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THE SPARTAN TIMES NOVEMBER 2020

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Hi Sierra Families! We have already completed three weeks, ½ of the second quarter. This is the most important time in the quarter to check in with your child to see how they are doing with their classwork and grades. Our teachers are sending home weekly "assignment logs" or progress reports via email. Please open the emails from each teacher and see how your child is doing. It is very important to have a conversation with your son or daughter about these grades and classes. By doing this check in with your child, you send the message that you are engaged, you value their work, and are holding them to a high expectation.

Sierra will be mailing home a mid-quarter progress report on Friday November 13th. All families should receive this progress report in the mail at the beginning of the week of November 16th. Please refer back to the October 19th email detailing all steps our staff is taking to help students and our site recommendations for families to build a successful learning environment at home.

The Sierra staff appreciates all of the help and support as we continue this journey in a distance learning format.

Stay safe and Healthy!

Scott Tatum Principal

Dates To Remember NOVEMBER

4 LUSD Board Meeting, DR, 7:30pm 11 Veteran's Day, No School 18 LUSD Board Meeting, LE, 7:30pm 23-27 Thanksgiving Break, No School DECEMBER

9 LUSD Board Meeting, BHBR, 7:30pm 16 LUSD Board Meeting, BHBR, 7:30pm 16 LCPTA, CL, 6:00pm (tentative) 21-Jan 1 Winter Break, No School

LINCOLN UNIFIED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old or know someone that does? If so, enroll them in our Lincoln Unified Preschool program at **no charge** to you. Half-day preschool classes are offered at most school sites throughout the district. Lincoln programs are designed to enable children to set their own goals and work towards accomplishing these goals in a safe, play-based environment.

Please visit our website https://www.lusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1591101&type=d&pREC_ID=1718427 to sign-up on our waitlist or visit www.lusd.net for more information. If you have immediate questions, email jsmith@lusd.net.

¿Tienes un niño de 3 o 4 años o conoces a alguien que tiene? Si conoces algunos niños, inscríbalos en nuestro programa Preescolar del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lincoln **sin cargo**. Las clases preescolares de medio día se ofrecen en la mayoría de los sitios escolares en el distrito. Los programas de Lincoln están diseñados para permitir que los niños establezcan sus propios objetivos y trabajen para lograr estos objetivos en un entorno seguro y basado en el juego.

Visite nuestro sitio web https://www.lusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC ID=1591101&type=d&pREC ID=1718427para inscribirse en nuestra lista de espera o visite www.lusd.net para obtener más información. Si tiene preguntas inmediatas, envíe un correo electrónico a jsmith@lusd.net.

Sierra Middle School PTSA is still welcoming memberships. Sierra Middle School PTSA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to join because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to: Support learning & Encourage community building.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved. And becoming a PTSA member does not mean you are signing up to volunteer. You are signing up to have a voice in our PTSA FAMILY!

We are encouraging contactless membership sign-up this year. We invite you to join because we can do more together than apart. It only takes 5 minutes! https://jointotem.com/ca/stockton/sierra-middle-school-ptsa/join



The Yearbook class is sending the 7th and 8th grade portrait pages to the printing company at the end of the month. If you missed the deadline to turn in a photo of your student, please send one to nross@lusd.net as soon as possible to have your child included. Instructions are posted on the 7th and 8th grade Google Classroom pages. Thank you (and thank you to the many families that sent in their pictures):)

Sierra Student Leadership Needs Your Help!

This year has provided our Student Leadership group with some unique challenges. Typically by now we have put on a couple of rallies, a dance, a carnival, spirit week, and at least fifteen lunchtime activities -- to name just a few things! Since we can't gather in large group meetings, we have had to think outside of the box a little. We are continuing to plot and plan, and are proud of some of the things we have come up with. For example, during the last week in October, we held Fright Week. This was a week of storytelling -- spooky stories told via our Instagram Live! Our rally committee planned the entire event -- choosing the stories, planning the decorations, and encouraging our student body to have a coordinated snack each night. The event was a huge success, and a lot of fun! We are so proud of these dedicated and talented kids! We are also planning a canned food drive (to benefit our Sierra Food Pantry AND the Stockton Emergency Food Bank, a Virtual Talent Show, Staff Recognition, and more!

In addition, perhaps our biggest goal this year is to recognize EVERY Sierra Student at some point. (Parents, if you haven't yet filled out our student information survey, please do so ASAP so we have permission to recognize your child.) This may be via "Operation Birthday Surprise," through our "Winter Wishes," via academic recognition, and more. We are **currently in need of donations for our Birthday Surprise project** and our Winter Wishes. For our Birthday Surprise Project, we need donations of new, unused packages of birthday plates, birthday napkins, party favors, birthday cards, balloons, and birthday gift bags. These can be dropped off in the office on any school day between 7:15 AM and 3:45 PM. Please just place them in a bag labeled - Leadership, Mrs. Gadeke. In addition, our Winter Wishes Program will allow us to grant a few wishes to a few deserving students during the holiday season. If you would like your family to grant a wish for a child, or see the list of wishes that have come in, please email Mrs. Gadeke at agadeke@lusd.net. (You can also email Mrs. Gadeke if you need the link to the student information survey.)

We hope that you and your family enjoy a beautiful week off during the Thanksgiving holiday! Please wear your mask, maintain social distancing, and wash your hands frequently, so you can maintain good health. Thanks for being part of the Spartan Family ... it truly is like no other!



Congratulations to our 275 Spartans with a GPA from 3.5-4.0 for Quarter 1! So incredibly proud of each of you! Keep up the good work!

Izaiah Abadan, Kidus Abebe, George Acosta, Julissa Aguilar, Catherine Alarca, Michelle Alvarez Colin, Marley Ameperosa, Taleia Anderson, Sai Anne, Hailey Antill, Juliuz Argueta, Natalie Arias, Alexis Arizmendi, Patrick Arong, Samantha Arong, Isaac Arrendondo, Xavier Ayala, Noelle Bacoba, Kemontae Bailey, Adrian Banuelos, Melanie Barajas, Anahi Barnes-Boch, Ma'Laehya Barron, Sema'j Binder-Workmen, Luis Blanco, Kaylin Boon-Sengchanh, Jayda Bowman, Linda Brantley, Alexander Brown, Elizabeth Buzo, Isabel Cabello, Ana Camarillo, Angelena Campos-Romero, Ruben Campos-Romero, Francisco Carlos, Paul Carter, Luca Casillas, Alyssa Castelo, Arri Castillo-Mitchell, Cedric Ethan Castro, Abrianna Catanzarite, Lilliana Cazares Toledo, Atticus Chan, Nadia Chandler, Miles Chanthalangsy, Sarah Ciobanu, Gabriel Cisneros, Allison Cisneros Medina, Colton Clark, Sidney Clark, Aidan Collette, Brandon Condrey-Pamani, Aidin Corpus, Amayah Cravens, Ray Dylan Cruz, Timmy Da, Piper Dasig, Angalina Day, Maya De La Torre Gonzalez, Riley De Santiago, Labella Denney, Harmony Destarac, Lila Dinh, Michael Domingo, Brian Dominick, Millie Dong, Gabriella Duran, Leanna Earnest, Asma Elzofri, Aiyana Escobar Walker, Emily Espinoza, Jazelle Evangelista, Dilan Fanucchi, Acacia Fimbrez, Serai Flanigan, Daniel Flores, Gia-Loren Flores, Siahni Floyd, Asher Fong, Kaylie Foster, David French, Steven Friedman, George Leopoldo Fujii, Amy Galeana Dominguez, Carley Garcia, Maya Garcia, Edward Gehrke, LaHeaven Glover, Noah Goeas, Asa Gonsalves, Abril Gonzalez, Dayanira Gonzalez, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Payton Goold, Rylie Grady, Natalie Gregory, Aliyah Griffith Nathan Grimes, Charles Grupe, Daytona Guthmiller, Andrew Gutierrez, Jacob Hadsall, Gracie Harnage, Mariana Henderson, Myles Henderson, Myshalai Henson, Cristofer Hernandez, Gianna Hernandez, Isabella Hernandez, Lorine Higday, An Ho, Sydney Ho, Kobi Hoang, Olivia Holtz, Reese Hull, Jon Hunter, Alexie Huoy, Tyler Iten, Xavier Jacques, Unjae Jeong, Gavin Jin, Adriana Johansen, Kaitlyn Johnston, Clayton Jolley, Sarah Joo, Nonaiya Kelley, Aaliyah Kemp, Da'Veon King, Larissa Knapp, Dabian Kue, Jayin Kumar, Aaliyah Lacher McArn, Giovanni Landeros, Caelen Lane, Ki'Monya Langston, Lily Larocque, Emma Lavagnino, Kaia Lichter, Avah Lillie, Mason Lo, Karina Lopez, Ramon Lopez, Valentina Lopez, Kalou Lor, Emmanuel Lora-Torres, Andrew Lucero, Joseph Lucero, Trini Mac, Lana Maldonado, Luke Maldonado, Adam Maloy, Cameron Mannor, Avery Marchesotti, Duncan Marion, Emily Marlowe, Alfredo Marquez, Mayla Marquez, Taeshaun Martin, Kaylie Martinez, Landon Matthews, Madison Matthews, Sophia McCrady, Karlie McKinney, Kaleb McNeal, Daniel Mendez, Lilyana Mendez, Vanessa Mendoza, Joel Mercado, Jagger Merolla, Noelle Mertz, Madeline Michel, Cynthia Montantes, Frank Moreira, Kayla Morn, Noah Mowlem, Leia Murdock, Aubery Murray, Amulya Nakka, Clara Navarro Zavala, Cianni Negrette Richardson, Paige Niemeyer, Natalie Nieto, Kassidee Olivas, Simone Olvera, Juliana Ordonez, Taylor Orn, Katelynn Oswalt, Sara Ott, Mia Jean Pamplona, Jeymi Parada Hernandez, Starr Pasovio-Ean, Ava Patterson, Christina Patterson, Christopher Pavao, Jesus Perez, Michael Perez, Sofia Perez, Miralf Pesqueira-Leon, Ayden Pham, Gianna Piccardo, Andreya Ponce, Tania Preciado, Sarayu Punnam, Faith Quesada, Scarlet Ramirez, Kaycee Rasalan, Julian Rayray, Sabreet Rehal, Leah Respicio, Isabella Rios, Fernando Rivera, Jason Rivera, James Robinson, Jewel Robinson, Nellietza Rodriguez Lopez, Jayden Roider, Madison Roob, Andrew Ros, Matthew Rose, Erick Rubio, Benjamin Saelee, Emilio Salazar, Marshuan Sandefur, Natalie Sandoval, Olivia Sandoval, Jessica Santiago Garcia, Akton Schwarzentraub, Sayleda Sean, Donald Sellers, Ryan Serna, Haylee Smith, Kaitlin Spencer, Hailey Sprague, Addyson Sprinkle, Ava Staley, Ayden Staley, Khandy Stewart, Riley Stokes, Jordan Surprenant, Zoemae Swartz, Kalebe Sydnor, Mia Tabanico, Katana Tek, Hunter Thomas, Atreyu Julias Thong, Bradley Thurman-Swanson, Grace Tolentino, Mackenzie Tomas-Mendoza, Jesiah Torres, Noah Toth, Taylor Tran, Tony Tran, Titus Tuinei, Alika Tuliao, Janyla Tum, Rylan Tuuaga, Adwyn Valtierra, Alonzo Varela, Damariz Vargas, Esteban Vargas, Jacqueline Vargas Valencia, Kaylee Villagomez, Eileen Vindiola, Adori Walker, Olivia Wanket, Kellen Waters, Aiden Williams, Kahina Williams, Anaya Woods, Faith Wright, Sean Patrick Yap, Atyana Zamora, Jazmin Zarate Diaz, Ethan Zindel, Jaylene Zuniga.

