

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

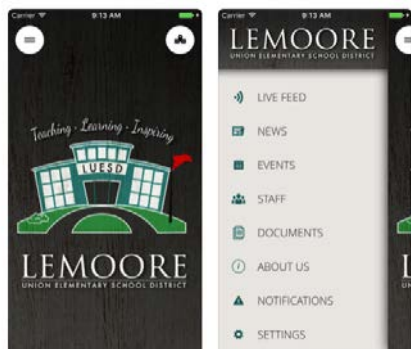


Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

Welcome back to our 2019/2020 school year! I am thrilled that we experienced a successful start at EACH ONE of our schools. We want to thank all of our LUESD staff and administrators who did a tremendous job behind the scenes to manage all the moving parts that exist in making a school year start successfully. Thank you to our LUESD team!

Our staff began the year with engaging professional development days and welcome back events. A wide range of professional learning sessions were offered to support further understanding in the areas of our academic work specific to literacy and mathematics along with English Language Learner supports and Social Emotional Learning. Our school site and department staff meetings along with our Welcome Back Breakfast focused on building relationships and making an impact for ALL students! We will continue to ensure that every student will have an adult who knows them, knows their story, and will guide them to reach their fullest potential, student by student, skill by skill. I am proud to be a part of such a caring district and community! Our vision is focused on teaching, learning and inspiring with a commitment to E.A.C.H. O.N. E: **E**very student, **A**ll staff, **C**ommitted to, **H**igh expectations, **O**riented to results, **N**o excuses, **E**xcellence every day! With this vision in mind, we are excited to begin a new journey with our staff and students. Please take time to review our newsletter which captures the exciting things happening in our district. We also encourage our parents to be involved at our sites through volunteering in the classroom or supporting various activities planned this year. In addition, we hope you will download our LUESD App for your smart phone device. You can find the App in the App Store, just search for "LUESD." Our district and site web sites and social media posts via Facebook are also useful tools to support increased communication with our families. Thank you again for a solid start to our school year and wishing everyone an amazing 2019/2020 school year!

Cheryl Hunt



GET THE "LUESD" App!



EVERY STUDENT

ALL STAFF

COMMITTED TO

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ORIENTED TO RESULTS

NO EXCUSES

EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

To: Parents and Community Members,

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

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

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

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

What You Can Do

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

Thank you,
Ed Ochoa
Assistant Superintendent



Tips to Promote Student Learning

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

Some Attendance Tips to Promote Student Learning:

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

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

Sincerely,

LUESD Administration and Staff



Message from the Board President



Stephen Todd, President
Trustee Area 5

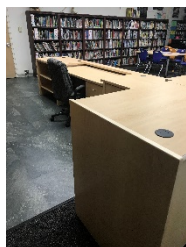
Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and supportive staff have worked especially hard to provide an amazing year of learning and want to thank you for your support of last November's Measure D. Our community is essential to our success with consistent improvement as our goal. We look forward to following our student's progress and achievements over the course of this school year.

We are proud of the investments that have been made over the summer including concrete upgrades, parking lot upgrades, library renovations, new carpets, new desks, and other furniture at various sites throughout the district. We have approved the hiring of new personnel to help meet the needs of the whole child. We will complete our Measure D – facilities projects which are in progress in the next couple of years. Working together we are committed to helping EACH ONE of our students and wish them a successful 2019/2020 school year!

Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Grounds –

Lead the Way for School Year Preparation

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



District Welcomes New Staff



Standing Row from Left to Right

Emily Dixon, Carlee Chandler, Crystal Tannish, Karina Sorensen, Rebecca Hiura, Carlee Dias, Tharreus Williams, Brenden Boesch, Sandra Pizzo, Ashley Magoc, Jordann Rose, Lesley Skinner, Crystal Guzman, Mariah Ramirez, Silvia Rascon, Jessica Coughlin, Tracy Cassina

Sitting Row from Left to Right

Hugo Calvillo, Luis Salazar, Donell Clark, Tara Rodriguez, Rachel Hawken, Yvonne Vera-Galindo

Not Pictured:

Xondria Burkett, Breanna Marcha, Cecilia Martin and Brittney Sutherland

District-Wide Welcome Back Breakfast





The Importance of Literacy

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

Some Tips to Promote Literacy at Home:

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

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

2018 MEASURE D GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROCESS UPDATE

Our Lemoore Union Elementary District Board of Trustees is pleased with the support of the community in passing the District's first ever General Obligation Bond- Measure D, during the November 6, 2018 election. As part of the passing of the bond, we will be sharing with you our progress through our district newsletters, as well as on our website under the *Measure D Bond Update* web page. We will include updates in order for our school district and community to be aware of the progress we are making regarding the projects associated with our bond initiative.

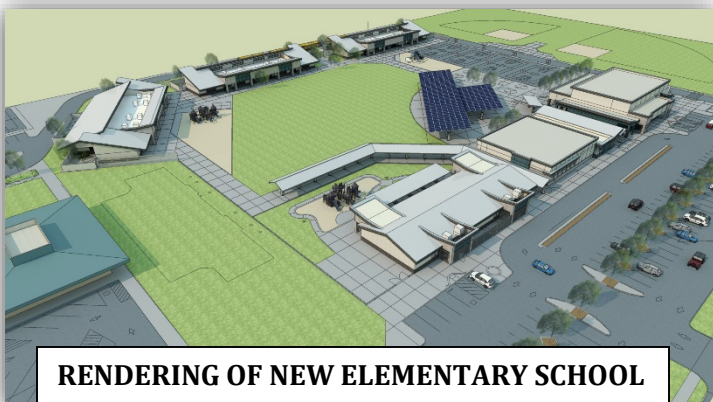
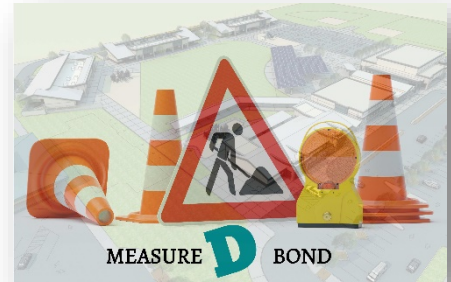
In the days and months that followed the passing of Measure D, the District and Board of Trustees have been taking steps to prepare the plans to move the bond projects forward. Once again, thank you for supporting our Lemoore Union Elementary School District! The passage of the bond ensures we can continue to serve the needs of students today and for generations to come! ***Thank you Lemoore community!***

About the Bond - The Board has discussed facilities needs and anticipated enrollment growth in a series of community forums and Board workshops over the 2017 and 2018 school years. Those conversations, in addition to the priorities of Lemoore residents that participated in the telephone poll surveys, assisted the Board and District staff to establish the areas of focus that bond-funded projects would include:

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

Bond Updates:

- The Board approved an agreement for Architectural Services with Mangini Associates, Inc. for the new elementary school project. The schematic design and development phase of the new elementary school project took place with various stakeholder involvement over the course of the 2018/2019 school year.
- In January 2019, an Architectural Services Agreement was approved by the Board for the HVAC replacement at Lemoore Elementary School.
- In February, the Citizens Oversight Committee members were approved by the Board.
- The bond rating process was completed in March 2019. The District received a very good rating. S&P issued a rating of A+. Bond sales occurred with the proceeds of the bond sale finalized on March 27, 2019. The District was issued \$7.5 million of our general obligation bond 2018 series 2019 authorization.
- In May, the Board approved a Traffic Impact Analysis for the new elementary school project as well as approved the CEQA Compliance Services agreement.
- The Board approved the Lease-Lease Back Construction Delivery Method and approved the Request for Proposals and Pre-construction Services Agreement for the new elementary school.
- In June, the Board approved the General Contractor and Construction Services Agreement, Site lease and Sublease agreement with Bush Construction, Inc. for the new elementary school project. Construction documents have been completed and are awaiting DSA review and approval.
- The Board approved the Architectural Services Agreement for Bridges Academy relocation with Mangini Associates, Inc. to relocate the Bridges Academy classroom and restroom buildings. This project will be completed in the summer of 2020 concurrent with the construction of the new elementary school.
- In August, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the use of the Design Build delivery method and approved Request for Qualifications for the Liberty Middle School HVAC project.
- The members of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC), appointed by the Board of Trustees, convene on August 22 to review their role and responsibilities serving on the BOC along with understanding and establishing their support of the District's Bond work by providing updates to the Board of Trustees on the status of the schedule and expenditures related to bond-funded projects.
- The Measure D Bond Update website shortcut can be found on the District home page or by visiting the link below. Keep up with the latest news about the bond projects!



RENDERING OF NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Visit the Measure D Bond Web Site to learn more!

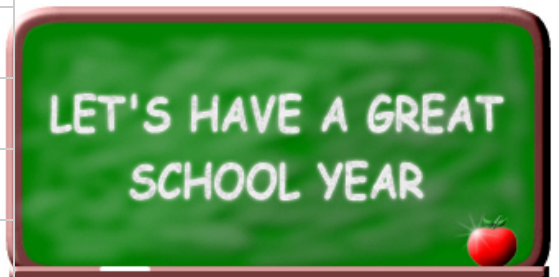


We Appreciate our Support Staff



IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Date	Event
9/2	Labor Day
10/14	Columbus Day - No School
9/30-10/4	Parent Teacher Conferences
11/1	Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
11/1	End of 1 st Trimester
11/11	Veteran's Day – No School
11/25-11/29	Thanksgiving Break
12/23-1/10	Winter Break

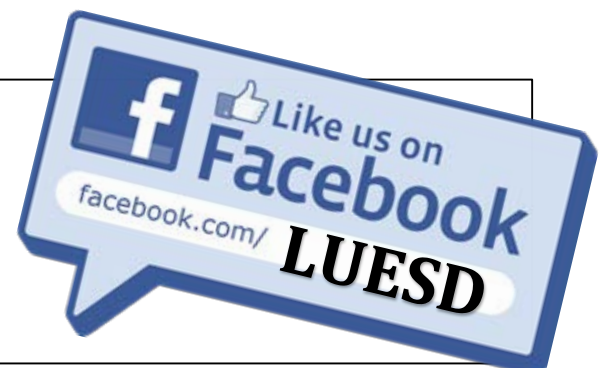


DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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

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





Lemoore Union Elementary School District (LUESD) welcomes and encourages parents, grandparents, guardians, as well as other patrons of this district to become involved in neighboring schools by volunteering their spare time or by serving as a chaperone for school field trips. Please contact your school directly and ask how you can volunteer or chaperone. There are many ways to get involved in the education of children.

All New and Returning Volunteers and Chaperones Required to Complete Online Application Using Raptor in 2019-20

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 (provided within the application page), 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:

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

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

ONLINE RESOURCES

	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
	2019/2020 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