LEMOORE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

I hope this edition of the district newsletter finds you well as we begin the 2020 New Year and a new decade! It is unbelievable how fast our year is progressing! 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, I want to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication to ensuring our students are continuing to learn and grow particularly in the areas of English and math. We celebrate the recent release of the California School Dashboard results which, indicated that as a district, we earned a green status in the areas of ELA, Math, Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension data. Each of these areas are areas in which we are held accountable to ensuring growth, year after year. Our staff is commended for working diligently to support the unique needs of EACH ONE of our students as we continue to prepare for our local assessments and the upcoming CAASPP assessments which our 3rd-8th grade students will take this spring. THANK YOU to all of our staff who have truly made a difference for our kids!

On the facilities front, we are continuing our efforts to secure our upcoming facilities projects, which were outlined in our recent bond Measure D. A lot of planning and preparing has been taking place behind the scenes this year. Our District facilities projects are being 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. We are on track to begin our HVAC projects at Lemoore Elementary and Liberty Middle School this summer. We are also in the final stages of the new elementary school construction project. In fact, the Board of Trustees recently approved the name of our newest facility. We are excited to open Freedom Elementary School in August of 2021. Groundbreaking is set to begin by March of this year.

Again, thank you for your support! Thank you also for joining us in securing a positive future for our district as we provide the best quality education for our students! Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hunt, Superintendent

Cheryl Hunt

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ALL STAFF

EVERY STUDENT

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

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EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY





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2020 Excellence in Education Awards



We are pleased to announce our Lemoore Union Elementary School District Employees of the Year! **Dr. Anne Hoover**, Teacher at Meadow Lane Elementary School - Teacher of the Year! **Yesenia Sandoval-Quair**, Site Clerk at Lemoore Elementary School - Employee 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 2020 Excellence in Education Awards as part of the Kings County Office of Education and Educational Employee's Credit Union event to be held in March.

We appreciate our staff and the difference they make each and every day! WAY TO GO!



The District hosted its annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 21st and Thursday, January 23rd, 2020, 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	
1st Grade	Jonmari Cristobal – Meadow Lane	Izek Gutierrez – Engvall	
2 nd Grade	Joelle Feliz Geldore – Meadow Lane	Khloe Calvert - Lemoore	
3 rd Grade	Althea Caitleen Icalina - Cinnamon	Luna Carpio – Engvall	
4 th Grade	Sawyer Young - Cinnamon	River Kooyman – Lemoore	
5 th Grade	Aiden Josue and Rhicamae Josue - Lemoore	Rufina Cel Andres – Cinnamon	
6 th Grade	Lily Millan - Cinnamon	Acaanan Smith - Engvall	

The top spellers will move on to the County Spelling Bee which is set for the week of February 25-February 28. 2020. at the Hanford Civic Auditorium.





The Great Kindness Challenge is one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness on campuses nationwide. The Lemoore Union Elementary School District, alongside our schools are proudly participating in this proactive, positive bullying prevention initiative. Families and community members can partner in participating in The Great Kindness Challenge by visiting The Great Kindness Challenge Family Edition.

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Meadow Lane Mustangs

Students returned to school the week of January 13 to receive refresher courses on Mustang SPIRIT. Mustang SPIRIT is the way the staff at Meadow Lane is presenting behavior expectations to our students, and it is what we expect from each other. SPIRIT stands for Self-Control, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Involvement, and Trustworthiness. Prior to the break teachers submitted the areas they wanted the SPIRIT lessons to focus on. So we set out to reinforce our students' understanding of the importance of Self-Control, Integrity, and Perseverance.

Self-Control means thinking about what one says before saying it, and thinking about what one does before doing it. Integrity means doing the right thing even if nobody is watching. Self-Control and Integrity are very closely connected. Perseverance means working all the way to the end, seeing a task through until it is finished. Perseverance is also an important component to maintaining Self-Control and Integrity.

The students did a great job during the lessons and they had some really insightful comments when asked about how they could display these important behavior expectations, or what it might look like in their class, on the yard, in the cafeteria, or any location at school.



Mr. Kenney reminding students about the importance of Self-Control, Integrity, and Perseverance during Mustang SPIRIT assemblies.

SPELLING BEE

Twelve Meadow Lane students represented the Mustang Nation at the District Spelling Bee on January 21 and 23. Jonmari Cristobal won the first grade spelling bee, and Joelle Geldore won the second grade spelling bee. Both students will represent the Lemoore Union Elementary School District in Kings County Spelling Bee later this year. We are very proud of the hard work and effort our students put into the spelling bee.



Second grade teacher, Mrs.
Reyes, Meadow Lane Spelling Bee
Director, Mrs. Oliveira and
second grade contestant Ella
Reyes and district champion
Joelle Geldore. First grade
district winner, Jonmari
Cristobal beaming with pride.





Soccer

Nearly 40 Meadow Lane students have tried out for the girls and boys soccer teams. The games will begin on January 30 and are played at 3 pm on the east field at Meadow Lane (home games). Everyone is welcome to come out and support our after school athletic teams.







Besides the SPIRIT lessons mentioned above, Meadow Lane students took their six week STAR Reading assessments on their first week back at school. In the second grade, there was a twelve percentage point increase in the number of students reading at the second grade level. In sixth grade, there was an eleven percentage point increase. Fourth and fifth graders also made gains in the number of students reading at grade level. Each grade level is in position to meet the year end goal of having more students reading at grade level, based on the STAR Reading assessment, than last year. This is a district goal and E.A.C.H. O.N.E. at Meadow Lane is committed to doing their part to see that our district reaches this challenging and worthy goal.

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 29— CINNAMON LIBRARY ROOM

JAN 31 — UNIVERSITY CHARTER MULTI PURPOSE

FEB 3 — MEADOW LANE ROOM #37

FEB 4 — ENGVALL ROOM #2

FEB 5—LIBERTY MEDIA CENTER

FEB 14— LEMOORE ROOM #4

Liberty Patriots





Model PLC School

Liberty Middle School was named a Model Professional Learning Community School. Liberty was recognized because the staff works in collaborative teams that respond to student's learning in a coordinated process. This process ensures our students receive additional time and support for learning in a way that is timely, directive and systematic. Liberty Middle School is now 1 of 5 schools in the state of California to receive this recognition, and 1 in 47 middle schools nationwide. Congratulations to the staff and students and thank you to our Lemoore community for their support.

Liberty Spelling Bee Champions

Over 20 spelling bee students compete for their chance to represent Liberty Middle School at the Kings County Spelling Bee. Some of the students had previously participated in the Spelling Bee, while others were nominated by their teachers. Each student was given a list to practice. Before winter break, all students were invited to an entertaining spell off to narrow it down to two finalists per grade. Congratulations to Seth Owens (7th grade) and Ethan Escobedo (8th Grade), who will be representing Liberty Middle School on February 28 at the county level spelling bee.





Liberty Middle School Soccer Champions

Congratulations to our Liberty Middle School Girls Soccer team and Coach Benitez. The Girls Soccer Team had an undefeated season this year. At the SAL Tournament championship, the team defended last year's championship and took first place once more. A big "shoutout" to team leaders, Kye Tarkington, Elieanna Gonzalez, and Sarah Mendez, who were always willing to step up and help if needed. The championship could not be won without returning members, Mia Melendrez, Anissa Zepeda, and Jaylynn Corona, who always gave their best effort every 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.



Lemoore Christmas Parade

Our Liberty Marching band and colorguard participated in the Lemoore's "Greatest Show" Christmas parade on December 7th in Downtown Lemoore. Their practice and hard work really showed as they dazzled our community, even on a cold night. In addition to our band and colorguard, we also had a school parade float participation in the Christmas parade. This year's float was a real team effort. We are so appreciative of all those who helped and contributed; students and staff even worked during their Thanksgiving break to make our float come alive. Our school float placed 2nd at the Christmas parade.



Lemoore Lions

Science

New science curriculum has arrived and classes are diving into the world of science. Our TK students are especially excited to learn about weather. Kindergarten students have been focused on engineering and 4th grade students are learning about geological forces.

A group of 3rd graders, known as the Green Team, have created a mission to clean up the school and promote Earth Awareness. They are picking up trash and planning for campus beautification.



TUPE program Poster Contest

Mrs. Casillas' art students participated in the KCOE Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program Fall 2019 "Don't Fall Into Smoking" Poster Contest. All participating students received a bag of goodies. In the county wide contest, Kimberly Concepcion earned 3rd place and Yulissa Ortega earned 2nd place. They received great prizes! Congratulations!!





ROAR Store

Students have been earning ROAR bucks during the month of December to use at the new ROAR store. Students are earning the bucks for showing Respect, being On-Task, showing Achievement, and being Responsible. Students will continue to earn the bucks throughout the school year. They can use them at the ROAR store one Friday a month.

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 DRA (Diagnostic Reading Assessment) and STAR assessments.

Trimester 1 Rally

On November 22nd Lemoore Elementary celebrated all of the success and hard work of students during the trimester rally. Students played games and won prizes. Parent club donated many prizes and it was easy to see a great time was had by all.

Cinnamon Eagles

Annual Canned Food Fundraiser

Our Cinnamon Student Council, under the guidance of Ms. Campbell, once again held their annual canned food drive leading up to Thanksgiving. The canned food drive benefited Lemoore Christian Aid. Students and parents collected a total of 621 cans with sixth grade bringing in the most. This year's total was 200 more cans than last year! The food drive is an annual event at Cinnamon and offers community involvement opportunities to our students.



Cinnamon Students are SOARing!

This school year, staff have been working with students learning the school-wide behavior expectations throughout campus. Students have been showing they can SOAR on campus by showing Safety, On task behavior, Achievement, and Respect in the classrooms, playground, cafeteria, and throughout campus. We are proud of how well our students are showing SOAR on campus.

Winter Program

All students participated in the annual Winter Program in December. Thank you to our Cinnamon Families for attending and supporting our students. They did a wonderful job performing songs and poems.



<u>University Charter Hawks</u>

University Charter School Fall 2020 - New Enrollment Grades: 6th thru 8th Now Enrolling



See link for New Student Registration.

Applications available ONLINE only.

https://lemooreunion.schoolmint.net/signin

UCS Fall 2020 Enrollment

University Charter School is now accepting enrollment applications for the Fall 2020 school year. Seating is limited so it is vital that parents enroll students now. The initial enrollment period is now until February 29. A lottery will be held if enrollment applicants exceed the openings available. The following openings are available in each grade: Sixth grade has 60 seats. Seventh grade has 20 seats. Eighth grade has 5 seats. After February 29, applications will be accepted on a first come basis with admission preference given to siblings of students currently enrolled for Fall 2020 and to those students residing within the LUESD boundaries.

Field Trips

UCS is planning trips in April 2020 for 6th and 7th grade students. The 6th grade classes will tour Hearst Castle. We are looking for four chaperones to join this group. Please contact the Dean, Mr. Camarena at 924-6890 if you are interested. Our 7th grade class will visit the campus of Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo once again this year. After a self-guided tour of the campus and lunch they will stop at Avila Beach for quick trip to play along the Pacific Ocean. We are also looking for chaperones for this trip. If you are adventurous and would like to volunteer please contact University Charter School.



7th Grade students at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - Spring 2019



Students giving teachers a pie in the face for signing up the most participants in our Color Run.





6th graders studying mummies with an apple mummification.

Student iPad Use at Home

We are well into the year now and your child should be well versed in using their iPad both at school and home. Students were given instruction in the classroom on the expected handling of iPads and the rules which apply to their use. Parents are asked to take an active role in monitoring the use of iPads at home. We have found that this technology is a helpful tool when used appropriately. A copy of the rules is available in our office and website. Here are some helpful guidelines for parents to know:

- Charge iPad nightly and keep in a public place other than the child's bedroom if possible.
- Check student screens often to ensure students are using iPads for educational or research directly related to assignments.
- As much as possible have students complete work on iPads in a public place like the living room or kitchen table.
- Student should only be using iPads for education or research related assignments.

UPCOMING -Events-

- UCS Parent Staff Organization meeting Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 25 @ 6 PM:
- Coffee with Superintendent Ian 31 @ 8 AM;
- LHS 8th Grade Parent Night Feb 10 @ 5:30PM LHS Event Center

Engvall Roadrunners

Volleyball



The Engvall Volleyball team won first place in the fall. They ended the season with five wins and one loss. The team was coached by Mrs. Morshead, Engvall 5th grade teacher. The team had 14 players from 5th and 6th grade. Mrs. Morshead practiced with the team two days each week with the games being on Thursday of each week. This is Mrs. Morshead's first year as the Engvall Volleyball Head Coach. We are so proud of each player for their dedication and hard work. Students were awarded their first place medals during a Monday Flag Ceremony.







Tield Trips

Engvall's first grade students went on their field trip to the Children's Musical Theater to watch the play "Frozen", they also enjoyed Roeding Park in Fresno. Students were mesmerized by the play. They discussed their favorite characters and their favorite parts of the play.

Spirit Day Fridays

Each Friday is an Engvall Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to wear green and yellow every Friday. The class who has the highest percentage of students wearing green and yellow will be recognized during our Monday Flag Ceremony. They also will have a wreath they hang on their door for the entire week, and will participate in a fun activity to celebrate winning the Spirit Wear Day. Please encourage all Roadrunners to wear green and yellow every Friday.



Mrs. Fagundes gets to celebrate with her students.

Winter Program



WINTER CONCERTS

Thank you to all the families who attended our winter concerts in December. The students did a wonderful job showing their musical talents.



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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.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! Collaborate with the school nurse if your child has any health or medical needs. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact your child's school. Your child's attendance can also be monitored through the Aeries Parent Portal. Thank you for your efforts in getting your child to school to maximize their learning opportunities!

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

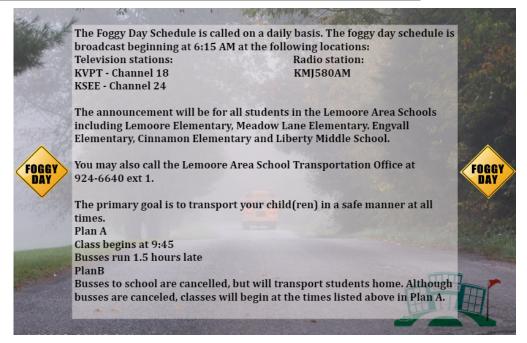


California has new regulations for the immunizations needed to be enrolled in school. Please review the new regulations and submit updates to the school office as soon as possible. Most vaccine clinics and doctor's offices are busy around the beginning of the school year. We encourage you to get these shots during spring break and submit a record to us before summer. Please remember that any student starting 7th grade must have all of the immunizations listed **and** a Tdap booster.

GRADE	NUMBER OF DO	SES REQUIRED	OF EACH IMMUI	NIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}	
K-12 Admission	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP ⁵	3 Hep B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th) ⁸	K-12 doses	+ 1 Tdap			
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}		1 Tdap ⁸			2 Varicella ¹⁰

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2020-2021 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

LUESD is once again partnering with SchoolMint to bring our community a fast and easy way to register their children for school using an online registration process! Online kindergarten registration is set to open February 3, 2020 and will be accessible through the district website (www.luesd.k12.ca.us) or on the SchoolMint App (found in the Google Play Store or the ITunes Store).

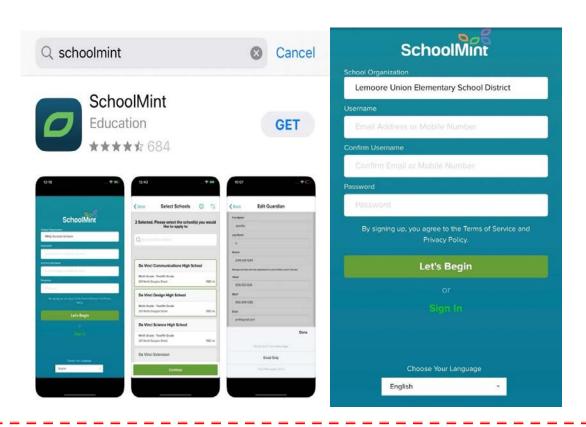
Mobile devices can be used to enter and upload new student registration information and documentation from home so don't delay, download the APP today!

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!

Transfer Requests: The TK/Kindergarten deadline to submit intra-district transfer requests is March 31st and the TK/Kindergarten deadline to submit inter-district transfers is April 15. Late or incomplete registration could result in a denial of transfer.

As a reminder, students who are already attending schools within LUESD will NOT need to complete this online registration for the 2020/2021 school year. This includes students promoting from TK to Kindergarten and 6th to 7th grade.

ENROLL ON THE SCHOOLMINT APP



They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.









A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at **2020CENSUS.GOV**.

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at **CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS**.

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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 <u>not</u> 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	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	2. 3.	TB Risk Assessment/Clearance 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.



IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Date	Event
2/17/2020	President's Day – No School
4/21/2020	Elementary Open House
4/23/2020	LMS & UCS Open House
4/6-13/2020	Spring Break – No School
5/25/2020	Memorial Day – No School
6/3/2020	LMS Promotion Ceremony
6/4/2020	UCS Milestone Ceremony
6/4/2020	LUESD Last Day of School

Student Transfers for 2020/2021

Note: Students currently attending school on an approved intradistrict 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.

The TK/Kindergarten deadline to submit intra-district transfer requests is March 31st and the TK/Kindergarten deadline to submit inter-district transfers is April 15. Late or incomplete registration could result in a denial of transfer.



DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION

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

LEMORE INON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTING	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
CALENDAR	2019-2020 School Calendar 2020-2021 School Calendar
	<u>Standards</u>
Mary Mary Mary Mary Mary Mary Mary Mary	Cinnamon Elementary Website Cinnamon Facebook
	Engvall Elementary Website Engvall Facebook
	Lemoore Elementary Website Lemoore Facebook
	Meadow Lane Elementary Website Meadow Lane Facebook
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	University Charter School Website University Charter Facebook