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Re: Board of Education Meeting October 28 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Happy snow day! Please know that it is always our intention to hold school when road conditions permit. The district understands that the late call today may have been frustrating to some. There is a process for calling a snow day which includes an assessment of road conditions and the ability for us to safely pick up and deliver students to school. This morning during the 5:00am hour it was determined that buses could chain up and safely roll, the afternoon looked clear, and the decision was made to hold school. As we approached 7am we began receiving calls reporting power outages affecting different neighborhoods and at least one of our school sites. Meanwhile, the snowfall increased and we were forced to re-evaluate bus safety as well as school site safety with the power outages. This is when the decision was made to cancel school. For families that were out in the elements this morning, we apologize. Canceling school is always a last resort and is not a perfect science. Today was one of those days - thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please note that an amended Academic Year Calendar was adopted at the October 14, 2021 Board of Education meeting. In response to the delayed start to the school year several adjustments were made including the last day of school being advanced to June 22, 2021 and Graduation day moved to June 17, 2021. Here is the new calendar in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

The next Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Thursday, October 28 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 10/28/21 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 12:00pm 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, Substitute Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Cafeteria Assistants, Nordic Ski, Basketball, and Dance Coaches, and various substitute positions. Please see this [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

Check out LTUSD's new English Learner Services pages on the District Website! You can also translate the District website to Spanish by clicking on the yellow arrow in the top right corner on the home page.

"How was School Today?" [Here is a somewhat timeless article](#) with suggestions to help draw out important information from your student - carry a copy!

Mt. Tallac Career Pathways program connecting South Lake Tahoe businesses to interns (South Tahoe Now) Mt. Tallac High School has a new Career Pathways Program that connects students to businesses in the South Lake Tahoe community. Sara Justice, the Mt. Tallac Career Coordinator, said they are looking for community businesses that are interested in hosting interns. The students need the opportunity to job shadow and learn specific skills in the areas of: Culinary arts, Law enforcement, Welding, Electrical, Construction, Fire, Auto mechanics & repair, Auto detailing, Information technology, and Cosmetology.

SOUTH TAHOE GRAD NIGHT is looking for volunteers to bring back this awesome event at Heavenly's Cal Base Lodge on Graduation Day...JUNE 17th! This Safe and Sober Event is sponsored by STHS Grad Night Task Force. This is an amazing group of parents that work together to pull off this special event for our graduating seniors. There is a job for everyone, be it leading a committee, being part of a committee, or

volunteering for set up, or the night of. This is not limited to just senior parents as they are not allowed to be there the night of the event. It's a great opportunity for underclassmen parents to see what this fun filled event is all about. We are still in need of a Vice President, Raffel Coordinator, VendorCoordinator, Publicity, Food Coordinator, and much much more! The possibilities to help out are endless so please don't hesitate to reach out. Please contact: Cary Brown , 530/318-6865 sthsgradnight@gmail.com.

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!

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

Thank you to Barton Health and Alpine Family Practice for their time and expertise in holding a vaccine clinic at South Tahoe High School last week. There are now 58 more vaccinated people in our community! Well done!

Covid Testing: Here is a list of available testing sites, both public and private, in our community: <https://www.bartonhealth.org/tahoe/testing-sites.aspx>

And El Dorado County's testing site:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-Get-A-Test.aspx>

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN at Zephyr Point on Thursday October 28 from 5 - 8pm. Family friendly spooktacular evening benefiting Zephyr Point's Youth Camps. Haunted house, trick-or-treating, pumpkin painting, face painting, fair games, Gaga ball, Bounce house, food and drinks, tractor rides, and more! Every participant receives a raffle ticket which could win a free week of summer camp! **See attached flyer for more information...**

Free Farmer's Market - The Food Bank of El Dorado County and California Emergency Foodlink are excited to partner with St. Theresa's Bread & Broth to offer a free drive-thru food distribution offering fresh seasonal produce and non-perishable food items. Wednesday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at St. Theresa's Bread & Broth, 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe.

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**.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EDUCATION NEWS:

[El Dorado County Fire donates training gear to Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy at LTCC](#) – South Tahoe Now - El Dorado County Fire Protection District (EDCFPD) has donated dozens of sets of turnout gear to students at the Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy at Lake Tahoe Community College. The firefighting gear will provide realistic training equipment for fire academy students to wear while they learn the hands-on skills necessary to be firefighters.

[Caldor Fire now 100% contained](#) – South Tahoe Now - After burning for more than 60 days, the Caldor Fire, which threatened the south shore area of Lake Tahoe before firefighters successfully pushed it out of a destructive path, has reached 100 percent

containment, the U.S. Forest Service said Thursday.

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](#)

[Elevated Digital Learning Academy](#)

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Welcome winter!

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