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**THE SPARTAN TIMES**  
**OCTOBER 2017**  
**Scott Tatum, Principal**  
**Jennifer Heck, Assistant Principal**

Hi Spartan Families! Thank you to all of our families who joined us for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had over 300 families participate, learn more about your son or daughter's classes, and get to know their teachers. We appreciate this connection so we can continue to build quality relationships so all of our students can have success at school. These conferences are so important so parents can best understand class expectation and to hear direct feedback related to how your child is progressing in school.

The first quarter is almost complete. The last day of the quarter is Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please know that during the month of October our teachers will be participating in professional development days related to writing, math, and technology. Our school wide goal is to increase writing and math skills for our students. Staff will be involved in professional development associated with improving our teaching skills related to these specific content areas.

In each newsletter I will share discipline numbers and attendance numbers. I want us to be upfront with this information. Please discuss with your son or daughter the importance of being at school and not being in a situation to get a detention, Saturday School, placed in the Focus Center, or to be suspended.

**Sierra discipline is:**

Detentions:	Tardy	Dress Code	Behavior
August:	52	2	1
September:	202	11	88
	August	September	
Saturday Schools:	7	30	
Focus Center:	0	20	
Suspensions:	2	13	

**For the month of September, Sierra's attendance rate is: 97.9%**  
We are having a Great year! Thanks for your help and support!

With Spartan Pride,

Scott Tatum, Principal

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

2-6 Spirit Week  
6 Spirit Carnival, 1pm

**OCTOBER**

10 LLL, Brookside, 6pm  
11 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, SMS  
18 LCPTA, VO, 6pm  
19 Picture Make-Up Day  
19 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, PAC  
23 Band Spooktacular Concert, 7pm, PAC  
25 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Don Riggio

**NOVEMBER**

10 Veteran's Day, No School  
14 LLL, JRW, 6pm  
15 LCPTA, JMc, 6pm  
17 Game Show Rally, 1:30pm, WGym  
20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays, No School

## **2017 LGBT Youth Empowerment Summit**

The San Joaquin Pride Center is hosting it's annual Youth Empowerment Summit at the Central Methodist Church on **Saturday, October 7th from 9:30am to 4pm**. This years theme is focused around the skills that LGBT youth need to cope in today's world. Please go online and pre-register to get a free t-shirt [sjpridecenter.org/get to coping](http://sjpridecenter.org/get-to-coping) (for more information contact [info@sjpridecenter.org](mailto:info@sjpridecenter.org) or 209-466-7572).

## **Foods Classes**

Students have made wheat flour tortillas from scratch, BBQ chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese (with macaroni and cheese!), and we are currently working on buffalo cauliflower bites. The students all had to pass the hand washing test before we started cooking and have to tie their hair back before they enter the kitchen. This is a fun semester-long elective and a great opportunity for students to collaborate all while working on listening, speaking, reading, writing, math, and science skills. Thank you for all the donations!

Mrs. Dillon ([idillon@lUSD.net](mailto:idillon@lUSD.net))

## **Family and Community Engagement News Family Survey**

Lincoln Unified continually works to strengthen partnerships between school and families.

Purpose:

- Gather your feedback
- Promote involvement in your child's learning
- Find out how we can best support you

**Complete the SM survey by**

Logging on to <http://bit.ly/2wXTSAt>

Going to the first page of the SM website and clicking the Family Survey tab under Quick Links

*Please complete the survey and submit it by October 31, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Dolores Bronson,*

*Director of Family and Community Engagement, 953-9710, [dbronson@lUSD.net](mailto:dbronson@lUSD.net)*

## ***Your Opinion Counts!***

### **Noticias Sobre la Participación de la Familia y la Comunidad**

### **Encuesta para Familia**

Lincoln Unified trabaja continuamente para fortalecer las asociaciones entre las escuelas y las familias.

Propósito:

- Reúna sus comentarios
- Promover la participación en el aprendizaje de su hijo
- Averigüe cómo podemos ayudarle mejor

**Completa la encuesta de SM...**

- Iniciando session en <http://bit.ly/2wjScin>
- Ir a la primera página del sitio web de SM y hacer clic en el pestaña Family Survey en Quick Links

*Por favor complete la encuesta y envíarlo antes del 31 de octubre de 2017. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta por favor, póngase en contacto con Dolores Bronson, Directora de Participación con la Familia y la Comunidad, 953-9710, [dbronson@lUSD.net](mailto:dbronson@lUSD.net).*

**¡Su opinión cuenta!**

## **CJSF would like to welcome 8<sup>th</sup> grade members**



Kenny Alexander, Evan Arredondo, Erik Asplund, Lia Basalusalu, John Baynard, Kelly Becker, Angelica Burruel, Miles Byrd, Amaya Cajio, Christopher Cecchini, Erik Clark, Carlee Cumpian, Brady Drouin, Emily Duclaux, Emma French, Alicia Gallemore, Emma Garcia, Aiyana Garibay, Macie Gill, Maxwell Green, Morgan Grupe, Eli Hancock, Jordan Hayes, Sophia Herbst, Miya Hoang, Katherine Hoffman, Alana Holdaway, Mackenzie Jones, Sydnie Kavanaugh, Taylor Lewis, Ivory Loeng-Loth, Keagan Low, Kaleb Malicoat, Lorelai Marchini, Kendall Mitchell, Mackenzie Navone, Ryan Navone, Gabrielle Ourthiague, Brooke Pacillas, Kailey Pengilly, Drew Peters, Bella Presley, Alexia Resipicio, Aidan Retamoza-Shelly, Olivia Riggio, Konrad Rohlf, Stephanie Rose, Nickolas Rosero, Rogelio Ruiz, Marissa Sanchez, Araceli Sandoval, Halli Shea, Jack Sherman, Hannah Skelton, Kameron Smith, Caitlyn Sprinkle, Skyler Tatum, Sam Tillman, April Torres, Caleb Velo, Hailey Vieira.