

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

Spring has arrived and we are excited about the wonderful progress and experiences that have taken place during this school year. Our staff and administrators are working hard towards accomplishing their goals and revisiting our commitments to ensure ALL students are progressing. At the same time, our district is in the midst of its planning efforts to support a seamless transition to the 2019/2020 school year.

Currently, our district teams are reviewing our progress on our goals as outlined in our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). We have gathered important feedback via our surveys and several parent meetings held at both the site and district level. We are also developing our budget to support these goals. As a district, we are strategic with how we conduct our business to make certain we are providing high quality services and supports for our students. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be synthesizing all our district data and feedback to construct any necessary revisions to our current 2018/2020 LCAP document. We will conduct our annual review of measurable outcomes and address any areas that are not making adequate progress. We sincerely appreciate the feedback we have gathered so far from our various student, staff and parent surveys along with information provided to us via our ELAC, DELAC, District Advisory Committee (DAC) and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Enclosed in our Spring Issue we have included many celebrations and amazing activities and events. Of utmost importance, and in alignment with our goal to ensure ALL students are reading at or above grade level, we celebrated READ ACROSS AMERICA week! Literacy is an essential skill and one that is at the heart of academic success. We are committed to our district-wide literacy efforts and appreciate your support attending various literacy night activities along with taking time to read with your child every day. I hope you will consider investing this type of time in order to make a difference in a child's life. It takes EACH ONE of us to lean in and support our children to reach their fullest potential!

As we move into the third and final trimester of the school year, our 3rd-8th grade students will be taking their annual CAASPP state assessments. The assessment window will begin in May and end in June. A letter was sent to our 3rd-8th grade families explaining our testing expectations. In addition, each school will share their specific assessment schedule. We encourage you to make sure your children are attending school each day, so they are fully prepared for their annual assessments. Each and every day counts as we support EACH ONE of our students! We thank our teachers and school staff for all their hard work and commitment working diligently to prepare our students so they experience a successful testing and learning environment.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Spring Break and I look forward to seeing you at many events planned during the final part of our school year!

Happy spring,

Cheryl Hunt

THIS SPRING...



EVERY STUDENT

ALL STAFF

COMMITTED TO

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ORIENTED TO RESULTS

NO EXCUSES

EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

2019 KINGS COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS

KINGS COUNTY SPELLING BEE RESULTS

LUESD would like to recognize the following students for their top three placements at the recent Kings County Spelling Bee. These spellers did a tremendous job competing against the best spellers from across the county. Congratulations!

Althea Icalina 1st place, second grade (Cinnamon Elementary)
Cayden David 3rd place, third grade (Lemoore Elementary)
Aiden Josue 3rd place, fourth grade (Lemoore Elementary)
Ethan Flores 1st place, seventh grade (University Charter School)



First Grade

- 1st: **Aliyana Endres**
Armona Elementary
2nd: **Gage Cooper**
Central Elementary
3rd: **Anthony Glenn**
Neutra Elementary



Second Grade

- 1st: **Althea Icalina**
Cinnamon Elementary
2nd: **Jordan Aguilera**
Kettleman City Elementary
3rd: **Liauna Luna**
John C. Fremont Elementary



Third Grade

- 1st: **Christopher Lapuebla**
Armona Union Academy
2nd: **Reiden Lim**
MIQ
3rd: **Cayden David**
Lemoore Elementary



Fourth Grade

- 1st: **Julia Schmitt**
MIQ
2nd: **Donovan Chantengco**
Mark Twain Elementary
3rd: **Aiden Josue**
Lemoore Elementary



Fifth Grade

- 1st: **Rebekah Rehfeld**
Jefferson Elementary
2nd: **Allysa Miya Johnson**
Pioneer Elementary
3rd: **Xavier Guzman**
Mark Twain Elementary



Sixth Grade

- 1st: **Daniel Bico**
Armona Union Academy
2nd: **Eric de Jong**
Hanford Christian School
3rd: **Callie Sippel**
Kings River-Hardwick



Seventh Grade

- 1st: **Ethan Flores**
University Charter School
2nd: **Charlene Lapuebla**
Armona Union Academy
3rd: **Madeline Williams**
Akers Elementary



Eighth Grade

- 1st: **Nicolo Wheaton**
St. Rose McCarthy
2nd: **Hannah Nguyen**
Pioneer Middle School
3rd: **Stephanie Allison**
Armona Union Academy

SUMMER SCHOOL

Lemoore Union Elementary School District is excited to offer summer school to students in grades K-6! Summer school will be held on the Lemoore Elementary campus from June 17th through July 12th with no school on July 4th. The school day will run from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Summer school is an opportunity for students to improve their academic progress through daily instruction in English Language Arts and math. Students not performing at or above grade level will have priority to attend. Bus transportation to and from the school will be available at multiple locations. Applications for summer school will be sent home in early April.

News from Cinnamon Elementary

I'm An Artist Night

Cinnamon Elementary School held its annual "I'm An Artist Night." Students and families were encouraged to participate together at art stations. This was a very well attended event on campus this year and efforts to put on such a successful event were led by our librarian, Mrs. Suzie Ahumada. Students also had the opportunity to submit entries into the Art Show. The top awarded art entries have been featured in the Lemoore Union Elementary District Office.



Rotary Dictionary Delivery

Superintendent and Rotarian, Cheryl Hunt, delivered dictionaries to our third grade students in February. Students enjoyed finding presidential trivia, information about each state, and, of course, the longest word in the English language. This is always a fun experience for our students. Thank you Rotary, once again, for your generous donation.



DR. SEUSS WEEK

Dr. Seuss Week was filled with activities for students to enjoy all week long! Students participated in dress up days, a scavenger hunt, and a culminating celebration at an assembly at the end of the week. Storybook dress-up day was also held at the end of the week. Students and staff had a great time dressing up as their favorite storybook characters.



Cinnamon Elementary students participated in Peach Blossom at California State University, Fresno. This is the third year students in grades 2nd-6th have had the opportunity to compete in the oral interpretation event. Our students participated in group and solo readings and all students received a "Superior" rating. Ms. Adrianna Pedro practiced after school with our students leading up to the event. We are very proud of all of our Eaglets who participated!

Peach Blossom



Lemoore Elementary News



Peach Blossom

For the first time, students at Lemoore Elementary participated in the Peach Blossom Festival at California State University, Fresno. Students selected and practiced poems to perform in front of a panel of judges. Nine students participated with each one presenting their own poems individually. All of our students earned a Superior rating! After the festival, the students toured the Fresno State campus. According to one of the students, "It was the best day ever!" Thank you to Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Rosa for coaching our students.

Pennies for Patients

The Lemoore Elementary School Lions have collected over \$3,500.00 for Pennies for Patients. Our students and staff are honored to participate in this amazing organization. Thank you to all who contributed!

3-on-3 basketball tournament

The first annual Lemoore Elementary School 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held in March. Students from 5th and 6th grade created teams of three to 5 players and played for three weeks during morning recess. The final game took place on Friday, March 29th and the Ballin' Lions took the championship. Our students in 4th - 6th grade also were able to participate in the basketball shoot out the final two Fridays in March. Students shot as many baskets in one minute as possible. Fun and good sportsmanship was had by all. A special thank you to Ms. Holland for organizing the event!



Parent Night

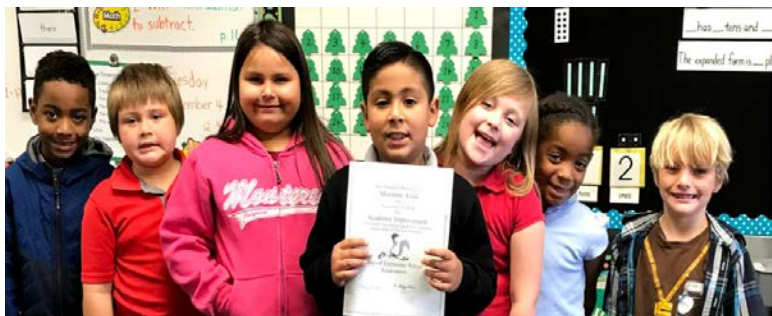
On March 28th, the Jefferson building teachers held a Spring Fun Night. Families came and enjoyed a free dinner of hamburger/hotdogs, popcorn and lemonade. There were various outdoor fun games and a raffle. The Lemoore Police Department was on hand to register bicycles, and the California Highway Patrol gave away bicycle helmets and Bikemasters fixed over 38 bicycles. A special thank you to all the teachers of the Jefferson building and Mrs. Kennedy for setting up the BBQ and the bicycle repairs. What a wonderful example of E.A.C.H. O.N.E.



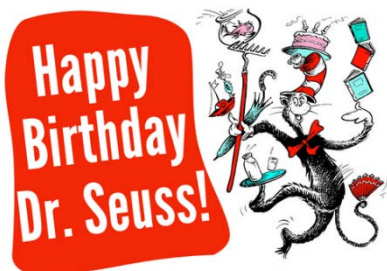
Engvall Elementary School

Trimester Awards

Three hundred thirty-five Roadrunners received awards at our 2nd trimester awards ceremony. Awards were given to students demonstrating positive behaviors including being positive influences on peers at school, having integrity, and making good choices. Other awards focused on students' academics of being a Proficient or Advanced Scholar. Thank you to our parents and family members who came and celebrated our Roadrunners success.




The Engvall Soccer season was a great success. The girls' team earned 1st place with 6 wins and 0 losses. The boys' team earned 2nd place. Both teams had a great season! Thank you to the many staff and family members who came out every week to watch the games and support our players. It was much appreciated!



Engvall Elementary School celebrated literacy on March 4 when we recognized Dr. Seuss's birthday. Our Student Council participants and other guest readers from our community and district went to our classrooms and read a book to our classes. All students were allowed to dress up like a Dr. Seuss character. Students and staff enjoyed the focus on literacy.




**Why fit in
when you
were born to
stand out?**
Dr. Seuss



NOW
ENROLLING

University Charter School

University Charter School is now enrolling students for the Fall 2019 school year. Limited spots are available in grades seven and eight. A waiting list for sixth grade is being formed. At UCS, students engage in hands-on projects in science and history. There is an emphasis on the use of technology. Each student is assigned an iPad for educational and research purposes. If you are interested in a program focused on college and careers, with a small-school feel, then UCS might be the place for you. To enroll please complete an application at lemooreunion.schoolmint.net

The past two months have seen many encouraging events for student success at UCS. In February, seventh grader Ethan Flores won first place at the Kings County Spelling Bee with the opportunity to compete at the state spelling bee in May. Congratulations, Ethan! In March we celebrated over 80 students who maintained a 3.0 GPA or demonstrated growth and were over a 2.0 GPA. These students signed our world famous Star Wall and were celebrated by the entire school, friends and family. Congratulations Star Wall of Famers. The seventh grade class participated in the annual Character Conference sponsored by FAST Federal Credit Union. We want to thank Paula Lehn of FAST Federal Credit Union and Rene Solis from the Tulare County Office of Education for facilitating this event. Congratulations to all of our seventh grade students for their efforts in making this a meaningful day.

The months ahead offer more opportunities for our students to experience success. In April, we will be traveling to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with our seventh grade students. The day will focus on college awareness. In May, all of our students will be taking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. This is an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their academic progress. Please look for exact dates to be sent home soon.

In June, we look forward to our Milestone Ceremony. This is a time to celebrate the success of our 8th grade students. The event will take place on June 6th beginning at 9:00 AM in the West Hill Community College Golden Eagle Arena. We hope to see you there.

For more information about UCS please visit us on the web or Facebook or follow us on Instagram and Twitter @ucshawks.



Ethan Flores – 7th grade
Kings County Spelling
Bee Winner.



Liberty Middle School

The month of March is always a very busy time for our Music Department at Liberty Middle School. We started out with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 2nd. Despite the rainy weather conditions, over 1500 people attended this event to watch all of our students from around the district perform. We are so thankful for the support from our community, staff, and volunteers.

Winter Guard and Percussion took 3rd place in their divisions at the San Joaquin Valley Color Guard and Percussion Review, held in early March. Recently both teams placed first at the SVWAA show at Lemoore High, held on March 16. We also had some solo competitors: Ryan Ohrt, who placed 1st in the Snare Drum Solo and Liberty Joy Banania, who placed 2nd in Mixed Guard Solo. We wish them continued success as they perform at the Championships at West Hills Community College.

The Liberty Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Choir all received an Excellent Rating on their performances at the CMEA festivals. This is the first time our Liberty Choir has ever received this high honor. We are so proud of our Liberty students and all the hard work and practice they put into their performances. Go Patriots!



LMS students compete in Regional Speech & Debate Tournament



Ms. Anna Llamas- Proud of her students!

On March 2, 2019, Liberty Middle School students, Xitlali Siguenza and Diego Lopez Rodriguez, competed in the Tulare County Office of Education 3rd Annual Regional Speech & Debate Tournament. Both students had to prepare speeches that were three to four minutes in length prior to the competition as well as present an impromptu speech the day of the competition with only ten minutes to prepare. Diego placed second in the competition and Xitlali placed first, which earned her a spot in the state tournament. The state tournament will take place in Ventura in early May. We are extremely proud of our students and we thank Ms. Ana Llamas for her support preparing our students for their competition.



Xitlali Siguenza- 1st
Diego Lopez Rodriguez- 2nd

Meadow Lane Elementary School

Hard Work Behind the Scenes

Spring is always a busy time of year. Everybody seems to have weekends loaded with events and things to do. April is a busy month at Meadow Lane as well. Headlining the calendar is **OPEN HOUSE!** Which will be held on **Thursday, April 11, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.** Our parent club, the Mustang Nation Foundation is working hard to make Open House fun AND filling. You can buy tickets for the taco drive-through dinner at the school. Ten dollars will get you three tacos (chicken or carne asada) with beans and rice. Also at Open House, the parent club is having the popular new cupcake truck on campus (who doesn't like cupcakes?) and there will be a raffle of gift baskets, some of which contain barbeque kits, a bicycle, gardening supplies and other great donated items!

Our parent club has been working very hard to support our students and they have been very successful sending each grade level on a field trip. This is no small undertaking and they do appreciate having new people getting involved. The next meeting of the Meadow Lane parent club is **Wednesday, April 10, at 5 pm in room 37.** You are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Academic progress

Students in grades 3-6 took the ICA tests in March. Those are practice tests that mirror the CAASPP test students will take in May. In many areas our students and teachers are already meeting year end growth goals. In other areas we have some work to do and will be working hard to accomplish all we set out to do way back in August.



(Left) Mr. Kenney speaks with parents, family, and friends in Mrs. Garnica's class, recognizing the hard work and effort the young students have put into their learning. (Right) A proud parent with a selfie-celebration of her son's success.



Extracurricular Learning

More than a dozen boys and girls have tried out and earned spots on our basketball team. Actually, there were more than 25 boys and girls who tried out for each team. We appreciate the interest. They began their season on Thursday, April 4, at home against Lemoore Elementary. A student can learn a lot about themselves from extracurricular pursuits.

And not for the squeamish, our GATE students have been digging in (literally) to squids. Yep, squids. Mrs. Mellot has the students dissecting squids and the students are up to their wrists in suction cups, beaks, and bivalves. What a great learning experience!



Dakota Sweitzer and Abel Medina-Lemus dissecting squids after school



MARCH ATTENDANCE

School wide attendance rate for March, was 95%. Every day counts. Learning happens in the classroom and we need every student here, every day. Let's make April and May perfect attendance months in the Mustang Nation.

Upcoming events at Meadow Lane:

Monday, April 8 regular schedule school day, school is out at 2:41 PM

April 10 & 11 -2nd grade field trips

April 11- Open House

April 12- Minimum day, school out at 1:16 PM

April 15 -April 22- Spring Break (school resumes Tuesday, April 23).

May 7- CAASPP testing begins

May 21-5th grade field trip

May 30- 6th grade field trip

FIELD TRIPS



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS



BEN LUIS

2019 Kings County Excellence in
Education Administrator of the Year!



THERESA SOTO

Teacher of the Year
Honoree



ANNA COVARRUBIAS

Employee of the Year
Honoree.



EACH ONE of these
exceptional educational
leaders is commended for
their dedication, hard work
and ability to make a
difference in the lives of
our students, staff and
families! WAY TO GO
and Congratulations on
behalf of the entire
Lemoore Union
Elementary School
District!!

You Make a Difference
Thank You for all you do!

2019/2020 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Lemoore Union Elementary School District is currently taking new student applications for the 2019/2020 school year! This includes registration for children who will be starting transitional kindergarten or kindergarten for the first time and are not currently enrolled in our district. To access the SchoolMint student registration webpage, please start by visiting our website at <https://www.luesd.k12.ca.us/> then select "Menu" --> "Families" --> "New Student Registration". Student registration information may be submitted through the SchoolMint website on your computer or through your mobile device via the SchoolMint app. 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 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!

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Date	Event
4/15-22/2019	Spring Break – No School
4/25/2019	LMS/UCS Open House
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



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

ONLINE RESOURCES



	<p><u>Lemoore Union Elementary District Website</u></p> <p><u>LUESD District Facebook</u></p>
	<p><u>2018-2019 School Calendar</u></p>
	<p><u>Standards</u></p>
	<p><u>Cinnamon Elementary Website</u></p> <p><u>Cinnamon Facebook</u></p>
	<p><u>Engvall Elementary Website</u></p> <p><u>Engvall Facebook</u></p>
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	<p><u>University Charter School Website</u></p> <p><u>University Charter Facebook</u></p>
	<p><u>Next School Year: 2019/2020 Calendar</u></p>