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Re: **LTUSD Newsletter and Board Meeting on February 9**

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

We had a very successful restart of the hybrid schedule in our K-8 schools this week and it was such a joy to see the kids! Their energy and excitement incites a sense of rejuvenation and anticipation of happy times ahead! The District again wants to ensure parents, students and staff that its primary focus is on safe learning environments in our schools. All school sites continue to practice stringent precautionary measures in both behavior (mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, directional foot traffic, maintaining cohorts) and facilities (air purification systems, fresh air when possible, desks spaced 6ft, daily cleaning and disinfecting, and systems maintenance). Our local and county-wide cases continue to decline and the district remains optimistic that this trend will soon allow for the reopening of the high school campuses.

The District and all school websites have been down for 24 hours due to a widespread server issue with our web hosting service. They are working on it but there is no estimated repair time. **Therefore the current meal service / delivery schedule during hybrid is attached below.**

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 2/9/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted in person by Board Members and administrators, and public participation will be held remotely pursuant to California's Stay At Home Order as well as Reopening Framework recommending social distancing of 6 feet. **Please see the *Communications from the Public* section of the agenda for public comment instructions. [Participants and observers may view the meeting via this Zoom link.](#) We hope you can join us.**

IN THE SCHOOLS

The 2021/22 Academic School Year Calendar was adopted on January 26, 2020 and is now available to view on the District's website and is **attached at the end of this newsletter** for your printing convenience.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS: Your voice matters! LTUSD is currently developing the 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2021-2022 school year. Developed through input from the school community, the LCAP is a 3-year plan defining goals and prioritizing spending to improve student outcomes. Your feedback is essential in identifying actions and services in the LCAP that will best serve all students. Please take this short LCAP survey and help prepare our students for a bright and rewarding future. The window to complete the LCAP survey is from **1/29/2021 to 2/12/2021**. Please select the survey that is most applicable to you:

[FAMILY/COMMUNITY SURVEY](#)
[STUDENT SURVEY \(GRADES 3-12\)](#)
[STAFF SURVEY](#)

BREAD & BROTH weekly food bags are delivered by bus on Wednesdays, distributed with the LTUSD meals. They are also available at the three school sites during meal service on Wednesdays at STMS, Bijou and Tahoe Valley.

[One South Lake Tahoe teacher is trying to bring space closer to home for her students and thanks to several grants, she may succeed](#) (Tahoe Daily Tribune) Lynn Norling has been teaching math and science for 19 years, the last three of which have been at South Tahoe Middle School. She's been working diligently to bring the Mission to Moon program to STMS for her eighth grade science students.

Harvest of the Month: The UC Cooperative Extension CalFresh nutrition education program partners with Barton Health and LTUSD to implement Harvest of the Month, a statewide initiative that motivates students to make healthier food choices and brings fresh, in-season produce to all South Lake Tahoe elementary schools. February's Harvest of the Month is Dried Fruit! Here is a [link to this month's newsletter](#) and the corresponding [Dried Fruit Video](#) - share and enjoy!

TWBI at Bijou Community School accepting Commitment Forms for Kindergarten. Would you like your child to be able to read, write, speak, and think fluently in English and Spanish? (*and receive the same curriculum as all other students?*) The Two Way Bilingual Immersion Program at Bijou Community School makes it happen! If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2021-2022 and would like them to learn two languages, please call (530) 543-2337 or visit our website at bijou.ltusd.org for more information. Please fill out and turn in or email a [Commitment Form to \[mubias@ltusd.org\]\(mailto:mubias@ltusd.org\)](#) before **March 19th** for the lottery on **March 25th**.

The Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School accepting names for the Fall '21 roster of Kindergarteners. If you have a child that will be turning 5 on or before Sept 1st, 2021, please email the "Kindergarten Enrollment Request Form" found on our school website (<http://ltesms.ltusd.org/>) to mtruszewski@ltusd.org between Jan 4 and March 26. The lottery is held on or around April 1st. (If your child

turns 5 after Sept 1, you may enroll in the Transitional Kinder program at Tahoe Valley School, but not at the LTESMS).

IN THE COMMUNITY

[Updated Food Assistance Resources List in English & Spanish](#) - This list contains local resources, addresses, and schedules for free food pick ups and delivery sites. Please share with anyone you know that is in need.

LTCC CONNECT Community Education upcoming courses:

Academy Photography: Winter Weekend Explore your creative potential while learning the basics of photography. Develop your photography style by creating images that mean something. We will be styling photoshoots, and telling a story through photographs. Camera equipment recommended. SAT/SUN Mar 20-21; 9:00am-1:00pm; www.ltccconnect.com

Songwriting: Writers on a Storm: Teen Join us for a virtual songwriting workshop. Write an original song in 2 days and learn tools to create a hit song. You will write a chorus, verse(s) and a bridge. Perform virtually for the facilitator and/or group and receive constructive feedback. This is for any level of songwriter and you do not need to play an instrument to attend. MON/THUR Mar 1 & 4; 6:00pm-9:00pm; www.ltccconnect.com

COVID-19 Vaccination Resources and FAQs provided by Barton Health. Many community members have questions and concerns and Barton hopes the **attached FAQs and information in English and Spanish** will help to address some of the most common questions.

Feb. 11: Supporting Youth in Challenging Times Join UC Davis TERC for the Winter Science Speaks lecture on Thursday, February 11, at 12 noon. Join Peter Mayfield, Executive Director of Gateway Mountain Center, and Dana Adams, School Psychologist of Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, in a discussion about supporting youth during a pandemic. How are youth handling the COVID lockdown and distance-learning? How can we support their resiliency? Current trauma treatment, research, and practice will be presented to inform our conversation. Please click this URL to join the webinar <https://ucdavis.zoom.us/j/98953328907>

Barton Wellness Webinar: A Parent's Guide to Pediatric Ear, Nose & Throat Conditions and Treatments

Thursday, February 11, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Dr. Alex Manteghi, Director Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

February is Kids ENT Health Month. National health statistics reveal that pediatric ear, nose, and throat disorders remain among the primary reasons children visit a physician, with ear infections ranking as the number one reason for an appointment. Virtually join Barton Health's new ENT specialist, Dr. Alex Manteghi, to learn more. For questions and more information, call **530.543.5537** or visit bartonhealth.org/lecture.

Ignite Your Life Purpose Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Class fee: \$50 per person** This workshop is facilitated by a certified Health Coach and designed to inspire participants to create new possibilities in their lives. Through discussion around the power of living with intention and awareness, explore new opportunities and what has meaning in your life. Register at bartonorthopedicsandwellness.com/classes. Call **530.539.6620** or email bhealthy@bartonhealth.org for more information.

Foster and Kinship Care Education Program offers training and support for parents and families. They also offer Resource Family Approval (RFA) Trainings for prospective foster and kinship providers. All trainings are virtual and open to all; several trainings are available in Spanish. **The Winter Quarter 2021 schedule is attached below.**

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.**

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 links 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 resource referrals and 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.**

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](#)

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