

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

It is hard to believe we are concluding our first trimester of the 2019/2020 school year. We are in the heart of our fall season with winter right around the corner! We are proud of the progress our students are making as we continue our focused efforts on supporting EACH ONE of our students' continued learning and personal growth. As you know during this time of year we will experience drastic weather changes. Please be aware of potential foggy day conditions. Foggy day information is posted on our website as well as on several news stations and information is contained on page 9 of this newsletter.

We have a lot to be thankful for in our district. We are getting closer to beginning the construction phase of our new elementary school. This was made possible by the Measure D bond efforts passed as part of the General Election in November of 2018. Our district is planning to open our newest elementary school during the 2021/2022 school year. We are at the stage of gathering feedback from our stake-holders regarding the name of our new elementary site. Per Board Policy 7310, the Governing Board shall name district schools and facilities in recognition of:

1. Individuals, living or deceased, and entities that have made outstanding contributions, including financial contributions, to the school community.
2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance.
3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located.

We encourage participation in the process of selecting a name for our new site. Please provide your feedback by clicking on the link below. The link will be available until November 11th. Our goal will be to have the new school name approved by the school board in January.

[Click here for New Elementary School Name Selection Survey](#)

As we look ahead to our holiday season, it brings about a wonderful time of reflection. I am incredibly thankful for all the blessings we experience every day within our district. I am thankful for our community supporting and believing in our schools. I am grateful for our staff dedicating their time and expertise to the 3366 students in our care. I am appreciative of our Board of Trustees investing in what is truly best for ALL students; and finally, I am thankful for our students who so innocently put their trust in us to be committed to EACH ONE of them by teaching, caring, guiding and supporting them, in order to make a positive impact on this world.

I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve in this incredible district. I sincerely hope to see many of you at our upcoming winter performances and music events scheduled during the first weeks of December. I also want to encourage our families to ensure our students are spending time over our Thanksgiving and winter break exploring and reading books! Remember, reading is the best gift we can give a child!! Wishing you all a very blessed, safe, and healthy holiday season!



Cheryl Hunt



EVERY STUDENT

ALL STAFF

COMMITTED TO

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ORIENTED TO RESULTS

NO EXCUSES

EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



Engvall Roadrunners



Roadrunner STRONG

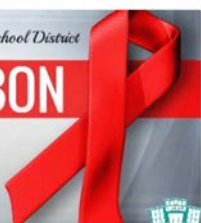
Engvall has been focused on integrating and modeling the positive behaviors we want to see from all students at Engvall. The acronym STRONG stands for **S**afe, **T**rustworthy, **R**espectful, **O**n-task, **N**o excuses, and **G**rateful. This acronym will be used to help our students understand the expectations at Engvall Elementary. Each student participated in a Passport Day where they visited the entire campus learning what the expectations are in each of our campus areas. For example, students learned what the expectations are in the cafeteria, in the hallways or walkways, and in the office. Each classroom and multipurpose room has the expectations displayed for everyone to refer to as a reminder of how to be STRONG. Students earn Roadrunner STRONG tickets for being STRONG. Students can use their tickets to purchase items in the Roadrunner STRONG store. Each month one attribute of STRONG is recognized at our Roadrunner STRONG Ceremony which is held on the last Monday of each month.



Engvall teachers and administration have been focusing on students' reading skills. We are striving to ensure that each student is able to read at grade level by the end of the school year. Students have an Accelerated Reader goal they have been working on throughout the trimester. Students identified needs are being met through their Guided Reading group. Each Guided Reading group meets with their classroom teacher throughout the week to practice reading as well as the skills they need assistance with to become a proficient reader. Students are also expected to read independently at home and in the classroom during Accelerated Reading time to increase their reading stamina. Engvall's Accelerated Reader Rally for trimester 1 is planned for November. Please encourage your child to read every day!

Lemoore Union Elementary School District

**RED RIBBON
WEEK**



What is Red Ribbon Week?

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. It reaches millions of Americans during October. By wearing red ribbons, young people pledge to live a drug free life.



Red Ribbon Week

Send A Message,
Stay Drug Free

2019



October 21 - October 25



LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD

We are in full Liberty Marching Band and Color guard competition mode. The students have been practicing during their classes and afterschool, preparing for these events. Their first parade competition of the season was the Caruthers Fair Parade, on September 28. The students did an amazing job and worked so hard, showing their Patriot PRIDE. The team successfully took 1st place.

On October 2nd, they participated in the Big Fresno Fair Review. The percussion section took 3rd place and the whole group took 2nd place overall out of 10 groups. They even brought home a large check, a \$400 prize! The students had an amazing time performing and enjoying the fair with their bandmates.

They followed that review, with an awesome performance at the Visalia Band Invitational, on October 12. The Color Guard took 3rd place, the Drumline took 1st Place, and Grace Buckley, our Drum Major took 3rd place. The whole combined group took 1st place overall. We are so proud to see all the hard work and practice pay off for the entire team. We are also thankful for supportive parents and community members as well as our dedicated Music Department, led by Mr. Morshead. Congratulations!

Trick or Treat Night

Liberty Middle School held their Annual Community Event, Trick or Treat Night on October 18. Hundreds of families and community members came to campus for treats, carnival games, and haunted houses. In addition to all this fun, there were also community booths on campus, including the Lemoore Police Department, that gave everyone a K9 unit demonstration. We are grateful for the continuing community support and we hope everyone had a wonderful time.

Special thank you to all the organizations that contributed to the success of our event, including Lemoore Police Department, Lemoore Fire Department, Side Out Volleyball, Whiplash Volleyball, Lemoore Parks and Rec, Beto's, King Cone, Jamba Juice, Lasso Program from Lemoore Presbyterian Church, Lemoore High School, Cinnamon Elementary School, Meadow Lane Elementary School, and of course our amazing Liberty Middle School staff.



Flag Football

Our Liberty Middle School boys flag football team had an amazing season. Kobe Green, the team captain, really stepped up and supported his teammates throughout the season, with encouraging words and friendship. You could see how well the team worked together, especially with Daniel Rodriguez and Ethan Collins on the defense. Mataniufeagaimaleata Lagoo, a returning player from last year's championship team, was still a force on the line. We hope students, including Damien Barajas, return next year. The flag football team placed 2nd at the SAL championships on September 30. Congratulations to the entire team. Coach Gamboa is very proud and is looking forward to next year being even better!!



Cinnamon Elementary School



Our third grade students had the opportunity to visit with members of the Friends of the Sarah Mooney Museum. Students spent two days with museum volunteers learning about early settlers of Lemoore. Students learned how settlers lived their day-to-day lives and how children experienced school. Students loved the experience and said, "It was the best day ever" and "I loved beating the rugs!" Parents also commented how excited students were to come to school and learn from the museum volunteers.



Cinnamon Book Fair 2019



Mrs. Ahumada hosted another very successful book fair for our Cinnamon students and families. Along with providing a large selection of book for students, Cinnamon also raised over \$600 for All for Books. Scholastic matches dollar for dollar and donated over 600 books to charity in Cinnamon's name. Students always look forward to book fair week and Mrs. Ahumada did not disappoint! Leslie Contreras Gonzalez in Mrs. Avila's class stated, "What I liked about the book fair was the amazing decorations!" Zeke Maldonado in Mrs. Cunning class said, "I liked the pencil pull and all the books. They were good!"

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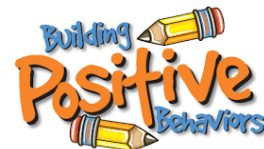
WELCOME NEW STAFF TO UCS

UCS has some new staff this year and we would like you to meet them. New to sixth grade but not to UCS is Mrs. Kain. Mrs. Kain is a graduate of Cal State Bakersfield and is teaching 6th grade math and science. Ms. Clark is a graduate of Ottawa University and is teaching 8th grade math and science. Mr. Salazar is a graduate of Fresno State and is teaching Physical Education. Mrs. Sutherland is a graduate of Fresno State and is our special education teacher. Ms. Buder is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and is our new school counselor. We hope you have had a chance to meet them and welcome them to UCS. You can also check out their profiles on our Instagram and Facebook page @ucshawks.



TAKE TEACHING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

This summer, three quarters of our staff attended the AVID Summer Institute for intensive training on the frameworks for AVID Schoolwide. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a schoolwide framework which supports students for college eligibility and success. Our goal is to implement the AVID methodologies which have been proven nationwide to prepare students for college eligibility and success. This is a deliberate process which will take several years to fully implement. Our first step is the introduction of focused note-taking which students should be doing weekly. To see our progress I encourage you to ask your child to share their notes with you and explain how they are learning to use them. Our goal is to one day be an AVID Schoolwide Demonstration school.



UCS is continuing to utilize a positive approach to improving student behaviors. Students are reminded of the behavior expectations in class, on the playground, in the cafeteria, on the playground, while on the bus and other areas via our Behavior Expectations Matrix. Our staff monitors classroom managed behaviors, which we refer to as Tier 1, and the use of a step-referral process to rewards students with Fun Friday activity at least once per month. Students that have no step-referrals or office referrals since the last Fun Friday qualify for the event. We believe that this positive approach is having an improved impact on students overall behavior and creating a positive school environment. We welcome your feedback.

**Upcoming event: UCS Parent Staff
Organization: Color Fun 5K Run/Walk -
November 16th. Race sign-in 8:00 AM.
Race begins at 9:00 AM.
\$10 per racer.
This is a fundraiser for the UCS PSO.**

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Lemoore Elementary

Science

Lemoore Elementary students are experiencing science projects and learning. Several grade levels have been piloting a new science curriculum and also incorporated STEM activities. Coming up in Trimester 2, students will have brand new science books and materials.



Student of the Month

Brunch Celebration

This year Lemoore Elementary is celebrating the student of the month with a morning brunch. Parents and students get to have breakfast together and students receive the beautiful, full color certificate provided by Island photography and a certificate for a free kids meal at Applebee's.



Rock Club

Lemoore Elementary started a new Rock Painting Club. The club meets every Wednesday after school from September to November. The students are painting rocks that will create a new Rock Garden at Lemoore Elementary. The rock garden will be located next to 12L.



ROAR Passport Day

In September, Lemoore Elementary conducted a passport day for students. The students traveled to different areas around the campus and learned how to ROAR like a lion. ROAR stands for **R**espect, **O**n-task, **A**chieve, **R**esponsibility. This is an acronym that helps students to learn the behavioral expectations in every location on campus. On completion of learning all the expectations at each area on campus, students received a ROAR bracelet.



Tachi Dancers

In October, the Tachi Tribe's group of youth dancers, came to share their traditional dances with the students at Lemoore Elementary. Our 4th grade students had just finished studying about local Native American Tribes and were excited to see the traditional dances. It was also so exciting to see Lemoore Elementary's very own Gavin Lemaster share his cultural dances with his school.



Meadow Lane Mustangs

One of the highlights of the year so far have been student council speeches and elections, held in September. Ms. Cruz, the ASB advisor, worked with students as they prepared and rehearsed their speeches. "I have never heard students speak so clearly, so passionately, or purposefully in elementary school student council speeches," said an impressed Mr. Kenney. Anthony Navarro was elected President, Ameera Foster finished second in the vote count and will assume the role of Vice-President. Autumn Boatman is the Secretary and Brayden Headley was elected Treasurer.



Student council candidates deliver their speeches

Dozens and dozens of Meadow Lane students attended the annual Liberty Middle School Trick-or-Treat event. Lemoore police and fire department were on-hand there too, as well as many community organizations. It was a fun time for kids to wear their costumes to "school" and get some candy while they were at it.



Our third through sixth grade teams have been busy with Trimester 1 benchmark testing and the early returns are positive that students are slightly ahead of where they were last year. There is a long way to go and teams will be working hard each day to make sure students learn the guaranteed standards at each grade level.

Meadow Lane TK through 3rd grade students got to see police and fire vehicles up close and personal during Red Ribbon week. The following day 4th through 6th grade students were spectators to a K9 demonstration. The last week in October students continued with the Red Ribbon theme by having dress up days to "say no to drugs."



A final word of thanks to our parent club, the Mustang Nation Foundation. In the fall fundraiser they have put more than \$8,000 in the bank. That money is already going out to pay for field trips. First grade students went to the Fresno Zoo on October 31, and Kindergarten and TK students will be going on November 8.



The first trimester comes to an end on November first. Yes, that's right, another school year is flying by faster than we know. We are super proud of the progress our students are making and the work our teacher teams are doing. Every day we are all about learning and getting better for E.A.C.H. O.N.E.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON VAPING

As we wrap up Red Ribbon Week at our sites, it is important to continue to keep our families informed and aware of the tobacco and drug issues that are presenting themselves in our community and our nation. You may be aware of the growing popularity of vaping and vaping devices, but you may not be aware of what these devices look like or the facts associated with vaping. We are experiencing students possessing these devices at school and even admitting to using these devices at such a young age.

Vaping 101: What every parent should know

There are hundreds of e-cigarette brands on the market, and they are now the most commonly used tobacco products among youth. Middle and high school students are increasingly using these battery-operated devices, often marketed as a healthier alternative to traditional cigarettes, to inhale nicotine, THC and various synthetic chemicals. Inhaling liquid nicotine is concerning on its own, but vaping unknown and potentially more dangerous and damaging substances is even more so.

Vaping: What is it?

Vaping is the “act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, produced by an e-cigarette or similar device,” according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (NCASA).

Vaping has become more popular among teens than regular cigarettes, especially since vaping devices can be used to inhale flavored substances – such as mint, crème brûlée or mango – and substances that contain nicotine or THC, the chemical compound in marijuana that produces the high.

E-cigarettes also can be used to vaporize opiates and synthetic substances.



Many e-cigarettes and vaping devices look like everyday items – such as pens, asthma inhalers, iPods and lipstick tubes – which makes it easy to disguise their use. One popular vaping device that kids are bringing to school these days is the Juul vaporizer, which looks like a USB flash drive and can be charged by plugging it into a laptop. The Juul is small enough to conceal inside an enclosed hand and comes in eight different kid-appealing flavors. Packaging designs for some vaping liquids look a lot like popular candies, which could confuse some children and lead to accidental poisonings.

Is vaping safe?

Some people claim that vaping is less harmful than smoking, but “safer” does not equal safe. Nicotine – in any form – is a highly addictive drug. Teenage years are critical to brain development, which continues into adulthood. Vaping over a long period of time puts individuals at risk for negative long-term effects, including:

- Damage to the brain,
- heart and lungs;
- Cancerous tumor development; and
- Pre-term deliveries and stillbirths in pregnant women.



What are the risks associated with vaping?

While researchers are still learning about the effects of e-cigarettes, some dangers are clear, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control:

- Chemicals in e-liquids can be more concentrated and dangerous than chemicals in a cigarette.
- Inhaling from a vape pen or e-cigarette that contains nicotine or THC could amplify the drug's side effects.
- The additional synthetic chemicals that make up e-liquids – such as synthetic marijuana – could expose the lungs to a variety of chemicals, including carcinogens and toxic metal nanoparticles.
- Chemicals from these devices can damage the inside of the mouth and create sores.

Are nicotine-free e-cigarettes safe?

Many teens are under the impression that it is safe to inhale nicotine-free water vapors, but recent studies say otherwise. Much of the respiratory risk appears to come from the flavoring agents found in some e-cigarettes, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. When inhaled, these flavoring agents can cause “popcorn lung” – a scarring of the tiny air sacs in the lungs that result in the thickening and narrowing of airways. Popcorn lung mirrors the symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including wheezing, coughing and shortness of breath.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says e-cigarettes are not safe for young adults. Some of the risk comes from the aerosol itself, which can contain lead, volatile organic compounds and cancer-causing agents.

Are there any regulations to protect my children?

Currently, there are no safety regulations in place related to e-cigarettes. The FDA states that minors are not permitted to buy e-cigarettes in stores or online, but that does not prevent an underage person from buying them online by simply clicking a button that says they are 21 or older.

In New York state, e-cigarettes are treated the same as regular cigarettes. Vaping is banned in all public spaces, including bars and restaurants, the workplace, on public transportation, inside all public and private schools and colleges, and in outdoor areas where smoking is forbidden.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Dear Families,

Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the holidays as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in middle school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school— and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. You can help us convey that message. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Please keep in mind that school is closed on November 25-29 for Thanksgiving break and December 23 - January 10 for our winter break.



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.

SCHEDULE

8:00-9:00AM

JAN 23 — ENGVALL ROOM #2

JAN 24— LEMOORE ROOM #4

JAN 29— CINNAMON LIBRARY ROOM

JAN 31 — UNIVERSITY CHARTER MULTI PURPOSE

FEB 3 — MEADOW LANE ROOM #37

FEB 5—LIBERTY MEDIA CENTER

BIG NEWS!

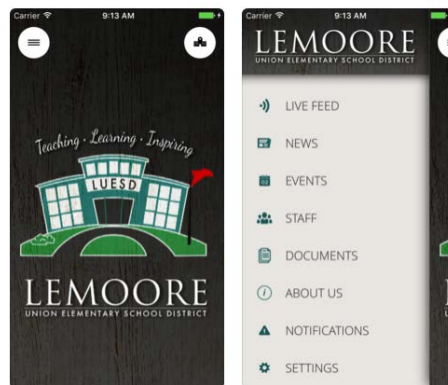
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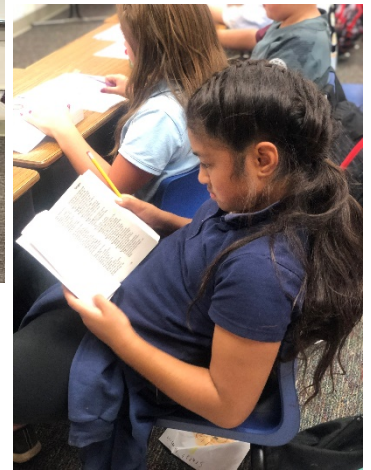
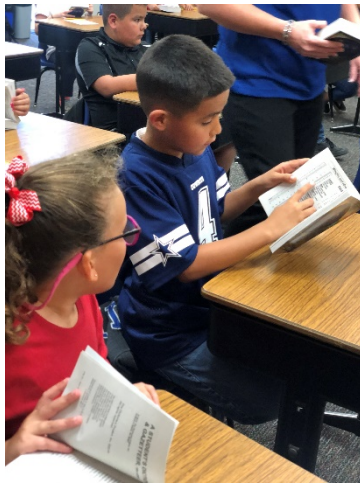
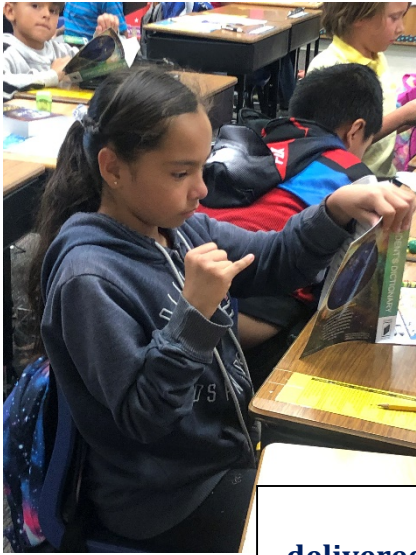
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Thank you Lemoore Rotary



The Rotary Club of Lemoore has delivered dictionaries to every third grade student in Lemoore Union Elementary School District.

Date	Event
11/1	End of 1 st Trimester
11/1	No School – District Professional Development Day
11/11	Veterans Day – No School
11/25-11/29	Thanksgiving Break
12/11	ML and EE Winter Concert – LMS Gym
12/12	LE and CE Winter Concert – LMS Gym
12/17	Liberty Band Concert – LMS Gym
12/18	District Choir Concert – LMS Cafeteria
12/23-1/10	Winter Break



DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION










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

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ONLINE RESOURCES

	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
	2019/2020 School Calendar
	Standards
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	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