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Hi Sierra Families,

Sierra has spent significant time updating and reviewing our emergency procedures. Earlier this week we held a successful lockdown and emergency practice with all of our students. We are in the process of redesigning the entrance to the front office. We will extend the fence to the office doors so all visitors will be forced to check into the office during the school day. Our site and district have classified emergency procedures into five main categories. These are the five procedures we practiced this week.



1. To protect students and staff from flying and falling debris. This is called **Drop, Cover and Hold On**.



2. To move students and staff from inside school buildings to a designated outside area of safety. This is called **Evacuation**.



3. To close and lock doors, after which no one is allowed to enter or exit. This is called **Lockdown**.



4. To close and lock doors, but continue classroom instruction/activity while students and staff remain inside. This is called **Secure Campus**.



5. To close doors, but leave them unlocked with ventilation and air conditioning off to protect from outside air. This is called **Shelter In Place**.

The end of the third quarter is Friday March 16. It is difficult to believe we are already in the home stretch of the school year. Please review the 8th grade promotional requirements and the 7th grade requirements for the end of the year activities. Please review the attached information and dress code for 8th grade promotional.

- 2.0 or greater in 4th quarter
- Cumulative 2.0 for the year
- No F's in the 4th quarter
- 95% or greater attendance for the year
- Not more than 3 days of suspension in the 4th quarter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 5-23 Open enrollment registration
- 7 Squeeze Burger Fundraiser (8th grade day)
- 12 District Choir Night, 7pm, PAC
- 13 LLL @ CL, 6pm
- 14 LUSD Board Meeting, PAC, 7:30pm
- 16 3rd quarter ends
- 21 LCPTA, LE, 6pm
- 21 David's Pizza Fundraiser
- 28 LUSD Board Meeting, Brookside, 7:30pm

APRIL

- 2-6 Spring Break, No School
- 9-13 Spring Spirit Weel
- 10 LLL, MB, 6pm
- 12 Aloha Dance, 3-5pm, MUR
- 18 David's Pizza Fundraiser
- 18 LUSD Board Meeting, VOC, 7:30pm
- 23-27 Staff Appreciation Week
- 29-May 1 Disneyland Band Trip

8th grade Day: Thursday, May 31st

Where: Sunsplash, Roseville

Cost: \$50

Includes: Transportation, Entrance, and Lunch

First payment of \$25 due by February 28th

Second payment of \$25 due by March 30th

Payment due to your homeroom teacher. Band students please pay Mrs. McCaa.



Our School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is now posted on our school web site; or you can find it at the Lincoln Unified School District's web site at www.lusd.net.

If you would like a hard copy, please notify the school office and one will be provided for you.

DATE	LOCATION	TITLE
Mar 15	VO Boardroom	Restorative Practices
	8:45am-10:15am & 6pm-7:30pm	
Mar 22	VO Boardroom	Restorative Practices
	8:45am-10:15am & 6pm-7:30pm	
Mar 22	VO Boardroom	Lincoln Loves Literacy
	2:25pm	Please RSVP by calling (209) 953-9710 dbronson@lusd.net

8th Grade Language Arts – Mrs. Dillon

Students are working on their Human Rights Project. Each student selected either a U.S. Constitutional Right or a Universal Human Right and is using EBSCO Host database rather than google to research current violations of that right. Students are paraphrasing information from at least three sources via EBSCO Host and will create an informative presentation (blog, web page, infographic, video, podcast, etc.) of their choosing (with my approval) to share this information with the campus. Student will finish the unit with a district writing assessment.

7th Grade Language Arts – Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Dillon, Ms. Zambrano

Students are honing their argumentative skills reading biographical pieces about civil rights leaders in the United States and around the world. Students are writing Response to Literature (RTL) pieces as they analyze each author's effectiveness. Students will write an argumentative essay and finish the unit with a district writing assessment.

7th & 8th Grade Foods – Mrs. Dillon

Students have mastered chicken tenders made by slicing chicken breast and following a recipe to coat and bake the tenders. We are currently enjoying sweet potato fries with choice of seasonings and baked to perfection. Our next project is churros – baked rather than deep fried.

Christian Club

We are enjoying the fellowship our Wednesday lunch time club meetings provide. It is great to have this encouragement on campus! Our club leaders – two eighth grade girls – lead the meeting, lesson, and activity each week. If you would like to speak or know of someone who would like to speak at one of our meetings, please let me know. Thank you to the mom who has provided treats and desserts! We meet on Wednesdays from 12:11-12:46. Thank you! idillon@lusd.net

8th Grade Promotional Ceremony May 30, 2018 6pm "A NIGHT AT THE BEACH"

The promotional ceremony will be held on the South lawn between Sierra and Lincoln High School. A limited amount of parking is available on Stanton Way with overflow parking available in the Lincoln High School Parking Lot. There are a limited number of chairs set up for students and guests. No ticket is needed to enter.

Photography

Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. A professional photographer has been hired, and will take a photograph of each promotee as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided (free of charge — courtesy of PTSA) to each student on the last day of school. Additional pictures can be ordered online.

Rehearsal A Must!

Promotional rehearsal will be held the day of promotional, May 30, 7:50 - 2:30. It is important that your student be present for the entire rehearsal. Please do not schedule outside appointments during this time.

Dance Information

Immediately after the ceremony, all **promoted** 8th grade SMS students are invited to a dance/party to be held in the Sierra Multi-Purpose Room. The dance ends at 10:00 P.M. No students will be released prior to that time unless parents have made arrangements in advance with Mr. Tatum and have proper ID at the time of pick up. We regret that students who do not meet the promotional requirements will not be eligible to participate in the ceremony or the dance. It is the hope of the promotional committee that all students feel comfortable participating in these celebrations.

Restrictions

Culminating ceremonies at the end of high school and college are true graduations and should be kept special. With this in mind: formal dresses, including strapless dresses, tuxedos and limousines are inappropriate for our promotional. **Students not adhering to dress standards will not be permitted to participate.** If in doubt, ask well before the day of the promotional, so you don't spend money on clothing which is inappropriate for the ceremony.

Dress Requirements

You must adhere to the Promotional Dress Requirements in order to participate.

Boys

- Dressy sport clothes (not formal — no tuxedos)
- Long pants — preferably slacks (no jeans or shorts)
- Shirt with a collar (ties optional)
- Shoes closed (no sandals)

Girls

- Dressy clothes (no formals)
- Blouse/skirts, dresses or slacks/dress pants.
- **No** shorts, mini skirts, formals (including floor length) or strapless, spaghetti strap, or off-the-shoulder dresses (will be asked to change)
- Dress shoes (low heels) (no more than 2 inches will be permitted. It is difficult to walk on grass in heels!)(Students will be asked to change)

Dinner

At the dance, dinner will be served to all students in attendance (vegetarian option will be available).

Volunteers

Volunteers to chaperone the dance and help set-up are also needed (7th grade parents normally fill this role). Please contact Mrs. Lewis @ rlewis@lusd.net to volunteer.

Donations

If you would like to make a donation for the ice cream sundae bar, we are accepting gift cards to Smart and Final.

