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# THE SPARTAN TIMES FEBRUARY 2021

### Scott Tatum, Principal Cassie McLemore, Assistant Principal



#### Hi Sierra Families!

We are entering our fifth week of the third quarter. Our staff has been reaching out to make contact with students and families who may be having some academic struggles. This is the time to address any concerns or ask questions of our staff. Students now have the ability to blur out their background when in class. We are asking that students have their cameras on for better student engagement and learning.

Eighth graders, it is already time to begin the process of registering for high school. Please see the many upcoming dates and timelines in the newsletter. Please be aware our Promotional Celebration and End of the Year Requirements are:

- Cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher for the year
- 2.0 or higher in the fourth quarter
- No F's in the fourth quarter
- · 3 or fewer days of suspension in the fourth quarter

We continue to hope for students to be able to return to school in a healthy and safe environment. As we receive information regarding the return to school we will share it with you. Our staff hopes that your family is staying healthy.

Sincerely,

Scott Tatum Principal

### 2021-2022 Registration Information

March 1st - 19th, 2021, has been designated as the New Student/Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Registration period for students in grades Preschool – 8th grade. Although we will continue to take registrations after this period, students registered during this time will receive priority in placement.

To enroll in preschool for the 2021-22 school year, your child must be 3 or 4 years old (priority goes to children who are 4 years old or will turn 4 by Sept 1st. To enroll in Transitional Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 between Sept 2nd – Dec 2nd.

To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must be 5 year old by Sept 1st.

Enrollment packets for Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten can be picked up from any school front office, the ECE Office (2016 Paloma Ave) or the District Office (2010 W Swain Rd) beginning March 1st. If you have any questions about preschool, please call Judy Smith (953-8731).

If you have questions about new student, TK or Kindergarten enrollment, please call Eva Salto (953-8711).

The Seventh Grade Information packet for 2021-22 school year will be available mid-February via Parent Square and the district website.





Yearbooks are on sale now! You can purchase one online at yearbookordercenter.com, school code 7804. 8th grade families can also purchase an 8th grade ad for their student. All families: If your student has not sent in a current portrait for their Yearbook picture, please send one to <a href="mailto:nross@lusd.net">nross@lusd.net</a> as soon as possible. Instructions were posted in the 7th & 8th grade Google Classrooms in October.

### Polished Girls Club Join us every Friday @2:40 pm

We uplift and inspire positive interaction between young ladies on and off campus.

Email Miss. Niah @ <a href="mailto:lbrice@lusd.net">lbrice@lusd.net</a> to join our google classroom.

Join us in our very first "POLISHED GIRL HYIGENE DRIVE"



### **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 <u>Student Recognition Form</u>. 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!

## Dates To Remember FEBRUARY

8 Lincoln's Day, No School 10 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, TCK 15 President's Day, No School 17 LCPTA, 6pm, LE 24 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, CL

#### MARCH

1-19 Open Enrollment 2-12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Online LHS Registration (via zoom) 3 LCPTA, JRW, 6pm, Tod Anton/Admin Dinner

10 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, LPAC

12 Quarter 3 Ends

17 & 24 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet w/LHS counselors (via zoom) 23 Report cards mailed home

24 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Brookside 29-April 2 Spring Break



