



## ***Lion's e-Roar*** **December 18, 2020**

### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE This Week CONGRATULATIONS to.....**

Carr-Knudson - 12/15, 12/16, 12/17, 12/18 (So close!)

Christensen - 12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17, 12/18 YAHOO!! Perfect Attendance!

Hambro - 12/14, 12/17

Lafayette - 12/16, 12/17

Lewis - 12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/18 (Nearly had it!)

O'Hara - 12/16



### **HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The Holiday Program turned out fabulous. It will make you smile and warm your heart. The program can be accessed on at [helus.org](http://helus.org). There is not an expiration date on access in the program. The program runs best on devices other than an iPhone or iPad. We will continue to work on the compatibility of the program with iPhone and iPads. Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and Ms. O'Hara for contributing to the program. Share the program and spread the joy and spirit of the holiday season.

### **STATUS OF STUDENTS COMING BACK TO IN-PERSON LEARNING**

Upon our return to school on January 11, we continue our current learning model as we finish out our first semester ending on January 29. February 1, begins our second and final semester of 2020-2021. Our School Board has been in discussion about what our learning model will look like for the second semester. The item is up for a vote at the January 12, 2021 Board meeting. As a heads up, based on the Board discussions, it is likely we will be continuing with Distance Learning and Independent Study through the third quarter. The fourth quarter is still being fleshed out. The Board bases decisions related to students returning to in-person learning according to the following priorities. *We agree our priorities for decision making are based on health and safety, operations and logistics, maintaining a positive budget, providing high engagement between students and teachers all for the purpose of educating our students.* The Board truly has what is best for students in mind. The Board stays current with the state and county guidelines from the Department of Health. The Board looks to sound scientific data on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board is continuing to listen to all parent, staff and community comments and concerns about students returning to in-person learning. The Board understands the varying views of parent, staff and community preferences. The Board understands all preferences will not be able to be met. The Board hopes the community will appreciate their careful consideration of this item.

### **Independent Study 2nd Semester**

The second semester will be upon us shortly after we return from winter break. In California, Independent Study (IS) contracts are a semester long. New contracts for semester 2 are needed. Students currently enrolled in the IS class will automatically roll over into semester 2 and new contracts will be sent to parents. Since it is best for students to maintain a consistent routine, movement in or out of Independent Study and Distance Learning is not recommended. However, if your child has an extenuating circumstance and a move is in his/her best interest please contact the principal, Dr. Slaven, at [lslaven@heluesd.org](mailto:lslaven@heluesd.org) or 661-724-1231.

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

December 21 – January 8 - Winter Break - No School

January 11 - Classes Resume

January 12 – Board Meeting

January 18 – No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 29 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Academic Quarter

February 1 - Start of Semester 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Quarter

February 5 - Report Cards sent via email to Parents