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Re: LTUSD Newsletter and Board Meeting on March 9

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

What an eventful week with our promising new tier status and the long-awaited opening of South Tahoe High School and Mt. Tallac. The District is overjoyed to welcome our high school students back on Monday! With all schools open on hybrid schedules, the sense of feeling whole again sparks more hope and optimism that we are on the other side of the COVID crisis. With many thanks to the Public Health Department, Safeway Pharmacy, SLT Fire Department and Lake Valley Fire Department, all of our staff members have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Through these partnerships, and with the incredible efforts of the LTUSD labor associations, administrators, and the entire LTUSD workforce, our community finally has its children back in the classroom!

Although this is very exciting news, and although the District is confident that our facilities and practices create an extremely safe learning environment for students and staff, we must remain vigilant if we want to keep making progress. Please continue to [self-screen daily](#), wear masks, maintain physical distance, and wash hands regularly. With these good habits, and vaccines becoming more available, we might see “normal” again very soon.

TONIGHT, March 5 Tahoe Arts Project presents Alex Ramon a FREE Live virtual magic show! The show starts at 6PM at this Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84961997674?pwd=RW1QQXUvWIEwWGQ3QmpYd2RGYnk5UT09> ; Meeting ID: 849 6199 7674; Passcode: 03052021

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) Here is a link to the full agenda. (Click on 3/9/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted virtually by all participants. **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

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES and **MEAL SCHEDULE UPDATE** for all schools are posted on the District Website under **Parents - Transportation** and at [this link](#). **With all schools in Hybrid Schedules there will no longer be food distribution via bus routes. ALL MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY UPON DISMISSAL.** **MEAL SERVICE for ELEVATED AND ILA students**, please email elevated@ltusd.org to sign up.

BREAD & BROTH 4 KIDS weekly food bags will no longer be distributed on Wednesdays. Cohort A students can pick up bags on the bus on Mondays, and Cohort B pick up on Thursdays. Bags will also be available as normal at Boys and Girls Club and Catalyst Community, Grace Hall on Lyons Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, as well as during adult and family Bread & Broth food bag giveaways on Mondays and Fridays.

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 Asparagus! Here is a [link to this month's newsletter](#) and the corresponding [Asparagus Video](#) - share and enjoy!

SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS SEEKING SOFTBALL COACHES The JV and Varsity girls' softball season is starting soon - Seeking JV Lead Coach, Varsity Asst. Coach and Varsity Coach. Please apply on edjoin.org or email lfranklin@ltusd.org. Position pays approximately \$1600 - \$2200 for the season.

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 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

[This link from El Dorado Community Foundation](#) is a survey designed to gauge public knowledge on vaccination information. EDCF asks that you participate in the survey and also distribute the survey out to your networks within 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.

[CASA Kids 25th Annual Box Lunch Fundraiser](#) - Drive Thru Pickup on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 11:00 - 1:00pm. Child Advocates of El Dorado County advocates for and empowers the abused, neglected, and at-risk youth in our community by providing court appointed volunteers who speak up for the needs of children and make a positive impact in their lives. [Click here to place your order! Deadline March 25th](#)

[St. Theresa Catholic Church Religious Education Dept. is hosting a paper shredding fundraiser](#) to benefit the youth of our parish. Prevent Identity Theft! Bring all documents and old papers to be shredded on Saturday, Mar 22 10am-2pm to St. Theresa Church parking lot, 1041 Lyons Ave., South Lake Tahoe. Suggested donation is \$5 - \$10 a box. **See attached flyer.**

[South Tahoe National Little League Sign-ups - Deadlines Approaching!](#) All players interested in playing either AAA or Majors need to register by March 10th. T-ball, Single-A and AA players have until April 1 to register. Please remember that if you are concerned about finances, don't worry! Go ahead and register now and then [email](#) our player agent and we will get your player ready to play! Please register at <https://www.southtahoell.com/>. **See attached flyers.**

[High Sierra Softball Registration starts Monday, March 8.](#) **Girls ages 5-16 are encouraged to sign up! First time players of all ages are welcome!** This year's season will be May 1 - June 15. The league is seeking coaches and board member volunteers! Those with credit left from last year should still complete the registration process online. For more information visit HighSierraSoftball.com.

[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

Backcountry: Kids Intermediate Backcountry Skiing The 2-day Kids Advanced Backcountry Skiing is meant for the experienced skiers who want to advance their skills off trail. We will cover: reading the sierra avalanche report, navigation, uphill efficiency, risk mitigation, advanced skiing skills. Participants should be able to ascend 2000 feet a

day and have their own beacon, probe, shovel and backcountry ski equipment.
Prerequisites: one year of backcountry experience or have taken the beginner course.
SAT/SUN Mar 20-21; 9:00am-1:00pm www.ltccConnect.com

Backcountry: Youth Motorized Backcountry Awareness Teen participants will learn how to effectively read terrain and recognize features that exist within specific terrain; learn the difference between simple, challenging, and complex terrain through discussion. Participants do not necessarily need to be high level riders. If this session is full please add your name to the waitlist and we are working on a 2nd session. SAT Mar 6; 9:00am-4:00pm www.ltccConnect.com

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 **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](#)

[LOCAL EDUCATION NEWS](#)

[DISTRICT CALENDARS](#)

[DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS](#)

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

Welcome back high schoolers!

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