



Lion's Roar

November 15, 2019

Perfect Attendance: Attending School is Cool! STRIVE for FIVE!

Stay healthy and stay in school! As much as we want students in school, we do not want students with a cold or virus to infect other students. The target of having 5 or less excused absences during the year is to be realistic and allow for possible illness that a student may encounter during the year. As the cold and flu season approaches, please remind your child to wash hands frequently. Use a tissue or Kleenex for blowing or cleaning his/her nose.

Additional Funding for Low Income Students

You may have heard that HELUS, Westside and similar districts do not receive additional funding from the State and Federal Governments called *Concentration Funds* because we do not have a high enough percentage of low income students in our districts. A low income student is identified through the lunch/meal applications. We have asked that all families fill out the lunch/meal application each year. A majority of our families do and our students thank you for that. For those families who do not fill out the lunch application, we encourage you to do so even if any of the following reasons apply to you: Student does not eat school lunch. Parents make too much money and wouldn't qualify anyway. No internet connection to complete the online application. Isn't important enough and one family won't matter anyway. We may be eligible for additional funding that we are not receiving if you fill out the application. Here is the link to the application.

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict> We have a computer in our school office for parents to use to complete the application if needed.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Our district nurse will be here on Wednesday, November 20, doing hearing and vision screening for 5th – 8th. Please make sure your child is at school for the screenings. If your child's screening comes out irregular, you will receive notification that he/she needs to be seen by a doctor in the respective field.

Lost and Found

As the cold weather approaches and students dress in layers, please remember to write your child's name on backpack, lunch bags, coats, sweaters, glove, scarfs, etc. Items with owners' names can be returned. Our lost and found accumulates many unclaimed items. If you are missing an item, please check our lost and found.

Safety Secure School Lockdown

Our hearts go out to those in the Saugus High School incident yesterday. It is a sad incident. The HELUS staff is on heightened awareness. Preventative actions such as reporting any indication (social media posts, verbal words, written notes/drawings, etc.) of such actions or threats to the sheriff is critical. HELUS' lockdown procedures are reviewed and practiced. In the case of an emergency, parents will receive an automated phone call notification. Please be sure we have your current phone number. If we are in a lockdown you will not be able to pick up your child until the lockdown is lifted. Updates will be provided via the automated phone system on student pick up if once the lock down is lifted or the location students are to be picked up at if we evacuate the school campus.

Mighty Mountain Lion Winners

Hambro & Christensen – Sydnie & Galaxy
McCaslin & Carr-Knudson – Cole & Andrey
Lewis & O'Hara – Jade & Max
Silva & Lafayette – Omar & Aiden

PTA News: The cookie dough awards assembly is November 18th at 1:30. The district PTA is teaming up with local charities to provide warm clothing for parents and kids in the winter. We are tasked with donating scarves. If anyone has any gently used, or new scarves they would like to donate please bring them to the PTA room by November 21st.

Planning Ahead...

November 18 – LPAC Field Trip – Hambro, Christensen, McCaslin
November 28 -29 No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 9-13- 6th Grade Science Camp
December 12 –Minimum Day. School release 1:00. Evening Winter Program
December 14-January 5th Winter Break
January 6 – 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