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Re: Board of Education Meeting October 14 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

It was wonderful getting some rain this weekend, some cooler temps, and the beautiful fall colors from the light and the leaves - it's officially soup season!

LTUSD would like to thank you for your patience while we continue to navigate staff shortages and Covid in our schools. We are seeing new positive cases at the majority of our school sites daily and so we remind you to please keep your children at home if they are showing any [symptoms of illness](#).

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

Please note that going forward, regular School Board meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (with some months having one meeting) and District newsletters will be published on the Monday preceding a meeting. **The next Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Thursday, October 14 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) Here is a link to the full agenda. (Click on 10/14/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached.** The Boardroom is now able to accommodate up to 25 observers and masks are required for all attendees. The meeting can also be observed [via this YouTube link](#). Public comments may be presented in person or in writing sent to info@ltusd.org before 12:00 pm on the meeting date. Written comments will be read into the record - please type "Public Comment" into the subject line of the email.

IN THE SCHOOLS

LTUSD is HIRING! Like many school districts across the state, LTUSD is experiencing staff shortages, especially with substitute teachers. If you or someone you know is seeking employment for full-time, part-time, or on-call work, please apply now! Openings include Special Education Teacher in Therapeutic Behavior Support, Speech Language Pathologists, Kindergarten Teacher, Substitute Teachers, SLP Assistant, Instructional Assistants, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Cafeteria Assistants, Nordic Ski, Basketball, and Dance Coaches, and various substitute positions. **Please see this [Link to employment opportunities...](#)**

STHS VTV brought to you by THUNDERCLAP!

ThunderClap is working hard for you! From the moment school is out on a game day to the

grueling pack up at the end of the night these kids are solving problems, gathering information, and making content for their broadcasting. If you haven't seen them yet, check out these [volleyball](#) and [boys soccer](#) casts. If you like the work they're doing, please subscribe to [STHS VTV](#) . This helps them to unlock more features due to the higher viewership. The students are highly motivated by impressions and views! Enjoy!

LTCC's MATH TUTORING CLUB is back! Math tutoring for LTUSD students of all grade levels is offered Monday through Thursday 3:30-5:00pm (except during Thanksgiving week) on a drop-in basis, starting Monday October 11th and ending Thursday December 9th. The location of the tutoring will be in its usual location of past years - in the mezzanine area between the first and second floors of the main building of the college. This has been a very successful program for LTUSD students and we are very grateful for its return!

EL DORADO SMILES DENTAL VAN The El Dorado Smiles Dental Van will provide comprehensive dental care to children, in collaboration with El Dorado Schools including cleanings, X-rays, fluoride, sealants & complete oral exams. Most insurances including Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal are accepted. Sliding fee is available for those who qualify. After receiving a health history and consent form, a dental representative will contact you to schedule an appointment. **See attached flyer and consent forms.**

Education Benefit Form: Every student who is under a certain income, learning English, or in foster care generates 20% more funding for our schools. In LTUSD these dollars are given to each school to increase or improve services for these students. Completing the Education Benefit Form ensures your school receives all available funds. Please [fill out the form here](#) - it only takes a few minutes and **everyone that fills out the application, whether you qualify or not, automatically receives 50% off their Chromebook insurance!** **Be sure to write or print your confirmation number to submit with your Chromebook insurance document.**

IN THE COMMUNITY

Flu Clinics in South Lake Tahoe Low cost seasonal flu vaccine - \$10 fee per vaccine; no one will be denied service due to inability to pay - Cash or check accepted - No appointment needed - Individuals must be six months of age or older to receive flu vaccine.

CONNECT Fall Academy The focus for Connect fall academy is to keep kids & teens moving, connecting, and enhancing their learning in the environment. The academy workshops take place after school hours, one day per week in small groups ages 7-14. Financial assistance is available. **See attached flyer for more information...**

WELCOME HOME Fire & Food Relief Friday Oct. 15 at South Tahoe Middle School from 3pm-6pm in partnership with the City of South Lake Tahoe and Dreda Dre. Community Speakers, Free Food, Gifts, Live Art, Music & More - all ages welcome! Come celebrate being home with the local community & Mayor Wallace. Thank our firefighters and first responders in person. Hear important information on how to get help and how to help others. Share stories and resources. Leave with groceries & supplies. **See attached flyer.**

Bread and Broth: Bags of groceries (staples, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, breads and desserts) are distributed to individuals and families from **4:00-5:30 p.m. on Mondays and 3:00 - 5:00pm on Fridays** at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Grace Hall at 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

GET VACCINATED - COVID-19 Vaccines are available for everyone 12 years of age and older. Vaccines are free regardless of your health insurance status. All currently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and proven to reduce your risk of severe illness. Contact El Dorado County Public Health at (530) 295-4101 or go to www.myturn.ca.gov to schedule your vaccine appointment.

How Does the COVID-19 Vaccine Prevent Illness? (Author: Rhonda Sneeringer, MD) Some are wondering about the vaccine's effectiveness against the COVID-19 virus. With the emergence of the Delta variant, many people may know of a vaccinated person who's been infected with COVID-19 after vaccination. It can be confusing and even alarming, especially with the high risk associated with contracting the virus. But rest assured, the vaccine is effective and it is protecting us. [Read more...](#)

NIXLE Prent Group Texting Network: Want to stay informed on important drug trends, local resources, and helpful information to keep your kids safe? Join the eSouth Tahoe Parent Group Texting Network - Simply text "TASK" to 888777 to Register.

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.

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**.

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. May's Harvest of the Month is Apricots! Here is a [link to this month's newsletter](#) and the corresponding [Apricots Video](#) - share and enjoy!

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EDUCATION NEWS:

Thriving During Trying Times: Written by Dr. Ed Manansala – Serrano Magazine (attached) - El Dorado County students have navigated the unpredictable waves of a pandemic, rising to challenges despite the circumstances, and continuing to achieve. Their perseverance allows them to not just survive, but truly thrive despite any harsh circumstances around us. Over the last 18 months, one local non-profit organization, Hands4Hope – Youth Making a Difference, under the leadership of their Executive Director Jennifer Bassett, continued to provide students with opportunities for leadership growth and community engagement through service projects. Here are just a few of their stories...**(attached)**

How California's commitment to safety is leading us out of the pandemic –

EdSource - On Friday, Gov. Gavin Newsom made California the first state in the nation to announce a Covid-19 vaccination requirement for all schoolchildren and staff participating in in-person instruction, adding the Covid-19 vaccine to the list of required school vaccinations that prevent such infectious diseases as polio, diphtheria, measles, mumps and rubella.

Links to your school sites and [more 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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Happy leaf peeping (there's still plenty in Christmas Valley),

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LTUSD'S VISION: *Discover and foster the unique talents and potential of all students.*