

**THUNDERBOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**



**Thunderbolt Middle School L.H.U.S.D.**

**Thanksgiving Week Modified School Schedule:**  
**Monday, 11/23 A-K students will attend**  
**Tuesday, 11/24 L-Z students will attend**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Veteran's Day**  
**No School**



**Governing Board Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**LHHS Performing Arts**



**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 3:**



**NOVEMBER 12:**



**PROGRESS REPORTS**

Second quarter progress reports will be sent home the week of November 12th. We encourage you to log into your Synergy ParentVue Account to keep track of your child's grades. Contact our office if you need an Activation Key. If you have any questions or concerns please email your child's teacher directly.

**FACE COVERINGS**

Face-coverings WILL BE REQUIRED for the duration of the 20-21 school year per the Governor's Executive Order. If this order changes prior to the end of the school year, we will notify all families.



We recommend school-appropriate cloth face masks that won't break easily. If disposable masks are used, please bring an extra in the event of a mishap.

**THUNDERBOLT WEBSTORE**

The Thunderbolt web store can be found at [www.tboltbookstore.com](http://www.tboltbookstore.com). All standardized clothing can be purchased through the bookstore and picked up when notified. We encourage you to use this system for your convenience.

If you are a FIRST TIME USER please email [hannah.johnson@lhud](mailto:hannah.johnson@lhud) for your username and password or call 928-854-7246.

# Nurse Notes

We have experienced some students being sent to school when not feeling well. To avoid being called to pick up your student after they arrive to school, PLEASE DO NOT send them to school if they are sick. We ask that you follow this daily checklist before sending your child to school. If your child displays ANY of the following symptoms please keep him/her home and report it to our attendance and health office.

In the event your child gets sick at school, please have a plan in place of who can pick him/her up if you are not available.

Students will need to be out of school as quickly as possible for any symptoms. Your diligence will help us keep our students and staff safe and keep our school open. Thank you to all you are complying with these guidelines..

## SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
<input type="checkbox"/>	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

## SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

<input type="checkbox"/>	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the <a href="#">Community Mitigation Framework</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the <a href="#">Community Mitigation Framework</a> ) while the school remains open

**🔍 FIRST LAYER OF DEFENSE IS STAYING HOME WHEN APPROPRIATE!**

**🔍 IT TAKES MULTIPLE LAYERS TO PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19**



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## **DIRECT LINE TO OUR ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS 854-7277**

If your student is later than fifteen minutes to school in the morning, please walk in and sign them in, call to excuse them or send them in with a note. At this time, the absence will be counted as a full class period and cannot be counted as a tardy. The first period class will show as an unexcused absence and will have to be explained by a parent or guardian.

The direct line to our Attendance Office is 854-7277. A message can be left on this number 24/7. Any time your student is absent or tardy to school we must receive an excuse. To avoid receiving an automated phone call from our calling system, please excuse an absence before 9:30 a.m. You may also call in advance if you know of a future absence or you can leave a message after hours.



## **UPDATE PERSONAL INFO AND CUSTODY ISSUES**

Please make sure to keep the office updated of all personal information such as telephone numbers, email address, home address, custody changes, and emergency contact information. We make every effort to keep the most current information on file in the event of illness or emergency and for the safety of your child. Please note that by law, if parents are legally separated or divorced, each parent has equal rights to the custody of the child/children UNLESS a parent provides a court order that indicates otherwise. The school MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE COURT ORDER on file, otherwise, either parent may check the child out of school with proper ID.

When making a change of address a NEW proof of Arizona residency must be provided with the current address.

## **FREE DRESS DAYS**

During the year, there will be times when students earn free dress days. On free dress days please keep in mind the following dress code reminders:

- \* ALL shirts MUST have sleeves—NO tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, backless tops, tube tops, beachwear, muscle shirts with deep cut-outs under the arms.
- \* Do NOT wear clothing that exposes the midriff or cleavage
- \* No see-through clothing
- \* No LHHS shirts
- \* No pajama bottoms or pajama lookalikes
- \* No clothing that reveals undergarments
- \* Modesty is the key!

See the guidelines in the student handbook.





## Tips for Building Self-worth in Children

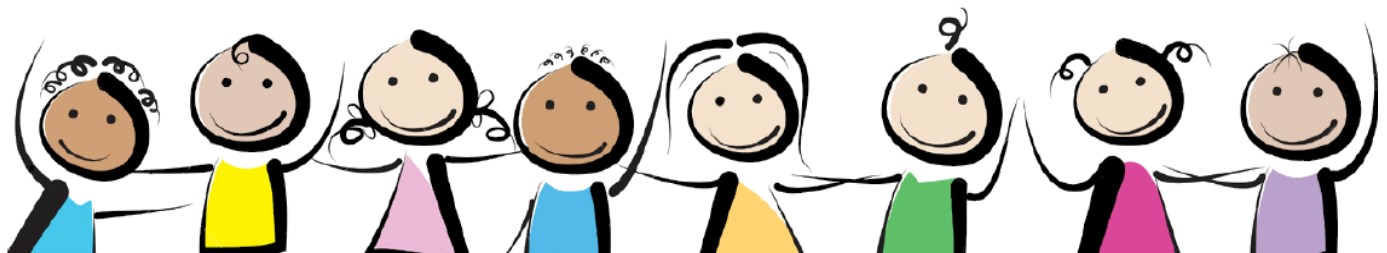
Here are some tips on how to build resilience and self-worth in children. It is important as children get older, that they learn how to handle life's twist and turns, how they can overcome challenges, and believe in themselves through it all.

- ♦ Model self-confidence: Children who watch their parents/guardians model resilience and confidence will more likely practice it as well. It doesn't mean you have to pretend to be perfect, but focus on the important things when you are faced with a challenge.
  - a. How do you tackle new tasks?
  - b. Modeling a positive attitude
  - c. Be prepared
  - d. Don't give up!
- ♦ Don't get upset about mistakes: everyone makes mistakes, the important thing is to learn from them. Mistakes happen, what will you do next time?
- ♦ Encourage your child to try new things
- ♦ Allow kids to fail, trial and error is how we learn; AND how we get better at making decisions.
- ♦ Praise perseverance: learning not to give up. It is not about being successful all the time, but how we overcome adversity and keep trying.
- ♦ Help kids find their passion and identity.
- ♦ Set goals: both large and small. Encourage your child to turn dreams into actionable goals; make lists and validate interests that will help him/her achieve their goals throughout life.
- ♦ Expect them to pitch in- Have your children do age-appropriate jobs around the house.
- ♦ Embrace imperfection: remind your children that being less than perfect is human and OKAY. Images on social media, TV, and magazines that are depicting "perfection" are not realistic expectations and are destructive.
- ♦ Set up your children for success: Children should have opportunities where they can find success- Help your child find activities that make them feel confident and comfortable, this helps them tackle bigger challenges that come their way.
- ♦ Show your love: Let your child know that you love them no matter what, even what you are mad at him/her. Make sure your child knows that you think they are great, not just when they do great things, but through all the ups and downs.

As always, please reach out to the Thunderbolt Counseling Office if you need additional support, we are here for you! Contact us by phone 928-854-7477 or email.

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Ms. Tarr - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
[Elizabeth.tarr@lhusd.org](mailto:Elizabeth.tarr@lhusd.org)





# Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1

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November 2, 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I schools are required to provide parent notification when a teacher does not meet Arizona appropriate certification requirements.

While all of our teachers are highly qualified in their subject areas, some have not yet completed all the appropriate Arizona certifications. The following teachers are currently working under Intern certificates and will be completing the necessary steps to meet the requirements as soon as possible.

Mr. Bolden

Mrs. Gough

Mr. Casey

Mr. Harrison

Mr. Gagnon

Mr. VanWagoner

Mrs. Gagnon

Ms. Powell

Each teacher listed is a valued member of the faculty at Thunderbolt Middle School and is committed to the success and academic achievement of your student.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Bitterman, Principal  
Thunderbolt Middle School

Rebecca Stone, Superintendent  
Lake Havasu Unified School District





# Arizona Department of Health Services

## MaskUp Arizona

### FREE Masks Available

It is important that every Arizonan does their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which includes wearing a mask whenever you are in public, washing your hands frequently, and maintaining physical distance from others.

Arizona Department of Health Services wants to ensure every Arizonan has access to face masks and they have partnered with Hanes to provide free [face masks](#) to Arizonans that need them the most. They encourage anyone in a vulnerable population, who is a student (or parents on behalf of students) or school staff member, or who may not be able to purchase a mask to place an order at the following website:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>

Each order will provide 5 washable, reusable cloth face masks, one order per household. If you have questions about ordering or for information about how this program works, visit their [FAQs page](#). For questions about your order or the product itself please contact Hanes at 1-800-503-6698.



Questions?

**1-800-503-6698**

Hanes customer service:  
M-F 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
AZ Time

# Thunderbolt Booster Club

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spirit Shirt Order Form

TMS Booster Club is now taking orders for our 2020-21 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spirit T-shirts. The shirts will be available by pre-order only. Orders must be returned to the school with payment by the deadline:

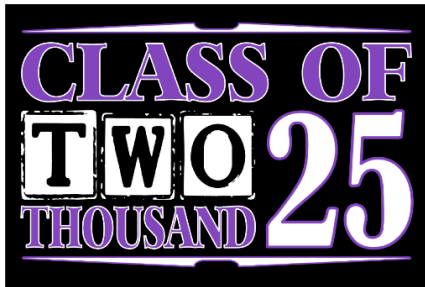
**Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.**

If you wish to purchase a shirt, please complete the form below and return it to the Thunderbolt front office. Payment must be returned with your order. Shirt orders will be distributed in October.

Student's Name (PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRONT**



T-shirt color: Black

**BACK**



Imprint Color: Purple and White

- Shirts are the same brand and sizing as the Tbolt standardized school shirts.
- Can be worn any day of the week

Please select correct size as these are pre-orders and we will not have extras for exchanges.

**Youth T-shirt (\$15) Qty**

Youth Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult T-Shirt (\$15) Qty**

Adult Small \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Large \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult X-Large \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 2XL \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Cash

\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Check – make payable to Thunderbolt Booster Club

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: NOVEMBER 3, 2020**  
**PAYMENT & ORDER FORM TO MRS. BLANCHARD AT THUNDERBOLT**

# Thunderbolt Booster Club

## Pawsitive Spirit Shirt Order Form

TMS Booster Club is now taking orders for our Pawsitive Spirit T-shirts. The shirts will be available by pre-order only. Orders must be returned to the school with payment by the deadline:

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020.**

If you wish to purchase a shirt, please complete the form below and return it to the Thunderbolt front office. Payment must be returned with your order. Shirt orders will be distributed in October.

Student's Name (PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRONT**



T-shirt color: **RED OR BLACK**

**BACK**



Imprint Color: White

- Shirts are the same brand and sizing as the Tbolt standardized school shirts.
- Can be worn any day of the week

Please select correct size as these are pre-orders and we will not have extras for exchanges.

**Youth T-shirt (\$15) Qty**

Youth Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult T-Shirt (\$15) Qty**

Adult Small \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Large \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult X-Large \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 2XL \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT COLOR: RED \_\_\_\_\_ BLACK \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Cash                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Check – make payable to Thunderbolt Booster Club

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## **Altice USA Provides Complimentary 60-Day Student Broadband Offer to Support Remote Learning**

**NEW YORK, NY – (October 19, 2020)** – Altice USA (NYSE: ATUS) is continuing its support for remote learning by offering its Altice Advantage 30 Mbps broadband solution complimentary for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not currently have home internet access.

“As the pandemic continues to have a tremendous impact on the education system, Altice USA is committed to providing connectivity solutions that help students and their families during this challenging schoolyear,” said Hakim Boubazine, President of Telecommunications and Chief Operating Officer. “Since the start of the pandemic, we’ve provided free broadband to more than 20,000 households, and as many schools continue remote learning, we are pleased to provide this offer to assist our communities. This offer is just one example of the many solutions we are providing to ensure families have the tools they need for a successful schoolyear.”

Starting today, households interested in the free 60-day Altice Advantage 30 Mbps broadband and WiFi offer can apply by visiting [alticeadvantageinternet.com](http://alticeadvantageinternet.com).

Altice Advantage includes unlimited data, free equipment and reduced installation. Following the 60-day period, households are able to retain their Altice Advantage service for \$14.99 per month, providing households with a low-cost, contract-free internet solution.

In response to the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic, Altice USA has taken several steps to ensure students in the communities we serve have reliable access to broadband connectivity.

This includes working with school districts to provide solutions to reach households that lack connectivity, including through our Student WiFi product, which enables school-issued devices to access the Optimum WiFi network, as well as by offering a centralized purchase program that allows school districts to identify and provide connectivity to students without broadband access at home.

Altice USA is also providing \$1 million in funds and device donations to support remote learning as part of our COVID-19 relief and recovery program.

In addition, Altice USA has introduced a \$5 per month Educator Discount available on select Internet and TV packages to show appreciation to the dedicated teachers who are making learning possible for their students both in the classroom and remotely. To learn more about the Educator discount, click [here](#) for Optimum and [here](#) for Suddenlink.

Learn more about the Altice Advantage 30 Mbps broadband and WiFi solution [here](#).

### **Contacts**

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### **About Altice USA**

Altice USA (NYSE: ATUS) is one of the largest broadband communications and video services providers in the United States, delivering broadband, video, mobile, proprietary content and advertising services to more than 4.9 million residential and business customers across 21 states through its Optimum and Suddenlink brands. The company operates a4, an advanced advertising and data business, which provides audience-based, multiscreen advertising solutions to local, regional and national businesses and advertising clients. Altice USA also offers hyper-local, national, international and business news through its News 12, Cheddar and i24NEWS networks.



We have begun our Toys for Tots collection. This year we have many struggling families who may need more help than usual. We are asking students who are able to bring in a NEW, UNUSED, UNWRAPPED toy for any age to show an act of kindness for our community. We have two collection boxes located in our office. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

