoyed the learning fun. Our next family night will focus on literature, Wednesday, February 6, 5:30 to 6:30 in the cafeteria.



Lopez family (right) builds self-supporting towers.

Engvall Elementary News



The Engvall's Inspirational Rock Club led by Engvall's 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Garrett has been a positive addition to the school. The focus of this club is to inspire students and adults to be the best they can be and have a positive outlook on life. The club met twice per week to paint pictures on large river rocks with inspiring messages. When students finished painting their rocks they displayed them in the flower bed in the front of the school. Unpainted rocks will be put in the Engvall Rock Garden so students can take the unpainted rocks, paint them and bring the rocks back to the garden. We look forward to our inspirational garden continuing to grow.



Our Engvall teaching staff have been focused on improving each student's reading skills. Throughout the school year students have been reading daily and monitoring their reading scores. During the month of November, all students took the STAR reading assessment and each grade level showed growth in the students' reading scores. We are very proud of our students' focus on reading and their dedication to improving their reading skills.



The Engvall Band and choir worked very hard since the beginning of the school year to prepare for their winter program. The band program meets for 45 minutes twice per week. The Band teachers are Mr. Zellous and Mr. Alanzalon and the choir teacher is Mr. Huebschle. We congratulate our students on a successful first concert which was held in December. They did a phenomenal job! Our Engvall band has 111 students and 8 students participating in the choir program. Fourth grade music class has begun and will continue throughout the year. Each of the fourth grade classes have music twice per week.

Liberty Middle School

Liberty Middle School Winter Concert

Our Liberty Bands: Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Percussion performed to a well-attended Winter Concert on December 12. The students were professional and engaging with their audience. We are thankful for supportive parents and community members as well as our dedicated Music Department, led by Mr. Morshead.



We would like to congratulate 8th grade student, Maritza Ordaz, who was selected to play the flute in the Tulare Kings County Middle School Honor Band. She has been playing with our LUESD music department since fifth grade and represented Liberty at the Honor Band Concert. We are very proud of her accomplishment.



Basketball Team

Liberty Middle School's Basketball Teams were invited to the Sixth Annual Central Valley Middle School Shootout on Saturday, January 19. Both of our A and B Boys Basketball Teams participated in the event and teams were victorious. The teams did not lose a single game in the tournament and took 1st place overall in their grade categories. We are so very proud of our basketball teams and their coaches, Mr.

Gamboa and Mr. Hernandez. All of our Boys and Girls Basketball teams have started out with winning records this year and we are looking forward to the SAL Tournament on February 23.



Girls Soccer Champions

Congratulations to our Liberty Middle School Girls Soccer team and Coach Johnson. The girls' soccer team had a 10-2 season this year with both losses against Pioneer Middle School. At the SAL

Tournament championship, the team prevailed against Pioneer and took 1st place. A big spotlight on our very skilled goalie this year, Mia Melendrez, who helped the team achieve victory and Jaylynn Corona, who never missed a practice or a game. 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.



NOW
GO-FORWARD

University Charter School

UCS Fall 2019 Enrollment Opens – University Charter School is now accepting enrollment applications for the Fall 2019 school year. Seating is limited so it is vital that parents enroll students now. The initial enrollment period is now until February 15. A lottery will be held if enrollment applications exceed the openings available. The following openings are available in each grade: Sixth grade has 60 seats. Seventh grade has 43 seats. Eighth grade has 24 seats. After February 15 applications will be accepted on a first-come basis with admission preference given to siblings of students currently enrolled for Fall 2019 and to those students residing within the LUESD boundaries.

Jingle Bell Run

UCS held its first all-school fun run/walk on December 14. Students gathered in the field and began the trek as one large group. The group quickly thinned out as runners dashed out to the lead. The goal of the fun run was to promote healthy and active lifestyles, build school spirit and pride, instill a sense of accomplishment, and create a fun and memorable way for our students to participate in supporting their education. We hope to make this an annual event.



First Trimester Star Wall of Fame



The weather has put a bit of a hamper on our Star Wall celebration but we all welcome the rain and can adjust our schedules. We were finally able to hold the celebration in late January. Students that earned a 3.00 GPA or higher were eligible to sign the Wall of Fame. Students on the Dean's List with a 3.80 GPA or higher signed the Star Wall on their own star. We congratulate all of our students that qualified to sign either the Star Wall or Wall of Fame or both in some cases. Student can earn this recognition for the second trimester by maintaining a 3.00 GPA and/or showing growth from trimester one report card to trimester two report card. The second trimester Star Wall of Fame is scheduled for March.



A Special Thank you to
the
L.U.E.S.D. Facilities,
Maintenance and
Operations Department



Cinnamon Elementary School



Liberty Middle School Visits Cinnamon

Our first and second graders had the opportunity to read and visit with Liberty Middle School ASB students. LMS students walked to Cinnamon and spent an hour reading with students in the classroom. Our students loved the visit! This is a wonderful opportunity for our students from both schools to engage and share their love for reading!



Annual Winter Program

Our Cinnamon students participated once again in our annual winter programs. All students participate in the event that showcases their singing talents for family members. The programs were held just before winter break and, as usual, it was standing room only! Our kids did a wonderful job performing this year.



Annual Canned Food Fundraiser

Our Cinnamon Student Council under the guidance of Ms. Campbell held their annual canned food drive between Thanksgiving and Winter Break. The canned food drive benefited Lemoore Christian Aid. Students and parents collected a total of 416 cans with fifth grade bringing in the most. This food drive is an annual event at Cinnamon and offers community involvement opportunities to our students.



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

Television stations:
KVPT - Channel 18
KSEE - Channel 24

Radio station:
KMJ580AM

The announcement will be for all 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 Area School Transportation Office at 924-6640 ext 1.

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

Plan A

Class times are 9:45 - 3:36. Buses delayed 1 1/2 hours

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.



Lemoore Elementary School

The Lemoore Elementary Spelling Bee was held the week before Winter Break. Two spellers from each grade level moved on to the district spelling bee in January.



Collecting Food for the Hungry

Students at Lemoore Elementary collected cans and other non-perishable foods items to donate to Lemoore Christian Aid. The students and staff collected over 1,000 food items which was enough food to stock Lemoore Christian Aid's pantry for 2 months!

Trimester 1 Rally

On November 16th Lemoore Elementary celebrated all of the success and hard work of students during the trimester rally. Students played games and won prizes.



Donation

Thank you to our local business, **7-11**, for the generous donation to Lemoore Elementary. The money will be used for incentives for attendance and positive behavior.



December Activities

During the week before Winter Break, students and staff had a fun time dressing up and celebrating the season.

First grade students built gingerbread houses and held a performance of seasonal favorites. The 2nd grade and Transitional Kindergarten students also held programs to celebrate the holidays.



Reading

Lemoore Elementary is excited about the progress we are making in reading. Students are working with their teachers in guided reading groups and each grade level has shown growth through our Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA.)



Dear Families,



LUESD is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit as early as preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

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. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Date	Event
2/18/2019	President's Day – No School
4/2/2019	Elementary Open House
4/4/2019	LMS & UCS Open House
4/15-22/2019	Spring Break – No School
5/27/2019	Memorial Day – No School
6/5/2019	LMS Promotion Ceremony
6/6/2019	UCS Milestone Ceremony
6/6/2019	LUESD Last Day of School

Student Transfers for 2019/2020

**Intra/ Inter District Applications
due at District Office between
February 1st and March 31st.**

Note: Students currently attending school on an approved intra-district transfer permit are not required to resubmit a new application each year when continuing at the same school. However, a new application must be submitted when a student incurs an address change that establishes new residency outside the boundaries of their attendance area.



DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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

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

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

LUESD is partnering with SchoolMint to bring our community a fast and easy way to register their children for school using a new online registration process! Mobile devices can be used to enter and upload new student registration information and documentation from home. Online kindergarten registration is set to open February 1, 2019 and will be accessible through the district website (www.luesd.k12.ca.us).

Parents are highly encouraged to register their child(ren) for kindergarten and/or transitional kindergarten by May 1st to ensure important information and opportunities are not missed. Each elementary school site will host a TK/Kindergarten parent orientation for registered students and parents/guardians during the month of May. Linkages to Learning will be supporting our families at each kindergarten orientation by providing every registered kindergarten student a FREE backpack full of supplies to help prepare for their new adventure!



Spelling Bee



The District hosted its annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 15th and Thursday, January 17th, 2019, at Liberty Middle School. The elementary sites and UCS had their top two students from each participating first through sixth grades compete for a place in the County Spelling Bee. The winners are:

Grade Level	First Place	Second Place
1 st Grade	Alexa Ong, Meadow Lane Elementary	Sireena Saiz, Meadow Lane Elementary
2 nd Grade	Declan Emanuel, Cinnamon Elementary	Althea Icalina, Cinnamon Elementary
3 rd Grade	Cayden David, Lemoore Elementary	Gabriel De Souza, Meadow Lane Elementary
4 th Grade	Aiden Josue, Lemoore Elementary	Rhicamae Josue, Lemoore Elementary
5 th Grade	Benjamin Raber, Cinnamon Elementary	Lily Millan, Cinnamon Elementary
6 th Grade	Seth Owens, Meadow Lane Elementary	Janelle Aquino, Engvall Elementary

The top spellers will move on to the County Spelling Bee which is set for the week of February 26-March 1, 2019, at the Hanford Civic Auditorium.



BND UPDATE

Lemoore Union Elementary School District seeks members for School Bond Oversight Committee

With the recent passage of Measure D, the Lemoore Union Elementary School District is seeking qualified members of the community to serve on a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to monitor how the district spends the \$26 million expected from the sale of bonds over the next several years. Measure D provides that any funds raised be used for repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects at the District's schools. The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will be responsible for reviewing district expenditures to make sure bond funds are only used for projects specified in the voter-approved measure. In addition, the committee will keep the public informed about how the funds are being spent and will present an annual report to the district board on bond fund spending. The oversight committee is required by law to include at least seven members appointed by the school board from a list of candidates who are at least 18 and have submitted written applications. The committee must include:

- One parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District;
- One member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council;
- One member who is active in a business organization representing the business community in the District;
- One member who is active in a senior citizens' organization;
- One member who is active in a bona-fide taxpayers association;
- Two members representing the community at large.

Each member serves without compensation for a term of one to two years, and no member may serve more than three consecutive terms. The committee meets up to four times a year. Anyone interested should complete:










- [An Application Form](#)

Completed applications must be sent or dropped off at the Lemoore Union Elementary School District, 1200 West Cinnamon, Lemoore CA 93245 or emailed to bondoversight@myluesd.net by **4:00 pm on February 1, 2019.**

- [Procedures/Policies and Guidelines](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES



	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
	2018-2019 School Calendar
	Standards
	Cinnamon Elementary Website Cinnamon Facebook
	Engvall Elementary Website Engvall Facebook
	Lemoore Elementary Website Lemoore Facebook
	Meadow Lane Elementary Website Meadow Lane Facebook
	Liberty Middle School Website Liberty Middle School Facebook
	University Charter School Website University Charter Facebook