

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

Here we are wrapping up the month of May, looking forward to June promotion ceremonies and the end of the 2018/2019 school year. We have so much to celebrate this year and I am excited to share the great events, district updates, celebrations and pictures of our students and staff in this final edition of our 2018/2019 newsletter.

I want to acknowledge and affirm the work of our LUESD staff. I recognize and freely admit that I am biased in my thoughts about EACH ONE of the members of our team, but I want to take this opportunity here, as many of them leave for the summer and others remain, prepping buildings for the fall, leading summer school and managing the districts operations etc. to thank them for their service and for helping to ensure that our students' stories are known, their academic growth nurtured, and for working diligently to make the Lemoore Union Elementary School District a great place for ALL kids.

I also want to acknowledge our LUESD parents, guardians and community members who have dedicated time supporting and volunteering many hours in our schools, THANK YOU for your investment in our students. Your time giving back to our students is invaluable to us and because of you our students have been able to experience amazing learning opportunities through field trips and various on-site learning events. To our School Board Members, THANK YOU for the time you give in service to our district. Your dedication and passion to make decisions based on what is best for kids is greatly appreciated.

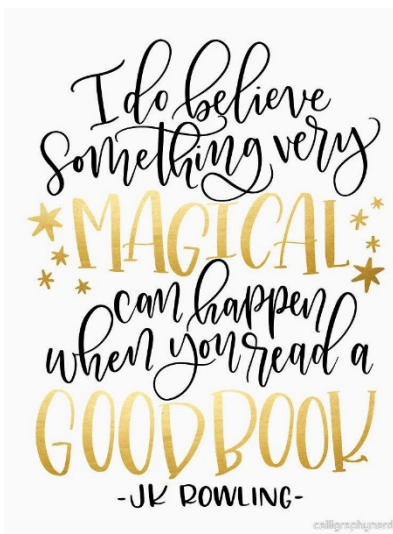
We look forward to the coming school year and the exciting projects that will be completed. One project we are thrilled to begin is the upgrade and renovation projects occurring in each of our school libraries. The district library projects will begin immediately following the close of this school year. Students, staff and parents will be thrilled with the updated design, new furniture and structures to make our libraries a place that we can all be proud of. We are also in the design phase of the new elementary school with construction efforts moving swiftly in preparation for the 2021 opening of the new site. We have sold our first bond series which is allowing us to proceed with our new school project. Please keep an eye on our website for updates related to our Measure D bond efforts.

Enjoy the last weeks of school and I wish you all the best as you enter the summer months. Please make reading a priority this summer, as it is the greatest gift you can give your child! As Dr. Seuss shared, "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"

Sincerely,



Cheryl Hunt



EVERY STUDENT

ALL STAFF

COMMITTED TO

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ORIENTED TO RESULTS

NO EXCUSES

EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

LUESD is accepting online registrations for all new students including those entering Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten in the fall using SchoolMint's 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.

Returning Students/Data Confirmation

LUESD will continue utilizing our student information system (Aeries) to have parents confirm and/or update their children's information online through the Aeries Parent Portal. During the month of July, new families to the district will receive verification codes and a set of instructions to create an Aeries Parent Portal Account that will give them access to their child's information. A working email address will be required to set up this parent account. Returning families will continue using the account information they established earlier this school year. 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. Once you receive the instructions in the mail, do not delay in setting up your Aeries Parent Portal account or verifying your child's information. If you have had a recent move or expect to move over the summer, please take proof of your new address (e.g. utility bill or rental agreement) to your child's school office to update your mailing address in order to prevent any delays in receiving this important information.



California has new regulations for the immunizations needed to be enrolled in school. Please review the new regulations and submit updates to the school office as soon as possible. Most vaccine clinics are full the first week of school so we encourage you to get these shots completed during the summer. Please remember that any student starting 7th grade must have all of the immunizations listed and a Tdap booster.

GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP⁵	3 Hep B⁶	2 MMR⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th)⁸	1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement^{9,10}	1 Tdap⁸				2 Varicella¹⁰

Engvall News



Field Trips

Third grade students attended a wonderful field trip at the Tulare County Office of Education Planetarium. Students observed stars with a variety of colors and learned that stars can be different temperatures. They also saw the ice cliffs of Miranda, the rings of Saturn, a lightning storm on Jupiter, and the surface of Mars. They watched a video about the first Native Americans from coast to coast and learned how they survived and grew food. It was a great learning experience!

Engvall has upcoming field trips for second grade to Imagine U, kindergarten will visit the Chaffee Zoo, and sixth grade will be visiting the Exploratorium. We are thrilled for our students to have this additional learning opportunity.

Kindergarten Orientation

Engvall hosted our Spring Kindergarten Orientation. Mrs. Tischmacher and Nurse Martin provided information regarding the importance of good attendance, California's Common Core State Standards,

First Day information, Dress Code, and volunteer information. Engvall kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Pedro, Mrs. Bietz, and Mrs. Sanders, engaged students in an activity in their classrooms. Mrs. Azevedo gave parents a tour of the Engvall campus. Each student was given a backpack with school supplies.

We look forward to hosting our second Kindergarten Orientation which is scheduled for Friday, August 9th, at 4:30pm. The event will begin in the Engvall cafeteria.

Engvall GATE Expo

Engvall GATE students participated in the LUESD GATE Expo held at Liberty Middle School. Our students displayed their various projects and presented their work to those in attendance. Two of our students, Esmeralda Vaca Gonzalez and Brandi Ybarra won first place in the Stock Market Game in which they competed with students across California.



Engvall's Focus on Literacy

Engvall has focused much attention and effort on literacy for all grades this year. Students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd have been taking the DIBELS reading test throughout the school year. DIBELS is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of students early literacy skills. This short assessment is given to students 3 times per year. The assessment scores are used to focus instruction on students who are below the performance level expected for specific time of year. We are very proud of our students and their improved scores and progress this year! Way to GO!

Meadow Lane News

Summer Reading & More

This month, Meadow Lane hosted its third annual summer reading book give-away. Students and parents came to the cafeteria and found books of interest at various levels and took them home for summer reading fun. For three years, Meadow Lane parents and students have walked off with hundreds of old, “to be discarded” but perfectly good books to read over the summer. It continues to be a hugely popular event and it helps students keep reading skills sharp over the summer break. One other positive reading accomplishment to mention, over three hundred students at Meadow Lane met either their AR Reading goals (first through third grades) or met their STAR Reading assessment goals (fourth through sixth). That represents the highest yearly total since we’ve been tracking these yearly goals. Also over the summer, students can continue to take advantage of MobyMax math lessons, reading passages, and more. Student logins will continue to operate all the way up to next year, so be sure to take advantage of this valuable resource that has helped many of our students close the achievement gap in math and other areas too.



Meadow Lane students and parents search for summer reading material during the annual summer reading book give-away.

The cream rises to the top

For the third year in a row Meadow Lane GATE students were the top performing teams in the Stock Market Game. Students from elementary school through high school get a chance to “play the market” and see who earns the highest returns. Our team of fourth grade students, “Downtown” Kelly Brown, and James “Big Money” Weaver beat the S & P 500 by more than 16%. There were three Meadow Lane teams in the top ten. On May 13, GATE teacher, Mrs. Mellott took the stock market game teams to Sacramento on a field trip to be recognized for their winnings.



Meadow Lane students in Sacramento accepting their awards for winning The Stock Market Game (back row, Maryah Thompson, Emoni Foster, and Hannah Fry, bottom row, James Weaver, Kelly Brown, and Seth Owens). James Weaver and Kelly Brown were first overall in California!

Testing continues and students are working hard and using what they’ve learned

Students in grades 3-6 are winding down work on the CAASPP test. It’s the yearly state test of academic progress. Students could earn incentives by continuing to stay focused on the test, not working ahead or simply clicking through the answers, and by planning out their writing before writing it on their device. Meadow Lane students and teachers in all grades can be proud of the hard work they have put into learning this year. There has been a lot of learning, student learning and adult learning, those two things go hand-in-hand and we expect to have a solid grip on it for years to come.

Year-end awards schedule

Friday, May 31 - First grade 9 am,
Kindergarten 2 pm

Monday, June 3 - Second grade, 8:30 am, Third grade, 10:30 am

Wednesday, June 5 - Fourth grade, 8:30 am,
Fifth grade, 10:30 am

Thursday, June 6 - Sixth grade, 8:30 am

A word of thanks

We would like to close with another word of thanks to all the Meadow Lane parents, family, and friends who support and help students throughout the school year. We really appreciate all you do to send such wonderful students our way.

Cinnamon News

Storybook Garden Field Trips

Cinnamon kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students had the opportunity to visit the Hanford Storybook Garden in April. They toured the garden, planted tomato plants, and listened to a story about seeds. Students had a great time exploring the garden!



Mrs. Gladwill's Class creates the Lorax!

May 10th was Dr. Seuss Day in Mrs. Gladwill's fourth grade class. Mrs. Jones, a friend of Mrs. Gladwill, has been creating soft sculpture Dr. Seuss characters for her class for over ten years. This year's project was the Lorax. The students had a wonderful time learning how to do soft sculpture and their characters turned out fantastic!



Basketball/Soccer Season 2018-2019

Our boys' soccer and basketball teams had fantastic seasons this year. Our Cinnamon boys brought home the soccer championship with a winning record of 5-1 and a record of 5-0 for basketball. Earlier this year, our football team also won the championship with a 6-0 season.

We are proud of their hard work and sportsmanship that both our boys and girls teams showed throughout our sports program this year!



Basketball Team

Soccer Team



On behalf of the Cinnamon Staff, thank you
Cinnamon Students and Families for a
wonderful school year!



Liberty Middle School News

Marching Band & Color Guard

Liberty Middle School was invited to perform at Kingsburg's 53rd Annual Swedish Festival, on Saturday, May 18th. Our Liberty Marching band and Color Guard participated in the Grand Parade. The students were very excited and performed to a wonderful, captivating new audience. Our Marching band not only played new music but also wore their new uniforms and used new drum covers. We are so grateful for the invitation to participate and thankful for our amazing students and dedicated band department. We also thank the district for the wonderful addition of new uniforms that we wear with pride!



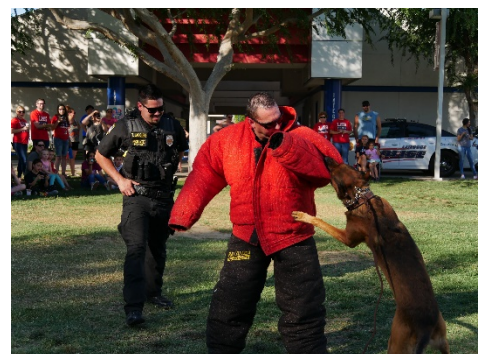
Undefeated Liberty Baseball Champions

With the support of Coach Mark Haley and our Lemoore community, our Liberty Baseball team was undefeated this baseball season. They won all 15 games in the regular season. The team faced Kingsburg in the semifinals and won 4-2. They went on to conquer Pioneer Middle School for the SAL Championships 6-2. We are so proud of all their amazing team work and for representing Liberty with PRIDE. Congratulations!



Spring Carnival and Open House

We had an amazing community turnout for our Spring Carnival on April 25. Our staff and students set up fun and free carnival stations including slime lab and musical chairs. The talented Liberty Jazz Band played to kick off our Open House event. We had many local vendors on campus, a police dog demonstration by the Lemoore PD, and B95 entertaining the audience. Thank you to the students, staff and community for helping to make our Spring Carnival a success.



University Charter School

BECOME A HAWK! ENROLL NOW!

University Charter School is now enrolling students for the Fall 2019 school year. Limited spots are available in grades seven and eight. We are also taking enrollment for our sixth grade class, with a waiting list 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. Our staff will begin training this summer for AVID School-wide. This is a program designed to prepare students for college-career readiness. If you are interested in a program focused on college and careers, with a small-school feel, then UCS is the place for you. To enroll please complete an application at www.lemooreunion.schoolmint.net



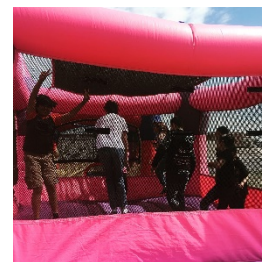
CAL POLYTRIP

On April 26th our seventh grade class traveled to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to tour the campus. The day focused on the college experience. Students went on a self-paced tour of the campus along with our teachers and parent chaperones in small groups. They gathered in the student union area for lunch and were able to experience student life directly. After lunch we traveled to Avila Beach for some time to explore the ocean before heading back home to Lemoore. The day was a wonderful experience for students and adults alike. Next year we plan to expand college trips to all grades at UCS.



HAWK FESTIVAL

UCS held its first community open house called the Hawk Festival on May 18th on the UCS campus. We had a live band, Renegade IV, playing throughout the festival. Their "oldies" music was enjoyed by both young and old. Students played in bounce houses, carnival games and had free face painting. A raffle of items donated by local vendors and staff raised money for the UCS PSO to help support its projects for the students of UCS. Food vendors selling churros, cotton candy and pizza were also a big hit. Visitors were invited to walk through classrooms and meet with staff who shared information and the unique opportunities available at UCS.



A HUGE THANK YOU!!

We are blessed to have many parents volunteer their time for our students. Whether you helped directly in class, chaperoned a field trip or donated materials, your support is greatly appreciated. On behalf of myself and our staff I wish to thank you for your help as we strive to ensure our student's reach their greatest potential. A special thank you is given to the UCS PSO and its members that have supported many events this year including our end of the year field trips to Adventure Park and the McDermont Field House. The last PSO meeting for this year is May 28th at 5:00 PM.

June is our Milestone Ceremony. We take this time to celebrate the success of our 8th grade students. This year the event will take place on June 6th beginning at 9:00 AM in the Golden Eagle Arena on the campus of West Hills College Lemoore. This event is open to the public and 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.

Lemoore Elementary School



Field Trips

The kindergarten classes visited the Lemoore Fire Station. They had a wonderful time and learned about fire safety and the jobs of a fireman.

Third grade students enjoyed a trip to the Lemoore High School Farm. All year long, the PALS from the LHS agriculture class have been teaching our 3rd graders about various topics in agriculture. The students visited the high school farm and got a chance to experience agriculture first hand. They learned about the various animals at the farm and were treated to a delicious BBQ lunch.



Special Olympics

On May 3rd Lemoore Elementary students participated in the Kings County Special Olympics. Students participated in several events including the 25 and 50 meter run and the softball throwing event.



Congratulations

Raul Luna placed 2nd in the Stay Smart about Tobacco Poster Contest. This contest was sponsored by the KCOE Tobacco Use Prevention Education program. Raul was presented with a certificate and a family 4 membership to the Chaffee Zoo.



Book Fair

Lemoore Elementary had their final book fair of the year. Student could win tickets for prize baskets if they donated items to the Valley Animal Haven. There was also a book fair carnival night which was a fun event for the entire family. The event had many games and a great selection of prizes.



Upcoming:

The Lemoore Elementary library will be getting a remodel over the summer. It will receive new shelving, tables, and carpeting. Please come by our Back to School Night on Monday, August 12th @ 5:30pm to check out the changes in the library.





IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
May 27	Memorial Day – No School
May 30	LMS Awards
May 31	ML TK, K, 1 st Awards
June 3	ML 2 nd , 3 rd Awards LE Awards
June 4	EE Awards
June 5	ML 4 th , 5 th Grade Awards UCS Awards LMS Promotion Ceremony
June 6	ML 6 th Grade Awards CE Award Assembly UCS Milestone Ceremony Last Day of School



DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 24 – July 19

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

Closed July 4 & 5

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



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 2019/2020

Beginning July 1, 2019, anyone interested in serving as a volunteer or chaperone for the 2019/2020 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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Online Volunteer/Chaperone Application and Registered Sex Offender Check through the Raptor System 2. TB Risk Assessment/Clearance <p>VOLUNTEERS DO NOT REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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
	Next School Year: 2019/2020 Calendar