

DECEMBER

THUNDERBOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 4, 2020



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 18

Teacher Inservice Day



**Winter Break
NO SCHOOL**



School Resumes



REVISED SCHOOL SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14TH THRU DECEMBER 18TH

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
A-K STUDENTS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
ONLINE ONLY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
L-Z STUDENTS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
ONLINE ONLY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
NO SCHOOL**

**On Tuesday and Thursday teachers
will be available to zoom, answer
questions, and support students
virtually.**

REPORT CARDS

Second quarter report cards will be sent home with students the week of January 4th. 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.



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Nurse Notes

As we move into Flu Season and activities are moving indoors we need your help to keep everyone safe.

**** COVID-19 cases are increasing in our community. ****

Please consider the following when attending family or community events:

- ❑ Stay home when appropriate - fever, cough, been exposed to COVID-19, or are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- ❑ Wear a mask and social distance at school or community events
- ❑ Practice frequent hand hygiene

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



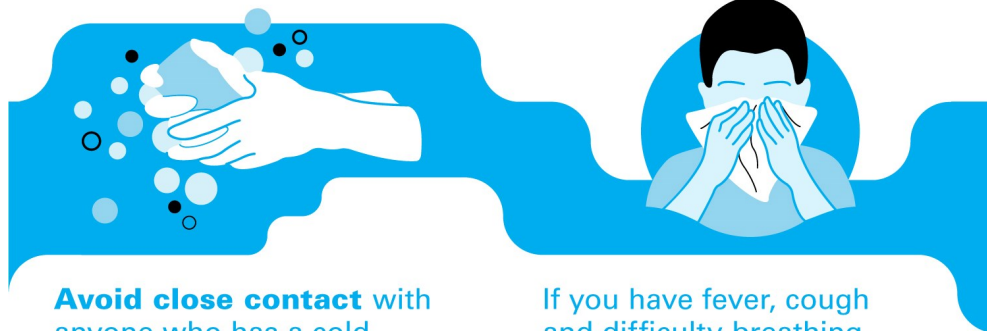
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❑ **IT TAKES MULTIPLE LAYERS TO PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19.**

Protect yourself and loved ones from coronavirus.

Wash your hands regularly with **soap** and **water**.

Cover your mouth and nose while **sneezing** or **coughing**.



Avoid close contact with anyone who has a cold or flu-like symptoms.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, **seek medical care early**.



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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.

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 a spare in the event of a mishap. We have a limited number of disposable face masks to hand out when one breaks or is forgotten.

Masks must be worn even when outside if social distance is not possible. Please help us keep our students and staff safe.

MANY students have been arriving to school without a mask. Please help your child make it part of their morning routine to bring a mask each day.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

As cooler weather arrives, we have a few dress code reminders:

- * Students may not wear their own jacket inside the building, they must wear a standardized hooded sweatshirt or layer clothing. Hooded sweatshirts can be purchased through our webstore or in the office for \$25.
- * Pants and jeans cannot have ANY rips, frays or tears above the fingertip.
- * No pajama bottoms or pajama lookalikes
- * No slippers



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Counselor Corner

Enjoying the Holidays in 2020

During this holiday season, enjoy spending quality time with friends and family with these tips. Now, more than ever, it is important to invest in quality time with your loved ones and participate in fun activities together. These memories will last a lifetime.

- Ask your teen how they are feeling
- Let them know you are there if they need to talk
- Listen! Teens often just want someone to listen and not solve every problem for them
- Offer perspective on the situation by looking at the big picture
- Allow them a sense of control by giving them choices, maybe allow them to plan a special activity
- **Limit access to technology and social media**
- Encourage positive social activities like volunteering, donating clothes, or even a gift!
- Encourage outdoor time: playing games, hiking, having a picnic, or even camping!
- Keep a gratitude journal and take photos to record memories
- Plant a garden
- Bake holiday goodies and cook new recipes
- Make a new project, like refinishing an old piece of furniture
- Set up an at-home spa, with face masks and self-care treatments
- Make arts and crafts (there are tons of crafts you can make from recycled items around the house!)
- Learn a new skill: how to sew, knit, crochet, or learn to play a new instrument
- Try a new workout (maybe yoga or Pilates)

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.

Ms. Clark- 8th Grade
Michele.clark@lhusd.org

Ms. Tarr- 7th Grade
Elizabeth.tarr@lhusd.org

TAX CREDIT

The Tax Credit Program Keeps Tax Dollars in Havasu

When you make a tax credit donation, you get a DOLLAR for DOLLAR subtraction from your State Income Tax and your tax dollars stay in Havasu at the school of your choice and for the program of your choice. You may donate up to \$200 if you are single or up to \$400 if you are married and get the tax credit. Save your receipt for tax time and it may either reduce the amount you may owe or increase your refund, depending on your personal circumstances.

You don't have to have a student in order to donate. This is available for any tax payer in the state of Arizona.

Pay on-line at www.lhusd.org or payments can be made in the Thunderbolt office by cash or check.
Call 928-854-7224 for more information.



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If you have ever shopped on Amazon.com you know how convenient it is and how much you can find. You will continue to shop the exact same way that you always do. The only difference is that when you first log on, it will ask you to choose a charity to donate to. Choose **Thunderbolt Booster Club** and that's it! A percentage of your total will be donated directly to the school. Once you bookmark the page, you won't have to ever remember to do anything again. You can also continue to use your current account if you already have one.

YOU

Need to Order the
Thunderbolt Middle School
Yearbook Today

To Purchase Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

Go to www.treering.com/1013965618383795

Regular Price: **\$25.95**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Mar 22**

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Thunderbolt Booster Club

Pawsitive Spirit Shirt

Order Form



TMS Booster Club has a few extra shirts in select sizes on a first come, first serve basis. If you'd like to purchase one, bring your money to Mrs. Blanchard (**cash only**)

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 exchanges are not available

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 Only**

PAYMENT & ORDER FORM TO MRS. BLANCHARD AT THUNDERBOLT



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.



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