

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lemoore Union Elementary School District Parents & Staff,

What a year this 2019/2020 school year has been! Who would have thought that we would end our school year with our buildings closed and students learning via distance learning? It has been an unimaginable experience, but regardless of the challenges we faced given the COVID-19 pandemic, our focus continued to be on our students. Despite the school closure, we have so much to celebrate as a district. I am excited to share the great events, district updates, celebrations and pictures of our students and staff in this final edition of our 2019/2020 newsletter.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work of our LUESD staff. As we began this school year, we were ready to offer an academic program that would meet the needs and skill development of EACH ONE of our students. We received state data that indicated that our district had made significant progress earning a “green status” on the California Accountability Dashboard in ALL accountability areas. This validates that our staff continues to remain focused on working diligently to make 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 and supporting our students learning as we shifted to our distance learning model. We know the school closure has been a dramatic change for all of us. We THANK YOU for your investment in our students and the time you gave to ensure zoom meetings were a priority and google classroom assignments or packets were completed and submitted. We enjoyed the several creative ways our families engaged in their students learning via our technology. Keeping connected to our students and families was a priority for us and you helped make that happen.

We look forward to the coming school year and appreciate your feedback on our recent 2020/2021 Return to School survey. We are committed to bringing our students back to school. It may look a little different as we adjust, however we will work hard to ensure our district is equipped to meet all the safety guidelines established by the federal, state and local entities. We are also excited about the upcoming projects we have planned. Our Freedom Elementary School construction project has begun and we are preparing for the 2021 opening of our new site. We have sold our second bond series, which allows us to proceed with our capital improvement projects. Please keep an eye on our website for updates related to our Measure D bond efforts.

I wish you all the best as you enter the summer months. Please continue to stay safe and healthy during this time. I encourage you to make reading a priority this summer so we can continue to meet our literacy goals for our students. Remember reading is the greatest gift you can give your child! Also in order to stay informed, make sure to check our district website at www.luesd.k12.ca.us and our Facebook page for critical updates related to our next school year!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hunt

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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

LUESD is taking 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.

Data Confirmation

LUESD will continue utilizing Aeries, our student information system, 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 be sent an automated email message with instructions on how to access their Aeries Parent Portal account that will give access to their child's information. Returning families will continue using the account information previously established. 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 verifying your child's information.** If you have had a recent move or expect to move over the summer, you will be required to submit 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. You can submit proof of address to the school's registrar, via email, using the email account that pertains to your child's school (see below). If you have multiple children attending multiple schools in the district, please submit proof of address to each school that applies.

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Lemoore Elementary: lerestrar@myluesd.net
Liberty Middle School: lsrregistrar@myluesd.net

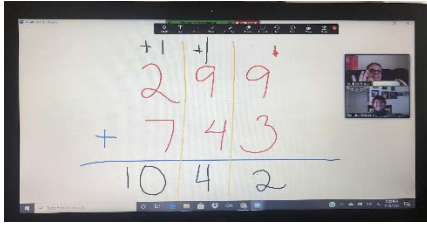
Engvall Elementary: eerestrar@myluesd.net
Meadow Lane Elementary: mlregistrar@myluesd.net
University Charter School: ucsrregistrar@myluesd.net



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.

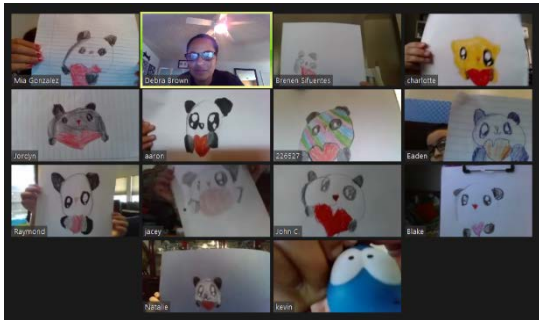
GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio ⁴	5 DTaP ⁵	3 Hep B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th) ⁸	1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}	1 Tdap ⁸				2 Varicella ¹⁰

News from Engvall Elementary



Distance Learning

Distance learning at Engvall went well. Our teachers met with students daily in Zoom lessons and our paraprofessionals met with small groups of students to focus on reading skills. Google Classroom assignments were shared with each Engvall student. Students worked throughout the week and weekend to complete their assignments. Our teaching partners, our Engvall parents, have done a great job helping their children stay focused on learning. Our attendance in distance learning has been fantastic! Thank you for making learning a priority. Road Runner Strong!



Art lessons have been an integral part of our distance learning. The teacher begins with a variety of shapes students are to draw in a specific order. As the students continue drawing, the variety of shapes become a picture. Ms. Hawken's class drew a frog and Mrs. Brown's class drew a bear. Students enjoyed their lessons and were proud to show their finished project to their Zoom class. Teachers continue to teach lessons based on California State Standards and include activities such as art lessons.

Engvall Staff Parade

Engvall staff organized a parade at the beginning of Distance learning and drove through numerous neighborhoods waving to students and families. We had many students lining the parade route to show signs to support their teachers. Engvall teachers continue to have positive relationships with students despite our school building closure status.

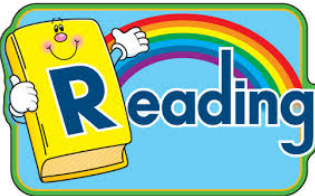


News from Lemoore Elementary



Reading Across America

During the Week of March 2nd - 6th, Lemoore Elementary celebrated *Read Across America*. Multiple guest readers came into the library to share their favorite stories with students. Readers included local community members, Lemoore High School students, and LPD. The students also had a fun week of dress up activities. The focus was on how reading books can take a reader to different places and times. Each class also participated in a poster contest. A huge thank you to Ms. Rocha for organizing a great week of activities and dress up days that focus on our literacy goals in all grade levels.



Mrs. Claycomb's Reading Olympics began in January as a way to encourage reading at home. With the school closure the rules were adapted to include Epic Reading for Kids during our distance learning.

Students received Bronze medals when they read 120 minutes (2 hours) at home. Silver was earned with 240 minutes or 4 hours of reading at home. Gold Medals were earned by reading 360 minutes or 6 hours of reading at home.

Prince earned his Gold medal before the school closure, but did not stop reading. Since March 16th, he has read 29.6 hours and 288 books on EPIC. Shyra David stated, "I'm so PROUD of myself!" Shyra also made the gold level before school closed; she read an additional 10 hours and 99 books during our distance learning. Prince and Shyra have truly shown what it means to ROAR like a Lion!



On March 13th the Peach Blossom Poetry team performed for parents in the Lemoore Elementary cafeteria. Students in grades 2nd-5th grade participated in performing poetry aloud while interpreting the meaning of the poetry. Even though the students were not able to participate in the Festival at Fresno State, they were able to show off all their hard work. The performance was recorded and the students at Lemoore Elementary were able to enjoy the performances.

Dis+ance Learning

The Spring of 2020 turned towards distance learning. Students and teachers dove right into this new way of teaching and learning. There have been some exciting instructional moments during the months of April and into May. Our 6th grade students are having spirited debates over Zoom meetings about poetry and argumentative writing. 1st and 3rd grade students continue to strengthen their skills in math and 5th grade students are creating state reports using Google Slides. 2nd grade students are keeping up on their reading and language skills by creating Flipgrid videos and TK & 4th grade students are conducting science experiments. There have been exciting projects, like "Flat" teachers and many one-on-one lessons in reading and math all with a focus on Lemoore Elementary's primary goal of learning for everyone, everyday.



News from University Charter

Distance Learning

The UCS instructional staff made a complete shift in how we provide instruction to our students. Resources and daily support are available to all our students. Common resources include our Week-At-A-Glance calendars, Distance Learning website, and weekly video conferencing with students and staff as well as parents in need of support. We cannot commend our staff enough for the heroic efforts they make every day to engage our students. UCS students have maintained a high 90% weekly engagement with students participating in both synchronous and asynchronous classes.



BECOME A HAWK! ENROLL NOW!

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. 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. Online enrollment available at <https://lemooreunion.schoolmint.net/signin>

C.A.P.E. HAWK HEROES
Be a Hawk Hero and earn a chance to win a weekly prize!

- **COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS**
- **Attendance**
- **Participation**
- **EFFORT**

Each week your teachers will pick up to 5 students per grade level for a chance to win a gift prize. Meet these expectation to qualify.

C.A.P.E Hawk Heroes

UCS evolved our school behavior expectations into distance learning expectations we call C.A.P.E. Hawk Heroes. This stands for **Complete assignments, Attendance, Participation, and Effort**. We adopted a superheroes theme and set clear expectations to support our students while we transitioned to a distance learning approach. Each week grade level teams each nominated five students that demonstrated these expectations. A weekly drawing is held and a student from this group wins a gift basket donated by our UCS PSO. You can watch videos on our website of the weekly drawings.



UCS Virtual Field Day

Just like many other activities our annual field day has migrated to an online format. Mr. Salazar continues to engage our students weekly in healthy activities. These events encouraged participation from all members of the family and will help to determine which grade level POC is the mightiest. Participants complete some unique competitions to see who really is the fittest. Good luck to all.

UCS Virtual Field Day

WHAT TO DO
WHAT TO WEAR
HOW TO SCORE
HOW TO SHARE

Events

- Fill Your Bucket
- Cup Knock Challenge
- Clean Sweep
- Balance Walk
- Shoot and Score
- Penguin Race
- Scavenger Hunt
- Javelin Throw

Bonus Points
Class Challenge



YEARBOOK

Students were able to purchase a yearbook online. With the help of our staff, parents, and some very creative students, our yearbook was completed on time. Shipments are expected in the last week of May and will be handed out at the last week of school. Thanks again to Mrs. Ogando and her crew for their work under these trying conditions.

News from Meadow Lane

On March 13th, we woke up not knowing how completely different our world would change overnight. Since that day, we pivoted from a face-to-face teaching environment to a distance learning teaching model. We transitioned from breakfast and lunch served in our cafeteria to a grab-and-go service where we have served thousands of sack lunches and breakfasts. Our teachers have planned and met remotely to set up an ongoing method of providing instructional content for students. Parents have been pressed into the role of teacher and students have been kept off of school campuses and have had to gain access to social interaction with their friends via zoom. And now at the end of the school year we still have decisions to make regarding what next year may look like for our students.

Distance Learning

Teachers in the Lemoore Union Elementary School District and the Meadow Lane staff have worked hard to transition to distance learning. During this transition our teachers became students themselves as they learned new skills to teach remotely. They learned to make use of Google Classroom, MobyMax and Nearpod, to push content out to students. Teachers also began meeting with students in Zoom classroom meetings.

The Special Education and ELD staff and paraprofessionals set up meetings with small groups and individual students to make sure they were supported in their learning. The cream rose to the top and again, as was the case with the lunches, parents have expressed a lot of gratitude for what Meadow Lane teachers and paraprofessionals have done for their children.

How did this happen? It happened via orchestrated computer based zoom classroom, teacher and parent sessions. The staff in the Mustang Nation have been resolute, they've shown fortitude and they have served students and parents well. Staying connected is how this transition worked and we applaud the outstanding support provided to our students.



Our Meadow Lane nation would like to recognize our Meadow Lane cafeteria staff. We will totally miss Mrs. Fox, who is retiring this year. She has led the way preparing and packing up lunches first five days a week, then lunches and breakfasts five days a week, then lunches and breakfasts three days a week but doubled up so kids have food on off days. Thanks to Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Moya, and Mrs. Gingles for their tireless efforts during the school year and through the campus shut-down and distance learning. Our Meadow Lane families truly appreciated the lunches that were provided.



Job well done!



Parents and students, you are the people we exist for. We come to work each day to help parents build a future for their children. Our students are the reason we are in the field of education. We want our students to have successful lives, ones in which they have a choice of higher education or a trade school. We want them to have choices about where to live. We want our students to have the minds and the character that will take them wherever they think it is best for them to go.

We have worked hard to instill that in our students this year with Mustang SPIRIT. Our students know the importance of SELF-CONTROL, PERSEVERANCE, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, INVOLVEMENT, & TRUSTWORTHINESS. They have been able to demonstrate it in the classrooms, on the yard, in the hallways, and everywhere else at Meadow Lane. 2019/2020 was a really good year, it will go down as a memorable and challenging one. But it won't be anywhere near what our students will learn and accomplish in 2020/2021! We look forward to that more than anything.

We will see you in August. Until then, Keep showing your MUSTANG SPIRIT, AND... YIP, YIP, YIP, YEEHAW!

News from Cinnamon Elementary



I'm An Artist Night

Students and parents participated in the annual I'm An Artist Night on January 29th. Nearly 265 students and participated in the event. Nearly 45 volunteers, led by Mrs. Ahumada, walked students and parents through various art experiences. The event also included an annual art show. The Artist Laureate winner's work was displayed in the district office building through the month of February.



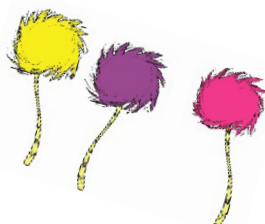
The Great Kindness Challenge®

Cinnamon Elementary participated in the Great Kindness Week Challenge January 27th through the 31st. Students participated in various activities such as leaving positive messages on the kindness bulletin board in the cafeteria and participating in teamwork activities during their lunch break. Mrs. Paulo, school counselor, led the activities this year. "If you think someone can use a friend, be one...kindness matters." Mrs. Paulo went on to say, "Our campus kindness wall was full of inspiring, and encouraging words to one another. Students displayed acts of kindness throughout our campus, which continued throughout the year. Watching the students promote kindness through their own acts and participation was truly a joy."

The week activities were rounded out on Friday with a schoolwide "heart" picture in the quad courtesy of Officer Ward.

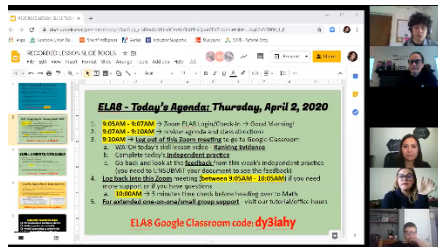


Dr. Seuss Week was held March 2nd-March 6th. Once again, Cinnamon students participated in activities marking the birthday of children's author, Dr. Seuss. Students in the primary grades were visited and read to by Liberty Middle School students. Upper grade students enjoyed a special visit from, Diamond, the Kings County District Attorney K-9 Services. The culminating event was the Dr. Seuss Birthday Assembly led by Mrs. Ahumada and the Storybook Character Parade.



News from Liberty Middle

Distance Learning



With our 1:1 Chromebooks, Zoom, google Classroom, and a collaborative staff, Liberty Middle School started Online Distance Learning on April 27. Students continued to get live instruction from their teachers in all subjects: ELA, Math, History, Science, PE and Music(Band), every scheduled school day. Our teachers and support staff amazingly transitioned from physical classrooms to online virtual classrooms. They created breakout rooms and deployed students to relearn needed skills. Teachers were able to provide feedback every day; sometimes in real time. We know how crucial it is to have students learning with supportive teachers and staff. In addition to scheduled classes, students also have Advisory every Monday. This class allows teachers to check in on their students and get feedback on other aspects of their lives. Every day, we strive to get all students ready for instruction and learning. With the help of the technology department, the district, our Liberty staff, and our community, our Liberty students proved that schools do not only exist in buildings. We are so grateful for the effort of our students and look forward to celebrating them at the end of this historic school year.



LUESD Pancake Breakfast

Our Annual LUESD Pancake breakfast, on February 29th, was a huge success, as parents, friends, and community members came together to support our LUESD music program. Our students performed amazingly as the stands were packed with several spectators. Our audience was able to see so many of our Liberty performances that are usually reserved for competitions and festivals. Over 1600 tickets were sold for this district event. Tables were filled with hungry guests and stations were filled with volunteers. Our silent auction was also a delightful treat, as there was an array of various donated items from the community. We cannot thank our community supporters and volunteers enough for your enduring support.



Boys Basketball 1st place Champions

We are so proud of Coach Hernandez and our A Boys Basketball team. Our Patriots went undefeated (15-0) this basketball season. After winning the first round against Kings River Hardwick, Liberty faced Pioneer Middle School and took 1st place at the SAL tournament on February 26. Every player, score keeper, and coach helped to contribute to their victorious season. We are so proud of their incredible team work. Congratulations, Patriots!

CLASS OF 2020

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Liberty Middle School will be holding an online virtual Graduation ceremony this year, for our 8th grade graduating class.

It will premiere on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS
LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADUATES!**



WE CONGRATULATE OUR DISTRICT RETIREES

RETIREEES



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
June 3	LMS Virtual Promotion Ceremony
August 10	Back to School Night (LE, ML & LMS)
August 11	First Day of School
August 13	Back to School Night (CE & EE)
August 18	Back to School Night (UCS)

A Special Thank You



DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 29 – July 17

Monday 7:30-4:30PM through Friday 7:30-11:30AM

Closed July 3

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












FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Our Measure D Bond efforts are coming to life. The districts new elementary school site has transformed with construction crews, equipment and teams building the foundation of our Freedom Elementary School campus. Thank you to our community for supporting the vision of our LUESD facilities. We look forward to opening our Freedom Elementary school in the fall of 2021!



ONLINE RESOURCES

	Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook
	2020-2021 School Calendar
	Standards
	Cinnamon Elementary Website Cinnamon Facebook
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