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To All Connected to Liberty Union-Thurston Schools,

In this time of distance learning, we want to share some stories of students and teachers that are excelling even with this new and challenging learning environment. Also, the School Counselors have sent out more resources of support for students, parents, and families.

Updated: May 13, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

The District 8 Science Fair was converted to an online event and the following link is an article in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette about a Liberty Union student, Maddie Cole, who overcame the challenges and excelled. [CLICK FOR ARTICLE](#)

LAND LAB AND SMECK FARM VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Fourth graders at Liberty Union Elementary usually take field trips to the Land Lab and Smeck Farms; but this year those were not possible. However, the 4th grade teachers and staff at LUES wanted to make sure the students still got to experience these local learning experiences even from home.

[Land Lab Video](#)

[Smeck Park Video](#)

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNSELORS

The weekly emailed message from the School Counselors includes information from CASEL and the CDC.

CASEL, which stands for the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning. CASEL is loaded with resources for educators, parents and families. Some examples of things you can find on this site are: coronavirus information, online learning resources, self-care strategies, and promoting social and emotional health, just to name a few. [CLICK THIS LINK](#) to learn more.

Another great resource is the CDC, which as you may know is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They have put together a great site specifically focused on the coronavirus. Some of their useful topics include: help with stress, taking care of yourself and your community, mental and physical health, and parent tips. [CLICK THIS LINK](#) to learn more.

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Previously Posted Information

GRADUATION AND HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS IMPORTANT DATES

- May 15 - Senior Drop Off / Pick Up (See Details Below)
- May 16 - Release of a recorded *Virtual Awards Ceremony* video by 5:00 pm (Website / Youtube / Email)
- May 17 - All Seniors are considered graduates as of this date
- May 23 - Release of the *Virtual Graduation Ceremony* video by 5:00 pm (Website / Youtube / Email)

MAY 15TH DROP OFF/PICK UP DETAILS

LAST NAME STARTS WITH...	TIME ON MAY 15TH
A - D E - L M - R S - Z MAKE UP TIME	11:00 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

PROCESS ON MAY 15TH:

- Students enter the east parking lot by the fire house at the designated time
- Administrator checks off that the senior student brought ALL DROP OFF ITEMS (Chromebooks, textbooks, library books, fees, etc.) These needed items will be communicated to students prior to the 15th
 - If NO, senior student returns home to gather items and returns at 1:00 pm (make up time)
 - If YES, senior student proceeds to north parking lot
- Student will exit their vehicle and place items into appropriate bins
- Staff will check off items placed into bins on a "Drop off Form" for tracking purposes
- After all drop off items are collected, staff will radio the pick up zone for the student
- Student will drive on the path between the baseball field and gym
- Student will exit the car by the Ag Shop doors and be directed to the "Pick Up Table"
- Student will gather their cap/gown/diploma/cords/awards/etc.
- Student will exit the west lot onto Brown Street
 - Please note: If you do not pay your FEES, there will be no DIPLOMA or FINAL TRANSCRIPT available for you

GRADUATION CEREMONY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- The graduation ceremony program of events will run with the same format as previous years, but all items will be pre-recorded
- All student speech recordings will be conducted from student homes while staff recordings will be recorded from home or school
- An Event Planning Committee will compile the video of the program the week of May 18th
- Release date of the video *Graduation Ceremony* will be May 23rd

CEREMONY PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

- Pomp and Circumstance
- Opening
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Military Recognition
- Star Spangled Banner
- Musical Selection
- Acknowledgements
- Achievements
- Virginia Price Award
- Valedictorian Speech
- Principal's Address
- Verification of the Class
- Class Presentation
- Moving of the Tassel
- Alma Mater
- Closing
- Pomp and Circumstance

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Once receiving cap/gown, the students will submit a vertical headshot for the composite class picture
- Senior Student Leaders will discuss a senior video and slideshow at a Class of 2020 virtual meeting - more details later
- Class of 2020 future *Recognition and Reunion* planning options will be discussed further - more details later

CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

The district has decided that we will not be collecting the school issued Chromebooks at the end of this school year (except for Seniors). We would like the students to continue to have access to a variety of educational software programs throughout the summer. Access to these online programs will continue until July 31st. The Administrative Team is currently working on plans for collection of library and textbooks and the distribution of Summer Learning Program Workbooks.

FOOD SERVICES

This is a reminder that food service is available for all children under the age of 18. At this time, food service will continue until June 30th, but we are researching how to continue it longer. More details about summer meal pick up will be forthcoming.

Currently, a weekly allocation of meals will be ready for curbside pick every MONDAY from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. behind the middle school building. There is also a Thurston pick up location from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Sincerely,

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District

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