

Sierra Middle School  
6768 Alexandria Pl  
Stockton, CA 95209  
209.953.8749

## THE SPARTAN TIMES APRIL 2021

Scott Tatum, Principal  
Cassie McLemore, Assistant Principal



Dear Sierra Families,

We completed our first very successful week of hybrid learning. We had approximately 60% of our students return to campus for two days during the week. Our teachers are working hard to learn the balance of teaching students in person and on-line. Thank you for your support as we continue to learn the best ways to instruct students in this format. It was great to see the smiling faces and to be able to interact with students again. Students have done a great job of social distancing and being responsible for their interactions with other students.

### End of the Year Celebration Requirements:

As a district and as a school site we have revised the requirements for the end of year promotional celebration and any possible seventh grade activities.

**Eighth grade students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a possible promotion ceremony or other activities.**

- Must have a 2.0 GPA of higher in the fourth quarter
- Three or fewer days of suspension in the fourth quarter

### High School Placement Information:

At this time of the year we begin planning student placements for next year. Please remember that our district offers placements at Lincoln High School and Village Oaks High School. Lincoln is a large comprehensive high school and Village Oaks offers a smaller setting focused on more personal learning. If you believe your child would benefit from a smaller learning community please contact the Sierra office so we can answer questions and provide more information.

### Assembly:

On Wednesday April 14th we will have an Assembly focused on grit and resilience of students during the pandemic. The daily schedule will be:

1st	7:55- 8:26
2nd	8:30 - 9:01
3rd	9:05 - 9:36
Assembly	9:40 - 10:40
5th	10:44 - 11:15
4th	1:19 - 11:50
Lunch	11:50 - 12:20
6th	12:24 - 12:55
7th	12:59 - 1:30

### Book / Material Pick-up:

Book and Material Pick up will be on Wednesday April 14th for students who are continuing to Distance Learn. Math and Language Arts teachers are sending home materials. Your child will have information from their teachers.

**Pick-up will be at the Sierra front parking lot between 1:30 and 3:00.**

We look forward to a great conclusion of the school year.

Scott Tatum  
Principal, Sierra Middle School

### Hi there Spartans!

Attention SMS current 7th graders ... Are you interested in running for an ASB Office for 2021-22? Do you want to serve your school? Want to help us get going with our normal student activities throughout the year? Do you have a passion for being kind and helping others? If so, this is your golden opportunity! We would love to have you run for office!

Students will be allowed to run for office if they have good grades, great behavior, and want to be part of leading our student leaders next year. Attached is the application, which is due (fully completed) by Monday, April 19, at 8:00 AM

<https://forms.gle/QvN4wXhHcS1qjTVSA>

**There will also be a MANDATORY informational meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at the beginning of lunch via Zoom.** That Zoom code is:

<https://lusd-net.zoom.us/j/92138264504>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Gadeke at [agadeke@lusd.net](mailto:agadeke@lusd.net)

### **Operation Birthday Surprise!**

Hi Spartans! Many of you may have noticed on our social media that we are recognizing Sierra students on their birthdays. Our goal is to acknowledge every Spartan's birthday in a special way! All students should receive a birthday card, and some students will have their birthday recognized on social media. We are also drawing names and delivering special birthday kits -- a "birthday in a bag" to some lucky students. If you want your student entered in the drawing to have a birthday bag delivered and/or have your child recognized on social media, please remember we need you to fill out the form at this link [Student Recognition Form](#). Also, if you filled out the form previously, but your child is distance learning somewhere other than the original address, we ask that you please fill out the form again with the corrected information. We are very happy to get to make these special deliveries but need to know exactly where we can locate your child to make the celebratory drop off. *Also, if your family is ill, please let the office know so we do not risk the health of our delivery volunteers.* We are grateful for your support.

The Leadership Class has been very fortunate to have the support of our wonderful SMS Staff, PTSA, the Digital Media Class, and a few families to pull off this awesome project. If you would like to help us, we would love to have donations of the following brand-new items:

- Funfetti Cake Mix
- Funfetti Frosting
- Medium to large size new birthday bags
- Happy Birthday banners to hang
- Birthday candles
- Birthday crowns
- Party favors

**Items can be dropped off in the box outside of the Sierra Office on MONDAYS between the hours of 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM.** Stay tuned to our SMS Instagram see who is celebrating a special day!

### **Sierra Leadership Recruiting for 2021-22**

Are you someone who loves to help others, believes kindness matters, and wants to make a difference on campus? If so, and you are a 7th grader (or incoming 6th grader) please fill out our Leadership Class Application for next year. We want to gather the kindest, most enthusiastic, awesome kids to lead our school to greatness next year! Please sign up ASAP as spots will be filled quickly!

[Leadership Class Application Link Here](#)

#### **Dates To Remember**

##### **APRIL**

14 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, BHBR (District Science Fair/Olympiad)  
14 LCPTA, 6pm, TBD (tentative)

##### **MAY**

5 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Mable Barron  
19 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, LHS  
27 Last Day of School

#### **SIERRA MIDDLE SCHOOL HYBRID BELL SCHEDULE**

##### **Wednesday**

1 7:55-8:34 (39)  
2 8:38-9:17(39)  
3 9:21-10:00(39)  
5 10:04-10:43(39)  
4 10:47-11:26(39)  
6 11:30-12:09(39)  
Lunch 12:09-12:47 (38)  
1:38  
7 12:51-1:30 (39)

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule(M,T,Th,F)**

1 7:55-8:43  
2 8:47-9:35  
3 9:39-10:27  
5 10:31-11:19  
Lunch 11:23-11:54  
4 11:58-12:46  
6 12:50-1:38  
7 1:42-2:30

##### **2020-2021**

##### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule (M,T,Th,F)**

1 7:55-8:43  
2 8:47-9:35  
3 9:39-10:27  
5 10:31-11:19  
4 11:23-12:11  
Lunch 12:15-12:46  
6 12:50-  
7 1:42-2:30

