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## **Re: Board of Education Meeting June 23 and District Newsletter**

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Two days left of school - what a year! It feels like it flew by like a speeding train...a blur of smoke, fire, snow, masks, no masks, inflation, staff shortages, summer Covid, and tragedies in our nation. Given the challenges of this past year, I do believe that LTUSD did a fantastic job staying strong for kids, nurturing their well-being, going above and beyond the call of duty to provide a sense of normalcy, inclusion, and happiness in our schools. Staff resurrected field trips and activities, supported families, and each other, and found new ways to make learning fun. As lovely as a summer break sounds, we will be thinking about our kids every day, and looking forward to a great next school year.

# School Bus Transportation Schedule

All Schools Minimum Day

Wednesday June 22, 2022

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

STMS Out @ 10:15 Buses Leave @ 10:20

STHS Out @ 12:09-- Buses leave 12:14

STHS Sp Ed, Lyon's & Colvin's classes depart @ 11:50 Route M

MT. Tallac Take home @ 11:05am Route K

Please let parents of elementary students know

their children will be coming home early so we don't have to return them to school

BIJOU Out @ 1:00-- Buses leave 1:05

SIERRA HOUSE Out @ 1:30--Buses leave 1:35

TAHOE VALLEY Out @ 1:30--Buses leave 1:35

TahoeValley TK students ride home on the regular buses.

LTEMS Out @ 1:35 -Buses leave when you get there, and load.

No Pre-School on Wednesday's



### **BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

Please note that School Board agendas are being moved to a new software platform called [GAMUT](#). This site will be used to organize, manage, and align critical information for the district including board policies and board meetings. We invite all of our community stakeholders to access this site to better understand the work that is

happening in our district and we welcome your input and dialog to help us best serve our students.

**The next Regular Board of Education meeting is Thursday, June 23 at 6:00pm (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on the June 23 Board of Education Meeting title) The summary agenda is attached.** 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](mailto: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.

**2022 School Board Elections:** Two seats are up for election on November 8, 2022 for Trustee Area 2 (Incumbent Brandi Bannister) and Trustee Area 5 (Incumbent Lauri Kemper). The Board uses a voting system of "Elections by Trustee Areas" which means that Board members must live in, and are elected only by the residents of, that area. [Trustee Area Maps may be viewed here.](#) More information about filing can be found [here.](#)

## **IN THE SCHOOLS**

**South Tahoe High School celebrates Class of 2022 (TDT)** South Tahoe High School held its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 16. The Class of 2022 featured 237 seniors who had an unprecedented high school experience. They survived the ostracizing experience of COVID, the threat of catastrophic loss during the Caldor Fire, and waves of uncertainty as the coronavirus surged. [Read more...](#)

**Lift Literature is sponsoring a summer reading challenge again this year.** Families with kids ages 2-18 can sign up for the challenge on our website. Anyone who reads 300 minutes or more can get a free ice cream at Aloha Icecream. Those reading beyond 300 minutes are eligible for grand prizes, including tickets for the family to see the SF Giants. **See attached flyer...**

**Memory Garden grand opening at South Tahoe High School (STN)** The Memorial Garden at South Tahoe High School was unveiled Wednesday, a student-driven project that came from trauma and heartache after a student's suicide and the Caldor Fire evacuation. Teacher Katie Wheelen, who is retiring after teaching special education for 42 years, applied for a grant from the El Dorado County Retired Teachers' Association for the project. [Read more...](#)

**The deadline for waiving 22/23 Chromebook Insurance fees is Wednesday!** [Household Income Survey for School Funding](#) Please take a few minutes to ensure that maximum school funding is obtained for your schools. *Every family that fills out this*

*form before the last day of school will receive free Chromebook Insurance for each child (\$35 per student) in the 2022/23 school year! Additionally, families who qualify as “low income” will receive free or reduced bus transportation (being reinstated next year) and a discount on the Driver’s Education Program.*

**LTUSD is HIRING!** Full-, part-time, and temp positions are available! Current openings include senior accounting assistant, instructional assistants, bus drivers (will train!) campus security, cafeteria, custodians, school psychologist, school nurse, various teaching positions, coaches, and more! Please see this [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

**STHS seniors recognized during awards night** (South Tahoe Now) South Tahoe High School seniors were recognized by school staff and community members during the annual awards night. Graduation is on Friday, June 17 so the students are wrapping up their time in high school before heading into the next phase of their lives. For some it will be a two- or four-year college, others trade schools, while others will hit the workforce. [Read more to see the award winners...](#)

**LTUSD Facebook Page** - [Click here](#) to follow LTUSD! Lots of wonderful things are happening at the end of the school year, and all year long, so be in the know!

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Registration For Special Olympics Bocce Ball Is Now Open!** Please see the attached flyers for more details. **IMPORTANT:** To register, you must have first submitted an application to the special Olympics organization. To do so, please download and print an application [here](#), then follow the instructions on the application. Once you have submitted an application, you can register to participate in bocce ball [here](#). **See attached flyers...**

**A message from Liberty Utilities:** [PSPS - Public Safety Power Shutoffs](#) On this page, you can access a customer toolkit comprised of preparation tips, a link to update customer contact information online, a helpful explanation of Liberty PSPS criteria in a variety of languages, and PSPS educational videos, available in English and Spanish. You can read about our wildfire mitigation and system hardening efforts, learn more about PSPS and register for the upcoming workshops on our [Wildfire Mitigation page](#). **See attached Access and Functional Needs form in the case of a PSPS.**

**Tahoe Arts Project will be presenting the Missoula Children’s Theatre in The Emperor’s New Clothes** July 11-15th at Tahoe Valley Elementary. There are over 60 roles available. Grades K-12 are welcome to audition. Must be 5 and have completed Kindergarten to participate. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available through Tahoe Arts Project. We look forward to seeing you perform. For more information contact Peggy Blowney at [tahoearts@aol.com](mailto:tahoearts@aol.com). **See attached flyer...**

**Barton Health to host weekend grief camp for local children** Local children are invited to participate in the annual Camp Sunrise, a children's bereavement camp serving children ages 7 to 14, who have experienced the death of a loved one or other significant loss. The overnight grief camp takes place Friday to Sunday, August 12 to 14, at Galilee Camp and Retreat Center in Glenbrook, Nevada. [Read more...](#)

**Flag Football Camp** for Ages 8 - 15 at Lake Tahoe Community College July 18-21. Registration is open. **See attached flyer...**

**Message from South Tahoe Drug Free Coalition:** Free Narcan doses and fentanyl test strips can be obtained M-F at EDC Behavioral Health Services, South Lake Tahoe Library, and MWF at Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless office at Red Lodge on Hwy 89.

**Youth Backcountry Camps for Ages 12-14** Make new friends. Disconnect from technology. Observe local wildlife. Bag a new peak. Discover Tahoe's formation. Surround yourself with wildflowers. Swim in pristine alpine lakes. Fall asleep while watching shooting stars. Follow knowledgeable guides on a 4-day backpacking expedition along the Tahoe Rim Trail to challenge yourself, connect with the natural world, and most important – have fun! Find out more and register today-<https://tahoerimtrail.org/youth-backcountry-camps/> **See attached flyers.**

**CodeFu Summer Camp** - Lake Tahoe's first ever Coding/STEM & Outdoor Exploration Camp! Taught by School day Teachers with a curriculum designed by Stanford University, our program provides students with an appreciation of nature while learning invaluable skills of the future. Projects include coding websites that catalog plants/insects found nearby, coding a video game about the historical "tahoe tessie", and Lake Robots! **See attached flyer...**

**El Dorado County Library's Summer Reading Challenge!** This free challenge runs from June 1st - August 31st and is open to all ages. All reading counts, read your favorite story again, listen to a new audiobook, or read a funny graphic novel. Sign up and log your reading online at [eldoradolibrary.beanstack.org](http://eldoradolibrary.beanstack.org) to earn badges and enter drawings for fantastic prizes! **See attached flyer...**

**Free Sports Physicals on July 8th** - All incoming freshmen and junior athletes at STHS are required to obtain a physical. **See attached flyer...**

**Live Violence Free Summer Crisis Intervention Counseling** CRISIS CIT is an 80-hour state-certified training in domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. A crisis counselor serves as one of the initial resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides instrumental emotional support. **See attached flyer...**

**LTCC Youth & Teen Summer Camps and STEM Camp Medley** accepting registration

now. Welcome to CONNECT Summer Camps! The attached listing includes many of your favorites and also a fresh look at others. Be sure to check out the new design format for our middle school STEM Camp Medley, acting, art, outdoors, and much more! **See attached flyers for more information...**

**Updated Food Assistance Resources list in English and Spanish** Please note that several changes have been made: Christmas Cheer is now handing out bags at the door. The children's snack and supper time at the Boys & Girls Club has been slightly modified. Bread & Broth is returning to traditional, hot meal programs. B&B Second Serving resumed March 4th and B&B Monday Meals will return on April 4th.

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityHub5/).

**GET VACCINATED** - COVID-19 Vaccines are available for everyone 5 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. Go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to schedule an appointment.

### **Links to your school sites:**

[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 summer!

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