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## Re: District Newsletter

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

The District continued its second week of hybrid schedule at the elementary school sites and it continues to be a huge success thanks to the efforts and support of the entire community - thank you! We are on track for Middle School to start their hybrid schedule on November 2 and very happy to see that [El Dorado County Public Health](#) reports a consistently low COVID-19 testing positivity rate of 1%. We're obviously doing something right - let's keep it up! Please continue to use the [COVID-19 self-screening tool daily](#) and follow the [CDC recommendations for selecting, wearing, and cleaning your masks \(Spanish\)](#).

**Yes on Prop 15.** On October 13, the Board of Education adopted a [resolution in support of Proposition 15: Schools and Communities First Funding Act in 2020](#), and asked for the community to vote in favor of Prop 15 on November's ballot. Prop 15, if passed, would bring approximately \$2.4 million to Lake Tahoe Unified School District, at a time when funding couldn't be more important. Our schools were already facing serious budget constraints before the pandemic, but now, after the pandemic, budget shortfalls are a stark reality. **With 11 days left of voting, LTUSD could use your help getting the facts out to the community - please help spread the word on social media:**

**Prop15 Social Media (follow, like, and share, share, share!):**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Schools1stCA>

IG: @Schools1stCA

Twitter: @Schools1stCA

**Hashtags:** #YesOn15 , #SchoolsAndCommunitiesFirst, #Prop15

**A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 10/27/20 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted with Board Members present in the Boardroom, 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.**

## IN THE SCHOOLS

[Transportation Schedules for Elementary and Middle School](#) can be found here and are posted on the District website under Parents - Transportation. Buss pass fees are being waived at this time. No bus pass is required. Students must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the bus.

[PARENTS WANTED - JOIN US VIRTUAL! What: The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education \(CAC\)](#) is a mandated organization whose purpose is to advise the district on the unique requirements of individuals with exceptional needs. **Who:** Membership of the CAC includes interested parents of regular and special education students, representatives of public and private agencies, both regular and special education teachers, and others interested in the delivery of services to special education students. Seven meetings throughout the school year.

[New and improved Distribution Guidelines for requesting publication in school and district newsletters](#) Changes include the requirement that all flyers are disseminated electronically; organizations upload flyers to their own websites, Facebook, Google, etc.; a link and a short description of your event or notice in 100 words or less, and other changes...please see the new timeline and steps for getting your information published to District families.

[Operation School Bell supplies clothes to hundreds of South Tahoe students](#) – Tahoe Tribune/Mountain Democrat - An El Dorado County nonprofit held events the past two weekends to help disadvantaged and homeless middle and elementary school students in South Lake Tahoe... Each year Operation School Bell helps both recurring and new students. The events were held in collaboration with the El Dorado County Office of Education.

[CAFECITOS Elementary Meetings will be held every Thursday at 5:30pm](#) for all elementary schools, combined. Parents will learn how to navigate the online school system and track their child's progress through Canvas.

[New green programs at local schools](#) (Mt. News) South Tahoe High School students worked for over a year to develop a climate resolution which the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education adopted last month. The resolution calls for the board to ensure that all high school students graduate literate in climate change. The resolution also states that the school district should prepare students for growing job and career opportunities in green technologies, construction and restoration efforts, as society moves away from fossil fuels. Board member Bonnie Turnbull said, "Let's create

a school culture that integrates climate impacts into every decision.” [Read more...](#)

### [Low Cost Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics in South Lake Tahoe in September and October](#)

- Now, more than ever, it's important to get a flu shot: \$10 fee per vaccine; no one will be denied service due to inability to pay - Cash or check accepted; no appointment needed; Six months of age and up. Please wear face covering and physical distancing is required.

### [MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE Effective Monday, Oct. 12](#) - **Be sure to check this link for changes to meal delivery. Breakfast and lunch is now offered to all children ages 0-18 at no charge through December 2020.**

Routes will be updated as needed. 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 South Tahoe Middle School between the hours of 12pm & 2PM to pick up meals. [See schedule here and on the district website.](#)

**Bread & Broth 4 Kids:** Weekly food bags will now be delivered with the school bus routes on Wednesdays. On Friday bags will be available at South Tahoe Middle School. Weekend food bags can also be picked up M-Th from Choices for Children’s office located at 1029 Takela Drive, Ste. #1.

[Food Assistance Resources in South Lake Tahoe.](#) This list, in English and Spanish, is updated to include specific dates, times, and locations where families in need can find additional food assistance.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Halloween Happenings - Scenes Around South Lake Tahoe in lieu of Trick-or-Treating** Since traditions, like house-to-house trick-or-treating, is not possible this year, the good volunteers of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society have started a new tradition. On their website, [www.laketahoemuseum.org](http://www.laketahoemuseum.org) (under Events), you can find a map sprinkled with pumpkins pin-pointing the street locations in South Lake Tahoe where Halloween decorations by our cre-ative community homeowners can be found. **See the attached flyer for more information.**

[The Bridge Language Academy](#) is a Spanish immersion enrichment program for pre-kindergarten through second grade children. All activities in this workshop will be conducted in Spanish with the facilitator employing a wide variety of instructional strategies to support participants in their understanding and learning. [See attached flyer for more information.](#)

**Fall / Holiday Fundraiser hosted by Assistance League Sierra Foothills** November 7th and 8th shop holiday boutique and home decor at St. Stephen's Church, 1001 Olson Lane, El Dorado Hills, free admission, masks & social distancing. Proceeds help homeless and disadvantaged children in El Dorado County and helps to fund the Operation School Bell program here in South Lake Tahoe.

**NIXLE - Parent Texting Network from Drug Free Coalition** As a parent, you are naturally concerned about your children's safety. As they grow older, one of those concerns centers on their potential exposure to drugs/substances of abuse and possible addiction. DFC provides a free parent texting network whereby you can choose to receive periodic texts (1-2 per month) identifying substance use trends seen locally in our schools and community, information about the drugs themselves, links to studies, and resources in our local area for assistance and treatment. **To join this texting network, simply text STDFC to 888777.**

**Recreation and Aquatics Center seeking community input** The City of South Lake Tahoe is in the design process for construction of a new Recreation and Aquatics Center and is seeking public input and participation. Please click on the link provided to take a survey and learn how you can participate in upcoming public meetings. Feel free to forward the link to your organization database, friends, and family. Thank you for helping to shape the future of recreation in South Lake Tahoe.  
Public Participation Link <https://southlaketahoerecenter.konveio.com/participate>


**South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry October 28** 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 (October 28) 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](mailto: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/](http://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 **Nurtured Heart Approach to Parenting Series, School in the Climate of COVID - how to help your child that is struggling, Surviving: Thriving Teens, Mental Health of Children and Adolescents, and more**. Most trainings are also offered in Spanish. 

## **Links to your school sites 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](#)**

**[Elevated Digital Learning Academy](#)**

**[LOCAL EDUCATION NEWS](#)**

**[DISTRICT CALENDARS](#)**

**[DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS](#)**

**[COVID-19 FLYERS, SELF-SCREENING FORMS, HANDOUTS](#)**

Enjoy the weekend,

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