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STATE SCHOOL GUIDELINES

From AZ State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman:

- ✓ By 8/7, the Arizona Department of Health Services will create reopening benchmarks based on public health data
- ✓ Full funding for distance learning
- ✓ Continuity of pay for all educators, including hourly staff
- ✓ Face covering requirements
- ✓ School facilities closed until 8/17
- ✓ Schools can start distance learning before 8/17
- ✓ Schools can continue distance learning after 8/17 as long as districts or charters provide an onsite learning option for at-risk students while enforcing physical distancing + safety protocols

https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/07/arizonaopen-learning

Our local school board will be working with administrators to create a plan to address these guidelines that works in the best interest of our staff and students. More information will be shared before August 17th.

SPECIALS

We are excited to welcome back Mr. Branchik in our Physical Education and Ms. Suetterlin for Music. We also thrilled to welcome Miss Bixby in our Art Department. She will be joining us in Spring.

During distance learning, specials teachers will be posting grade level recordings in your teacher's Google Classroom page. Specials lessons are encouraged throughout the week, and students may post pictures or responses within the Google Classroom to engage with their teachers after their lessons. Teachers will be working to support parents with additional resources and ideas to help keep our students engaged and active in distance learning as we start the year.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

At the start of the school year, our campus will be under construction. Please be sure to follow any signs to get into our campus safely, as our office staff may be working from classroom locations as necessary while our office updates take place.

Our campus is open to families who need to submit registration paperwork, purchase school shirts, or obtain information.

Feel free to contact Ms. Bell or Ms. Lay in our front offices should you have any questions.

**Please note that per the governor's order we will require a face covering on campus until the state requirement is lifted. Thank you in advance for working with us to keep our staff and students safe.

2019-20 CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be distributed to teachers during the week of July 27th. All teachers will be reaching out to families in their homerooms classes to introduce themselves, give information on Class Dojo, (our parent communication tool), and give an overview of what to expect the first week. Families will be invited to a grade level virtual orientation for Google Classroom at the end of next week. So, please ensure the office has your current phone number and email, as this will ensure that we can keep proper communication lines open at all times to support you.



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DISTRICT BOARD MEETING 8-18-20

The August District Office board meeting will take place on August 18^h at 6pm. The public is invited to attend via live streaming to ensure appropriate social distancing.

If any special sessions occur to discuss reopening plans, more information will be shared via our school's communication sites.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PTSO BOARD MEMBERS

Co-President – Melissa Jacobs Co-President – Helen Trescher Secretary – Logan Moore Treasurer– Naomi McKinney

Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers who made our fundraising and school events last year such a success!

**We appreciate all you do! There are no words to express our gratitude for your commitment to our school. Thank you for all you do!

Principal's Corner

In addition to our monthly reminders, we will work to give information for parents to support students both academically and behaviorally at home as well. Please see our newsletter on the jamaica.lhusd.org website. Hard copies will be available in the office and it is always displayed on the office bulletin board. Please watch for this and stay informed.

Counselor's Corner

We are thrilled to be able to welcome a new counselor to campus this year to support our students and families. We have built a counselor's corner on our school's website. She will be posting tips, tools, and resources to support your children both on site and during distance learning. In addition, she will be providing small group and individual counseling for any students who may be in need of support. Teachers and admin will be reaching out to families to see how we can support you all during this time!

DISTANCE LEARNING

- Google Classroom learning platform
 - Online
 - O Printed Materials
- Students do not need to sign up
- Classes taught by your child's teacher
- Asynchronous (recorded) and Synchronous (live) lessons
- Collaborative work with peers
- · Required attendance
- Weekly teacher/student checkin

Graded Assignments and Assessments

LHUSD ONLINE ACADEMY

- SchoolsPLP platform (see demo at http://www.lhusd.org)
- Students will need to sign up
- Classes supervised by district teachers
- Asynchronous (recorded) lessons
- Classes aligned to in-person learning classes
- Required attendance
- District teacher/student check-in
- Graded Assignments and Assessments
- On-campus support by appointment

Transition back to in-person learning will be collaboratively determined with school administration

TAHER SERVICES

Food services will be offered to all those in the district beginning August 3rd.

They will be located at the LHHS Snack bar located near the football field.

 $\begin{array}{l} Monday-Friday \\ 10:30am-12:30pm \end{array}$



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DRESS CODE

Families are welcome to call into the office or come in anytime between 7:30am-3pm. School shirts will be available.

All dress code requirements for on campus attendance are listed in our school handbook, which can be found on our Jamaica Website.

**Dress code will be enforced, and students will be required to change if they do not follow dress code. There will be NO exceptions.

For any virtual learning environments, please ensure that students are dressed in school appropriate clothing, as they will be visible in their distance learning classroom (i.e.: No swimming suits, appropriate shirts and bottoms required.) https://az-lakehavasu.intouchreceipting.com/

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week of July 27th- Teachers will be contacting students to welcome them to their grade level and classroom for the year. Parents will get more information during this time on a Virtual Orientation to help familiarize parents on how to access our Google Classroom sites.

First Day of School (Virtually)-August 3rd-

Schools will begin instruction in a virtual setting via Google Classroom with Class Dojo as our parent communication tool. Parents also have the option to sign up for our LHUSD Online Academy.

August 7-AZ Department of Health Services will issue guidelines for schools to help us determine when it will be safe to resume in person learning for all students.

August 17th_Schools will be allowed to service students with high levels of need on campus. We do not yet have a full plan in place for safe in-person learning. However, more information will be shared as soon as our board is able to make decisions based on the guidelines shared.

***Further updates will occur regularly as local decisions can be made. We are thankful to our school community for continually having faith in us as educators to support your students in the best ways possible.

Please be sure to reach out if you have questions or concerns. We are always here to support you!

Nurses Nook

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Olivia Sandoval as our new school nurse this year. She will be here full time to offer support to our families this year. Please be sure to look for important information and resources on our school website. She will be posting a monthly newsletter to support our families.

PTSO RECRUITMENT

Most of our board members have children who will soon be going to the middle school. So, we are looking for members and Committee Chairs for this year's events.

This year's events may look different as we start the year. However, we will always work hard with our PTSO board and volunteers to bring opportunities to enrich and engage our families' lives and continue to keep our school community strong.

Please attend our first PTSO Meeting of this year on Wednesday, August 19th at 2:45pm. This may be a virtual meeting. So, we will send out a Zoom link ahead of time to ensure everyone has an appropriate link to attend.

Here are some of the ways we will be supporting your families this year:

- 1. Virtual Book Fairs
- 2. Virtual Spirit Days
- 3. Virtual Challenges
- 4. Community Kindness Challenges
- 5. School Fundraisers
- 6. Student workshops
- 7. Parent workshops
- 8. School events when appropriate