

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! While this year has begun like no other, we are excited to welcome each one of our students and families to the Lemoore Union Elementary School District. We have launched our year together in a virtual distance learning approach and we are dedicated to providing the best learning experience possible. All of our staff have worked diligently to prepare for this school year. We recognize that there are many changes this year; however, we are committed to providing an instructional model to best support our students' academic success, their social and emotional growth, and meet the needs of EACH ONE of our students.

We began our 2020-2021 school year with our meet and greet appointments. These interactions provided our teachers an opportunity to meet our students and provide them with their technology devices along with instructional materials. Making these first connections was so critical to beginning our school year together. By August 13, we began our journey with Zoom class sessions and google classroom expectations. We continue to work with our families to address technology needs, with all of our staff working to assist our families with specific online learning supports.

I want to thank all of our staff, students and families for collaborating together over this first month of school. We know it has been challenging and we are all learning together through this journey. Communication is key as we understand and meet the needs of our staff, students and families. We have sent a survey to gain valuable feedback on our meal service. This feedback has allowed us to add an additional meal service distribution time at our sites. This will begin on September 8. Meals will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am-8:30 am and 11:15 am- 12:45 pm. We are also thrilled with the recent federal guideline changes which has allowed school districts to provide free meals to all students 18 years or younger. This is a huge celebration for our Lemoore families.

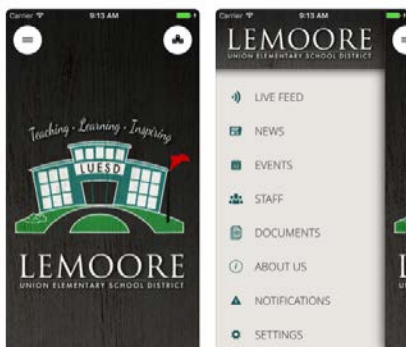
As part of our traditional Back to School time of year, we were excited to bring many of our families together through virtual Back to School Night events in place of annual evening events on campus. The virtual back to school events allowed our staff to meet our families and work together to share our learning expectations for the year. Our site staff have also been engaging in virtual parent engagement nights via zoom and will continue to find other ways to keep our students, staff and families connected.

One way to keep our families connected is through our district and site newsletters, websites and social media sites. We encourage you to use these resources throughout the year. Enclosed in our welcome back newsletter you will find a lot of information related to attendance, literacy, and social emotional learning resources. We have also provided student resource guides on accessing Zoom and Google classroom along with contact information for various staff and departments. There are several links included to provide additional resources for our staff and families. If you have any questions or concerns, we urge you to continue to reach out to your site principal, your child's teacher or site and district office staff. We are here to support EACH ONE of you and we will do our best to provide information and answers as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for a great first month of school and remember we are on this journey together!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hunt



GET THE "LUESD" App!



EVERY STUDENT

ALL STAFF

COMMITTED TO

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ORIENTED TO RESULTS

NO EXCUSES

EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

Message from the Board President



Jerry Waymire, President
Trustee Area 3

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year! The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and supportive staff have worked especially hard to open this school year under unique circumstances due to the impact of COVID-19. As we welcome our students back to virtual classrooms this fall, we want you to know that we are committed to continuing to work with our families and students to provide the best educational experience possible. The school year may look different but we take great pride in working together to help our students reach their fullest potential.

We are proud of the investments that have been made to support our transition to a full distance learning approach as well as the safety measures we are implementing so that we will be ready when it is safe to bring our students back to school. We thank our staff for their efforts to support this unique learning environment. We also recognize that our district operations continued despite the pandemic challenges and we want to acknowledge those who conducted several facilities projects over the summer including concrete upgrades, new carpet installations, and new classroom furniture distribution at various sites throughout the district so that our schools will be ready when students return. We are also proud of the work taking place at our new elementary school, Freedom Elementary, as part of our Measure D bond efforts and the transition of Bridges Academy to a new location.

On behalf of the Lemoore Union Elementary School Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for electing us to serve the children and families of our school community. It is our privilege to work alongside the dedicated staff and students that make our schools a great place to learn. Working together we are committed to supporting EACH ONE of our students and we wish them a successful 2020/2021 school year!

District Welcomes New Staff



Standing Row from Left to Right

Bailee Lyles, Delilah Ledesma, Stacie Stevens, Christian Valadez, Kristian Garcia, Luis Zamora, Mathew Cherrington, Ashley Hillis, Brianna Banuelos, Jenny Palma, Linda Jimenez

Bottom Row from Left to Right

Rafael Nunez Jr., Jamie Brown, MacKenzie Olson, Megan Hyde

Not pictured

Anna Lanson, Clarissa Ayala, Meaghan Warmesley, Monica Cano

Facilities, Grounds and Maintenance Support



Freedom Elementary School



Beginning to Take Shape



Library



Staff Work Room



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dear Families,

LUESD is making a concerted effort to ensure that all students continue to learn at high levels during distance learning. Attending school regularly helps students both academically and socially. Students feel better about school and themselves when they are engaged in their learning and remain connected to others. Attendance is the key to all of this.



Here are some tips to ensuring students are engaged in their learning every day.

- Establish routines – Create regular routines for bedtime, waking up, eating and playing and establish rules for digital devices.
- Set up a learning space - Dedicate a space for remote learning and studying. Keep the space clear from distractions during live sessions.
- Stay in touch – Check google classroom every day for assignments and messages. Contact the teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- Check in with your children – What are they learning about that day? What work do they need to complete?
- Follow the daily instructional schedule – What time does your child need to log on? What time is he/she finished for the day? Utilize the teacher's office hours if your child needs additional help.

We want to express our gratitude for every family working diligently to make sure their children are logging on daily and on time, staying logged in throughout each and every daily session, actively participating in their learning and completing their assignments. You play a key role in making sure our students are learning and being successful.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they are actively participating in their learning every day and throughout the day. We want your child to be successful in distance learning. Thank you for your efforts in supporting your child!

THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY

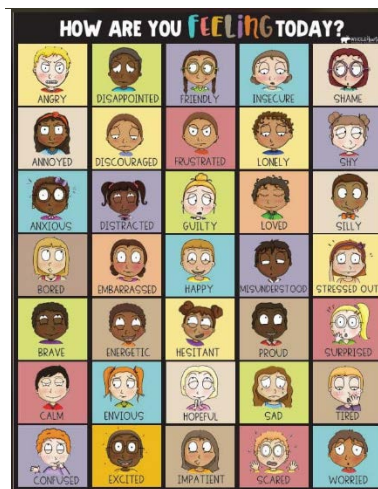
Literacy is the ability to read, speak, and write across a variety of contexts. Students constantly need to access new material through reading and then process that information by talking about it and writing about it to make sense of it.

Here are a few things you can do to support your child's literacy skills:

- Encourage Reading – Reading is the first pillar of literacy. Encourage your children to immerse themselves in reading frequently. Online resources such as Sora (OverDrive) and/or Epic are resources that are readily available through the school. In addition, library books are still available to check out through the school's library.
- Discuss texts together – Actively discussing what your children read encourages them to make connections and think deeply about the ideas contained in the text. Asking questions about the text and what it means to them as well as asking what it made your children learn and feel will provoke additional thought.
- Use activities that support literacy development – Have your child:
 - Write a half-page story of a new or unusual word or phrase he/she read about
 - Summarize the plot of the book in his/her own words
 - Pick a new word he/she read and find as many rhyming words as you can together
 - Write a poem or a song using the new words or ideas from the book

TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS DURING DISTANCE LEARNING INSTRUCTION

These links are 10 Parent Tips for Distance Learning Success: [ENGLISH](#) [ESPANOL](#)



This graphic also provides strategies for parents on how to help your child with their mental health.

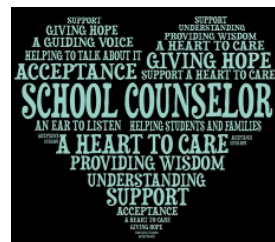


Often during this time of uncertainty with COVID-19 and distance learning, our students may display new behaviors. It is important to help students see what they do have control of and what they don't. This graphic can assist parents with helping students feel like they are safe and realize what they do have control over.

YOUR LUESD SCHOOL COUNSELORS

(559) 924-6860 ext. 4006

(559) 924-6890 ext. 4532



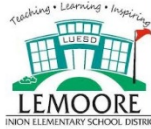
We will begin a second meal distribution time beginning on Tuesday, September 8th
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM.



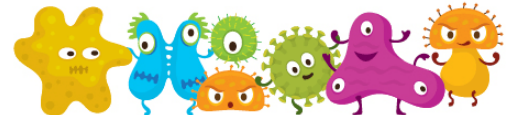
Children under 18 are free and do not need to be present for meal pick up.

Meals available at Cinnamon, Lemoore, Meadow Lane, Engvall Elementary Schools and Liberty Middle School. Mobile distribution will take place at Belle Haven and Sunset Vista Mobile Home Park.

For more information please contact
Child Nutrition Department: 559-925-6294



immunizations



Immunizations are still required for distance learning.

REMINDER PARENTS!

Read the [Parent/Guardian Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Guide](#). If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 you should stay home and let the school know even during distance learning.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

| Date | Event |
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| 9/7 | Labor Day |
| 10/12 | Columbus Day - No School |
| 9/30-10/4 | Virtual Parent Teacher Conference |
| 10/30 | Teacher Work Day – No School for Students |
| 10/30 | End of 1 st Trimester |
| 11/11 | Veteran's Day – No School |
| 11/23-11/27 | Thanksgiving Break |
| 12/21-1/8 | Winter Break |

Take steps to protect children and others



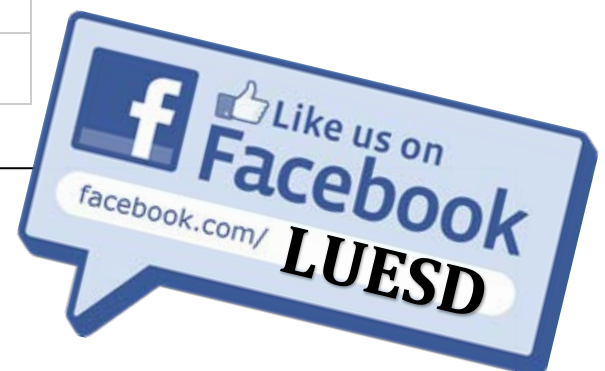
- Clean hands often using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid people who are sick (coughing and sneezing).
- Put distance between your children and other people outside of your home. **Keep children at least 6 feet from other people.**
- Children 2 years and older should wear a **mask**.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily.
- Launder items.
- Make sure your children are up to date on well-child visits and immunizations.

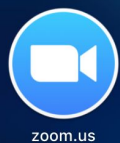
DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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

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





Zoom for Students



Headphones help with background noise but if they're not working unplug them from the Chromebook and continue with your class session.

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| 1 | Click the meeting link your teacher sends or posts in Google Classroom. | <p>ZOOM LINK</p> |
| 2 | <p>If you have never used Zoom before then you will need to click download and run Zoom.</p> <p>If you have used Zoom on your Chromebook then click Open Zoom.us</p> | <p>Launching...</p> <p>Please click Open Zoom Meetings if you see the system dialog.</p> <p>If nothing prompts from browser download & run Zoom.</p> <p>Open zoom.us?</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us wants to open this application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Always allow us02web.zoom.us to open links of this type in the associated app</p> <p>Cancel Open zoom.us</p> |
| 3 | Make sure to click the Join with Video button so your class can see you. Click the video in the bottom left corner to enable or disable your video. | <p>Always show video preview dialog when joining a video meeting</p> <p>Join with Video Join without Video</p> <p>Mute Start Video Participants Share Screen Leave Meeting</p> |
| 4 | You may see this message once Zoom has been launched. As soon as your teacher joins the meeting, the meeting room will open. You will be put in the waiting room until your teacher admits you into the meeting room. | <p>Please wait, the meeting host will let you in soon</p> <p>Susan Loper's Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Leave Meeting</p> |
| 5 | Your teacher has set your microphone to mute. You will only be able to hear your teacher. She will not be able to hear you until she un-mutes your microphone. | <p>Mute Start Video Participants Share Screen Leave Meeting</p> |



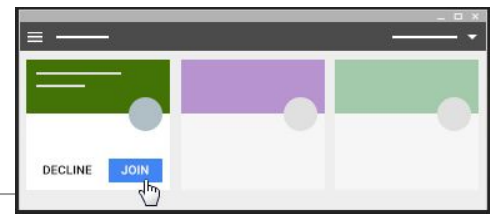
Google Classroom for Students

classroom.google.com

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Joining a class

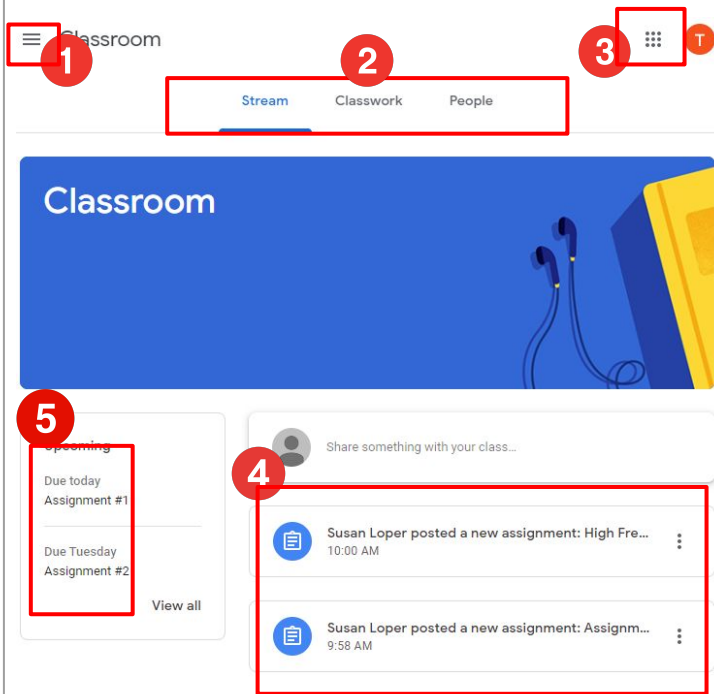
After logging into Google Classroom, click the join button.



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Stream

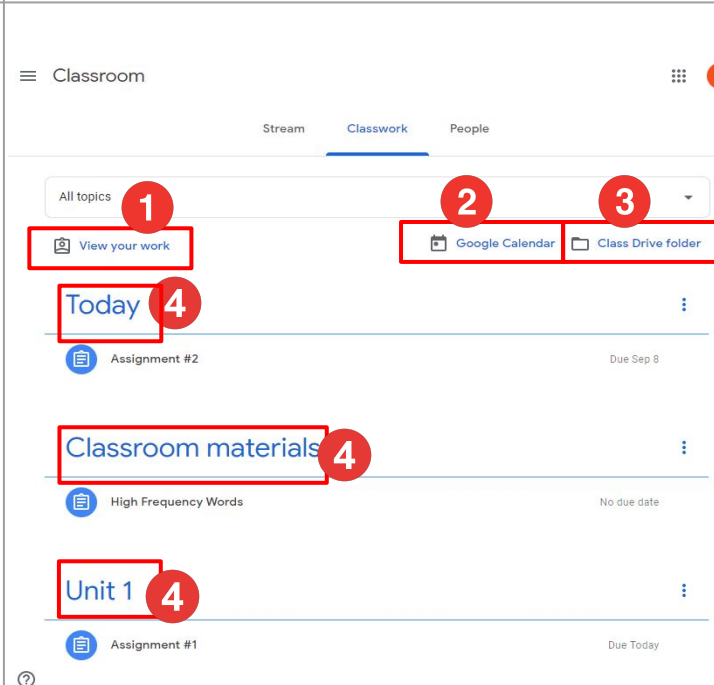
- 1 Main Menu (3 lines): Where you will access all of your classes, calendar, student work, and settings.
- 2 The tabs help to navigate to different sections of the classroom.
- 3 Click on this icon to open other G Suite applications.
- 4 Stream: Where you will find announcements from your teacher.
- 5 Upcoming assignment deadlines:: Click on this icon to open other G Suite applications.



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Classwork

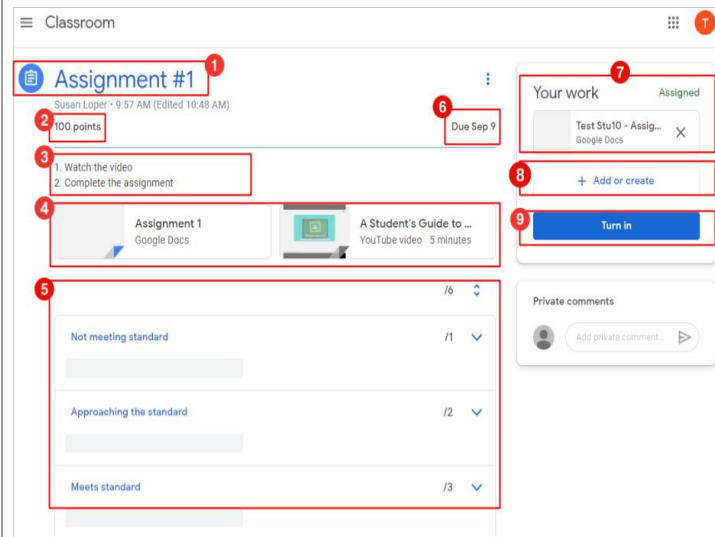
- 1 View your work, turn in status, due dates and grades for your assignments.
- 2 View your class calendar, including due dates for assignments.
- 3 View your Class Drive folder in your Google Drive.
- 4 Your teachers may organize your assignments by topics, materials, by day, or any way they choose.



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Assignments on Classwork Page

- 1 Name of the assignment
- 2 Total point value
- 3 Instructions for the assignment from your teacher.
- 4 Files that your teacher has created for you or videos for you to watch.
- 5 Rubric information if your teacher has added a rubric.
- 6 Due Date
- 7 Your work: This shows the files the teacher created for you and the status of the assignment.
- 8 Create new files or attach files from Google Drive that you have already created for this assignment.
- 9 Turn in button: Click this button when you are ready to turn in your work. Once you turn in, you will not be able to edit your files anymore.
- 10 Use private comments to talk to your teacher and ask questions. You and your teacher are the only ones who can see private comments.



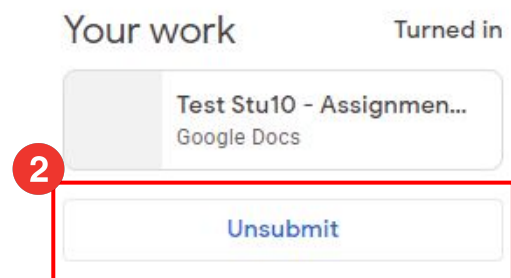
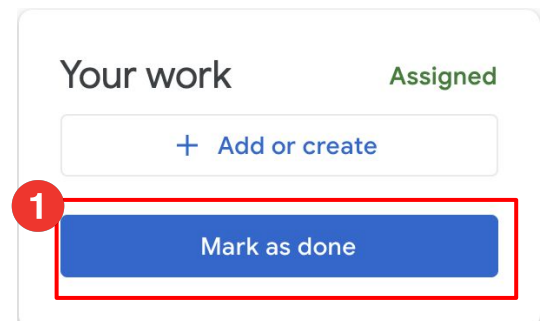
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Mark as Done










- 1 Some assignments will have a Mark as Done button instead of Turn in. After you click on Mark as Done the status changes to Turned in.

Unsubmit an assignment

- 2 After you have turned in an assignment or marked as done, you will see the option to unsubmit. Use this if you need to make changes to your work and resubmit to your teacher. If you unsubmit an assignment, be sure to resubmit it before the due date.



ONLINE RESOURCES

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|  | Lemoore Union Elementary District Website LUESD District Facebook |
|  | 2020/2021 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 |