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Re: Celebrating the First Week with Labor Day Weekend!

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

Happy Friday! We hope everyone had an enjoyable first week of school. The District sends a huge shout out to the whole community for wrapping around the district, its students, staff and teachers, with really nice messages of kindness and support. There is still much work to be done, and wrinkles to iron, but all in all we had a very smooth takeoff!

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 9/8/20 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. In accordance with the Executive Stay at Home Order N-29-20 the Boardroom will be closed to members of the public and all public participation will be handled remotely. Please see the *Communications from the Public* section of the agenda for instructions. [Participants and observers may view the meeting via this Zoom link.](#) We hope you can join us.

[MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE](#) - Breakfast and lunch is now offered to all children ages 0-18 at no charge through December 2020. Routes will be updated as needed after the first week of school. Buses will distribute meals at each bus stop listed and will depart bus stops at the designated time. If students or parents miss the delivery, they may go to Bijou, Sierra House, Tahoe Valley or the Middle School between the hours of 11am & 1PM to pick up meals. [See schedule here and on the district website.](#) **The District will no longer collect student ID numbers at bus stops. Approved [applications for free & reduced meals](#) will apply after December 2020, so please do continue to submit applications.**

[Bread & Broth 4 Kids moves from summer program to school year bags of food](#) – South Tahoe Now - Now that the Bread & Broth 4 Kids (BB4K) summer program came to an end on August 26, the backpack school program resumes and will once again provide weekend food bags to Lake Tahoe Unified School District children. Bags will be available to qualified families at four school sites (Sierra House, Bijou, Tahoe Valley and South Tahoe Middle School) and school bus stop locations every Friday beginning September 4. Weekend food bags can also be picked up from Choices for Children's office located at 1029 Takela Drive, Ste. #1.

CHROMEBOOKS / TECH SUPPORT:

If you have an issue with connectivity at your home, contact your service provider. If you are experiencing low bandwidth, it may be time to replace your router.

Prior to bringing your Chromebook in for repairs, try this quick fix method first: <https://sites.google.com/ltusd.org/devicehelp/home>

- If you have issues with hardware, i.e., Chromebooks, Mifis, etc., bring your device to the Middle School roundabout on Tuesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm or Thursdays from 12:00 - 2:00pm. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR and an attendant will come to you. You can also leave a message for Jennifer Sunzeri at 530-541-2850 ext. 1056 or send an email to jsunzeri@ltusd.org.
- If you experience software issues, i.e., password or login problems, contact your student's teacher and if they cannot resolve it, they will forward your request.
- For assistance in Spanish please leave a message at the District Office - (530) 541-2850 ext. 0 and your call will be returned within one day.

The AERIES PARENT PORTAL is now open. ALL RETURNING STUDENTS MUST update their emergency contact information and review annual notifications online through the [Aeries Parent Portal](#) . Please follow the instructions carefully for information regarding [free & reduced meals](#) and [Chromebook Insurance](#).

CONFIDENTIAL FREE OR REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION – Everyone that fills out the application, whether you qualify or not, automatically receives 50% off their Chromebook insurance! (It took me only 4 minutes and I'm saving \$30 for two kids!) The application is **confidential and used internally only by the LTUSD food services department** to qualify your student for free or reduced meals. **Your information is not shared with any outside agencies and it does not affect your credit.** What it **does do** is provide your child with healthy meals during the school day and earns money for academic programs for your school!

Here is a [link to the 2020/21 School Year Calendar](#). ([Calendario 20/21 En Español](#))

AERIES SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM: Communications is a simple tool that allows parents, students, and staff, to easily communicate and to remain up-to-date with district, school, and classroom announcements. **If you want to receive all messages from your school, you do not need to do anything.** If you want to customize your notifications log into the [Aeries portal](#) and click on the **Communications Tab in the top menu bar**. Click on **your initials inside the bubble icon** in the upper left corner and **click on "Notifications"** under your initials.

Back-to-School Immunizations - Childhood immunizations are required for students in California public school - please be sure your child's shots are up to date. **The district**

is not waiving immunization requirements due to distance learning. For more information see [immunization requirements here](#) and low cost [immunization clinic information here](#).

[Preparing for Back-to-School Success: A message for parents from](#)

[Childmind.org](#): This year, hopes and fears about going back to school are so different from normal times that it's hard to know how to help kids get a strong start. There's no perfect answer, but there are things that can help. This week we've asked our learning experts what parents and teachers can do to set kids up for success during this confusing and stressful time. **[For parents](#)**, we've got tips for connecting with teachers, helping your child get organized, advocating for your child's needs, and setting manageable goals and smart boundaries (hint: you don't need to be your child's teacher).

CAFECITOS Virtual Meetings:

[Sierra House Elementary](#) Sept. 8 at 5:30pm

[Tahoe Valley Elementary](#) Sept. 9 at 5:30pm

[Bijou Community School](#) Sept. 10 at 5:30pm

MORE COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SOS Outreach mentor program is committed to helping youth navigate the world during these uncertain times. **Attached please find a letter** to families from SOS Outreach.

South Lake Tahoe Library has many resources available to families including free library cards, internet access, curbside pickup, kits, school resources, games, e-books, tutoring, and more. **Please find flyers in English and Spanish attached.**

Public Health Officer Urges Personal Responsibility During Labor Day Weekend - see attached PDF. Before COVID-19, many of us would spend the Labor Day weekend getting together with friends and extended families to enjoy a little down time from work, as is the American tradition. This year, things have changed, but we can still enjoy our holiday weekend safely... **[See attached PDF for full Press Release.](#)**

[Keeping Tahoe safe, fire preparedness City focus for holiday weekend](#) As visitors come to South Lake Tahoe for the weekend, the City wants to make sure we do our part to keep everyone safe. Although people may want to take a vacation, the pandemic doesn't so make sure you are following proper safety precautions.

A Labor Day Weekend message from Barton Health:

As we head into the last busy holiday weekend of the summer, we wanted to send two COVID-19 reminders:

1. The **COVID testing site** at Lake Tahoe Community College is still up and running and has been approved to run through the end of this month. Walk-ins and appointments are available Tuesday-Saturday. Pre-register here: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. Test turnaround times are much faster. We encourage you to let your employees and neighbors know, particularly if you work with front-line staff. This is an incredible resource in our town that we hope to continue well after this month. Utilization is key for us to maintain the test site. See attached flyer for further details.
2. There are a lot of questions around different face coverings. Please see the attached **Mask Efficacy flyer** for details.

Bonus! Please check out and share these PSA videos that were created in partnership with the LTVA, TRPA, El Dorado County and City of South Lake Tahoe:

Hike: <https://youtu.be/03LW7CkwwGQ>

Bike Path: <https://youtu.be/k2jiTYMiqVk>

Boat: <https://youtu.be/kjhUdwGsCYE>

Beach: <https://youtu.be/2thqMplYIfU>

Dining: <https://youtu.be/iNSjDhsTH2I>

[Hike for Hope in the Month of September for Suicide Prevention Month](#) - Please join us in our efforts to end the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide.

Throughout the month of September, we encourage you to get outside and walk or hike with friends and family, or on your own! We know that physical activity and spending time outdoors is good for our mental wellness so let's encourage and empower others to join us in this movement. All monies raised benefit the prevention, education and outreach programs at Suicide Prevention Network . [Sign up here.](#)

South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry The Food Bank of El Dorado County holds their SLT Mobile Pantry / Free Farmers Market in St. Theresa's Church parking lot every 4th Wednesday (September 24th), May through October 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you or someone you know is in need of fresh produce and a week's supply of staple foods come on down!! We hope to see you there! For more info please email info@foodbankedc.org .

[LTUSD's COVID-19 Resource pages](#) - Includes links to information and resources for families and students; links to flyers regarding coronavirus and [what to do if your child has symptoms](#); and link to [LTUSD Community Resources Page](#) .

[EDC Community Hubs](#), staffed with family engagement, literacy and health specialists, work to strengthen families and reduce isolation and stress. They can help with various social services applications as well. EDC Hub5 also maintains a Facebook group where it shares resources, information, parenting advice and activities:

www.facebook.com/CommunityHub5/.

[UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra](#) During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can help spread the word about Central Sierra resources to make sure everyone has enough to eat. **If your family, your neighbors, or anyone you know is in need of food, assistance is available!** Links to information about all Central Sierra food banks, WIC agencies, school meal sites, senior meals, how to **sign up for CalFresh/food stamps**, food safety, home cooking, home-based activities for families, and more are available on the following webpage, which will be regularly updated until the end of the crisis: **COVID-19 Community Resources**.

[Foster & Kinship Care Education Program](#) offers free training and community clinics on topics such as parenting, mental health, physical health and overall wellness. Upcoming trainings via Zoom include **Nuts and Bolts of being and RFA home, Nurtured Heart Series, How trauma shows up during adolescence, I Can crisis, and more**. The flyers are in English and Spanish.

Links to your school sites for more back-to-school information and local education news:

[LTUSD Website](#)

[South Tahoe High School](#)

[South Tahoe Middle School](#)

[Bijou Community School](#)

[Tahoe Valley Elementary](#)

[Sierra House Elementary](#)

[Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet](#)

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A very warm welcome back,

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