



## **Lion's-Roar** **September 24, 2021**

### **Class Attendance This Week**

Carr-Knudson - 9/22, 9/23  
Christensen - 9/21, 9/22  
Crawford - 9/21, 9/22, 9/23  
Hambro - 9/21, 9/23  
Lafayette/Sanders - 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23 (So close!)  
O'Hara - 9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24 (Almost!)  
Sinclair - 9/20, 9/21, 9/22  
Trifa - 9/20, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24 (Nearly had it!)

### **Morning Drop Off**

Thank you for following our **Morning Drop Off** protocols. Our Playground Supervisors must be present and begin at 8 am. Please be sure to stop at the Stop Sign in the driveway, and to drive very slowly when going through our campus at all times. The safety of our students, staff, and community is our top priority!

### **Trustee Areas**

The HELUS Board of Trustees plan to transition to trustee areas in compliance with the California Voters Rights Act. The school district boundaries will be divided into sections with a school board member from that section. Input on determining the sections is needed. Two public hearings are scheduled on October 5, 2021 at 6:30 and October 12, 2021 at 6:30 on the trustee areas. The hearings will be held in-person in the boardroom 8 at HELUS and virtually. The link will be posted on the board agenda at [heluesd.org](http://heluesd.org). Your input is welcomed.

### **HELUS Board Of Trustee Vacancy**

Term October 2021 to December 2024

Applications may be picked up in the school office or sent through email. To request an application email [lslaven@heluesd.org](mailto:lslaven@heluesd.org). Application window closes October 1, 2021

### **California Student Growth Model Tracking Student Test Score**

Since 2015, California has invested significant time and effort in developing a student growth model that is valid, reliable, and fair. California conducted a thorough and thoughtful process of selecting the model that best meets California's needs. On May 12, 2021, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved a student-level growth model using grades four through eight growth scores. For more information on the CA State Growth Model <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/acctgrowthmod.asp> or watch and overview video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcpPB62XD-c>

### **Bus Passes and Fees**

Bus passes have been distributed. If your Free & Reduced Lunch Program application is still pending, and we are aware of that, your child has been put on a list for our bus driver, Omarlee, until we find out the results. If you would like your child to be a bus rider and have not yet paid for the 1st Semester Bus badge or have not yet filled out an application for the Free and Reduced Program, please contact us at the office. 661-724-1231 Tanya Duron - [tduron@heluesd.org](mailto:tduron@heluesd.org) or Samantha Banks - [sbanks@heluesd.org](mailto:sbanks@heluesd.org)

### **Health and Safety COVID Testing or Proof of Vaccination**

On August 11, 2021, the California Department of Public Health implemented a health order requiring Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools. Here is a link to the health order <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Vaccine-Verification-for-Workers-in-Schools.aspx> The deadline to implement this mandate is October 15, 2021. HELUS will be requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID testing stating the week of October 11.

Daily pre-screening - Daily pre-screening is required prior to riding the bus or coming on campus. Pre-screening includes any of the following. Take temperature - Temperature should be below 100.4. Ask "How do you feel today?", "Can you smell this?" or "What does this smell like?", "Can you taste your breakfast?" or "What does your breakfast taste like today?" If there is not sense of smell or taste, please stay home.

Face Masks - Students are doing a wonderful job of wearing face masks indoors. Wearing face masks outdoors is optional. Please remember that face coverings should be washed daily.

Hand washing - Please remember to wash or sanitize hands frequently. At minimum when entering or exiting a room.

### **COVID - 19 Positive Case or Exposure... What to expect.**

If HELUS has a positive case the following will happen. A general informational notification will be sent school wide to all families. A separate isolate or quarantine notification will be sent to those in close contact to the positive person with a timeline and instructions on what to do. Students in isolation or quarantine may request a short term independent study contract to continue student learning. Students may return to school after the isolation, quarantine period, or negative test clearance.

### **Helus PTA News**

-PTA Presents: *Black & White Fall Dance!* Our first Middle School Dance is **TONIGHT** from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Entry is FREE and there will be food and desserts sold. Permission slips were already sent home. Please be sure to send your child's permission slip in if they are eligible and would like to attend. And remember... *Black & White* attire only!

-Feel free to reach out to us anytime with questions or ideas, or to ask for a digital copy of our membership forms, at [heluspta@gmail.com](mailto:heluspta@gmail.com).

### **Planning Ahead...**

TONIGHT... PTA Middle School Dance!

October 2, Special Board Meeting, Goal Setting

October 5, Special Board Meeting, Trustee Areas

October 4-15 PTA, Boo Pops

October 12 - Board Meeting room 8

October 22 - End of First Academic Quarter

October 25 - 29 Red Ribbon Week

October 28 - Picture Retakes

October 29 - Report Card Issued

November 1 - 12, PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser

**November 2 - 5, Minimum Days School Dismissal 1:00, Parent Conferences**

November 11 - No School Veterans Day

November 22-26, No School Thanksgiving Break