



Lion's Roar

November 27, 2019



Thankful... Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude for things and people you are thankful for. I'd like to express my thanks for the wonderful students, parents and staff at HELUS. I am blessed to be in such a beautiful area with such wonderful caring people. Thank you for all you do! HELUS is an outstanding school district and I am proud to be your principal/superintendent. **On behalf of the HELUS staff and Board of Trustees, we wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!**

Cold and Flu Season

Wash your hands frequently. Use a tissue. Cover your mouth if you cough and sneeze. Please remember to talk to your child about healthy habits during flu season.

Attendance

Remember all school age students are expected to be in school unless he/she is ill according to the law. Inclement weather is not a legal reason for students to not be in school. Food for thought.....Think of school as a job. If you don't work you don't get paid. Apply that to education funding; students don't come to school, schools don't get paid. The schools cost for electricity, payroll, and transportation will still be accrued. Just think if education wasn't government funded (via your taxes) you would pay \$75.00 a day (\$375.00 a week) per student for his/her education even if they are absent. Everyday your child is absent you are giving your \$75.00 per child to the state instead of the school. I think you get the message.Please know, it is not all about the money. Schools are non-profit. We do count on revenue from attendance for our operating costs. There are other just as important if not more important factors which are impacted by students' absences such as loss of learning, emotional anxiety from being behind and not understanding since the lesson was missed. All in all, the school and home share the common goal of each student being the best they can be. Please help us help your child by seeing that they are in school everyday unless he/she is not ill.

Robotics Meet

Next robotics meet is December 14th at Palmdale Aerospace Academy. Congratulations to our MounTech Robotics team lead by the awesome Mrs. Lafayette for placing 6th out of 15th on November 23. Thank you to the parents who came out to support the MounTech Team!

Sixth Grade Camp

Rain, sun, or snow.....6th grade student will be attending Outdoor Science Camp December 9th – 13th.

Inclement Weather Procedures

Living at this altitude and in our rural location, we may at times be forced to close the school due to inclement weather, power outage, fire or another type of emergency. If it is unsafe to transport students to school, or unsafe to be on campus, the Superintendent/Principal may make the decision to reduce school, close school, or cancel school for students and staff. There are three levels in our safety plan that address this and they are listed below for inclement weather.

Plan A: School starts on time. Buses that are not able to access hard to reach bus stops may identify an alternative location for pick up or drop off. In addition, buses may run at a time different than the scheduled time. Parents of students affected will be notified via phone call of the alternative location and/or the time adjustment.

Plan B: School is delayed for 30 minutes up to two hours. The delayed start time of school will depend on the severity of the weather. Students will be allowed on campus at the announced start time. Staff shall be on campus at the announced start time. Staff unable to safely make it to campus by the start time shall call, report his/her absence and request substitute. Staff may be on campus prior to the start time if they can safely do so.

Plan C: School is closed for the day. No students or staff are to be on campus if the school is closed.

We will notify you if you are impacted using our automatic phone system in the event that Plan A, Plan B or Plan C are needed. . Please make sure the school office has your current phone number. If you wake up to snow or ice on the ground or think it might snow and have not received a call from the school, please check our website <https://helus.org> A decision is usually made late at night or early in the morning (around 6:00 a.m.) as to whether it is safe to run the buses. Only announcements made about the Hughes Elizabeth Lakes School District apply.

If school is in progress when an emergency occurs and we need to evacuate or close the school, a robo call notification will be sent out, a notice will be posted on social media (Mountain 411 and HELUS PTA) and a notice will be posted on our web site (helus.org). Bus riders will ride the bus home (unless you have submitted a form saying otherwise) and pick up students will wait at school to be picked up. Please keep your contact information updated in order to receive the robo phone call notifications.

Mighty Mountain Lion Winners

Hambro & Christensen – Jane & Ronnie
McCaslin & Carr-Knudson – Andrey
Lewis & O'Hara – Lea & Gabriel
Silva & Lafayette – Lacey

PTA News

- PTA will be selling reindeer grams the first week of December 2nd-December 6th The Santa Shop will be from December 9th-13th with gifts from \$1 to \$10. We will have pictures and videos on our Facebook page if you want to see what's available. Please look there. If you have any questions about it you can email me at heluspta@gmail.com
- We are raffling off a \$250 gift card to Amazon. Right in time for the holidays, raffle tickets are \$1 and the winner will be announced at the holiday program. Check the flyer for more details or email me at heluspta@gmail.com
- Cookie dough has been ordered and is set to be delivered December 10th. If you ordered a lot plan on picking up from the PTA room. If it can be carried we will send it with your child on the bus if we can.
- The winter dance for 6th grade through 8th grade is December 6th. It will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping us plan or decorate please let us know or contact Kristen at 661-350-3000 text or call.

Planning Ahead...

November 28 -29 No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 2nd – 6th Reindeer Grams
 December 6th – 6th -8th Winter Dance
 December 9-13th 6th Grade Science Camp
 December 9-13th Holiday Shop
 December 10- Cookie Dough Pick up
 December 12 –Min. Day. School release 1:00. Evening Winter Program
 December 14-January 5th Winter Break
 January 6th – Return to School
 January 20 – No School, MKL Day
 January 24 – End of Second Quarter/First Semester
 January 24 – TK – 3rd Attendance Awards Ceremony
 January 27 – 4th – 8th Awards Ceremony – Attendance & Academics
 January 31 – Report Cards Go Home

