



Colonial Heights Newsletter



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Important Dates

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| March 2-6 | Read Across America |
| March 3-7 | PTSA Book Fair |
| March 3-7 | Read Across America Spirit Week |
| Thurs. March 13 | Literacy Night in the CH MUR 4-6PM |
| Wed. Mar 19 | Dinner Night Out Wings Stop |
| Fri., Mar 21 | TDAP for 6th grade students going into 7th, due to school office |
| Fri., Mar 21 | 3rd Quarter Ends |
| Thurs. Mar 27 | The Social Spot 3:30-5:30PM |
| April 14-18 | Spring Break |

Character Education Trait of the Month

March Character Education Word(s) is:
Cougar Scholars

Cougar Scholars are always exploring, investigating, asking questions, and learning. They take on new challenges and welcome mistakes as well as successes. They understand that mistakes are proof that they are trying something new. This trait is *demonstrated* through a positive mindset regarding school, good attendance, and having high expectations. Cougar scholars understand that “the more that you read the more that you know, the more that you learn the more places you’ll go!” -Dr. Seuss inspired

Character Education Word(s) for the month of February: Peace & Love

TK: Zyanya, De’vaiyah
Kinder: Isabella
Kinder: Payton, Thiago
1st: Raxsmey, Riley, Giovanni
1st: Arun, Lucy, Amari
2nd: Julianna, Devin
2nd: Adelina, Pharaoh
3rd: Conner, Stannford
3rd: Paisley, Josiah
3rd: Adrian
4th: Pablo, Cristiano
4th: Genevieve, Chhing
5th: Charlie, Charles
5th: Audrey, Liam
6th: Faith, Royce
6th: Aleia, Anabelle
7 / 8: Elena, Rosalyn

Principal's Message



March 2nd - 6th is Read Across America Week

You can celebrate Read Across America Week by reading, making bookmarks, having a parade, or volunteering at a reading event.

Reading

- Read a book with a friend or family member
- Read aloud to a child
- Read a book you've been meaning to read
- Read a book you've read before
- Read with a book buddy

Making bookmarks Have a bookmark-making contest and Make DIY bookmarks using craft materials.

Other activities

- Brainstorm book ideas
- Cook up some reading fun
- Attend a virtual event
- Donate to a literacy organization
- Set up or visit a “little free library” in your community
- Host a book drive or book swap
- Donate board books to your local library, daycare, or preschool

Read Across America is a week-long event that begins every March 2nd. The National Education Association (NEA) created Read Across America to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

We will continue our celebration with Family Literacy Night on March 13th. Watch Parent Square for more details.

Sincerely,

Lance Morrow, Principal, Colonial Heights
Angela Morales, Assistant Principal, Colonial Heights
“Great Things Happen Here”



LOOK HERE!
EVERY FRIDAY IS SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
WEAR SCHOOL SPIRIT ATTIRE OR BLUE AND GRAY
SHOW YOUR COUGAR PRIDE!



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Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year! We wanted to start by extending a big "Thank You" to everyone who donated blankets and socks toward our December Character Education Compassion Project. All items were donated to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission in Stockton. They were so appreciative and wanted to let you all know how important your donations were to serving the families of San Joaquin County this Winter. Thank you!

We are looking forward to a brand new year with all of you. *Mrs. Gillig and Mrs. Reed want you to know our door is always open and we encourage you to reach out with any needs your student has and/or concerns that may arise. We are available to provide school based counseling services and/or assist you with community referrals that may best suit your families needs. Feel free to reach out any time, we are here to help!*

All the Best, Mrs. Gillig & Mrs. Reed
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Mrs. Reed - creed@lusd.net

Phone - 209-953-8783 (school office)
953-8792 (counselor's office)



Instagram: @gilligs_counseling_connection

Cheryl's Closet 2024-2025

Cheryl's closet is a place where our students and families can access gently used or new items like clothing (for example jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, new undergarments, etc.), toiletries (for example soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and school supplies like backpacks, pencils, folders and notebooks to name a few.

There is no cost for the items in Cheryl's Closet. If your family would like some items, please contact your student's teacher or our school counselor Mrs. Gillig. Students can also visit Cheryl's closet during the school day to obtain needed items.

Would YOU like to donate? Cheryl's Closet is currently in need of the following donations:

- *Leggings/ sweat pants with elastic waist (boys-girls/all sizes)
- *New underwear/socks (boys-girls/all sizes)
- *Sweatshirts - boys-girls/all sizes
- *School Supplies - folders, binders, notebooks

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Donations may be delivered to our front office.



Drop Off / Pick Up



Students must **NOT be dropped off before 7:40 AM**, when the gates open. This is for their safety. **There is no supervision prior to that time.**

Please pick up your student promptly when school is released.
Early Release on Monday's at 1:30PM
Tuesday thru Friday, students are released at 2:30PM

SAFETY CORNER WITH OFFICER RAIKES

Please utilize both parking lots when dropping off and picking up students before and after school to minimize traffic in the kiss and go lane.

Some Safety Tips from Officer Raikes

- Drive slowly and cautiously while in the school zone
- Pick up your child in a timely manner after school
- Show your child how to dial 911 and from where
- Provide your child's school with current emergency information
- Make sure your child knows his or her full name, address, and phone number
- Make sure your child knows to stay away from strangers and to yell for help if approached
- Do not drop off and pick up students at the building next to the CH parking lot (East), for business use only
- Parents, please drop off at the curb

Thank you,
Officer Raikes

Priority Enrollment Begins Monday, March 3

Dear Lincoln Unified Families,

This March is the perfect time to enroll in our district! We are open for enrollment year-round, but our priority enrollment period is Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 21.

Preschool:

- Child must be 3 or 4 years old
- Priority for children who are 4 or will turn 4 by September 1, 2025

Transitional Kindergarten:

- Child must turn 4 between September 2, 2024, and September 1, 2025
- Children who are TK-aged may choose preschool or TK

Kindergarten:

- Child must turn 5 by September 1, 2025

To enroll online for grades TK-8, go to our website:



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Thank you for supporting Cheryl's Closet!



Colonial Heights Elementary School
Order Your 24-25
YEARBOOK!

Pricer per Yearbook:
\$22 + tax

\$25 after January 31st

Go to: shoobphoto.com
209-567-0748

LCAP Community Partner Meetings

The LCAP is a three-year plan that describes the goals, actions, services, and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities. The LCAP provides an opportunity for School Districts to share their stories of how, what, and why programs and services are selected to meet their local needs. Engaging educational partners is an essential part of the LCAP development process. Lincoln Unified looks forward to your attendance at a Community Partners meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2024 at either 11:30 am or 5:30 pm in the Beverly Holt Board Room, 6225 N. Harrisburg Place, Suite C.

ABSENCES

Attention Parents: Please call the Colonial Heights office at 209-953-8783 or send a message on parent square to clear your student(s) absences. Excused absences must be cleared within 48 hours after the student returns to school. Thank you!

Need School Supplies?

Is your student in need of school supplies? Need a new backpack? Please contact Mrs. Gillig agillig@lusd.net or your child's teacher.. We can help! We have school supplies and backpacks available on campus through Cheryl's Closet.

Updated Cell Phone Policy for 2024-25
School Year

We would like to follow up on recently announced changes to our cell phone policy for the 2024-25 school year. As stated in a letter sent home to parents and guardians, students will not be able to

<https://www.lusd.net/departments/enrollment-services>

Enrollment packets may be picked up at the following locations in Stockton:

- Any school front office
- 2016 Paloma Avenue
- 6225 N Harrisburg Place, Suite B
- 2010 W Swain Road

For questions about enrolling new students in TK - 12th Grade, call (209) 953-8711.

To learn more about preschool enrollment, call (209) 953-8731.

Read Across America Spirit Week

Spirit Week: (3/3-3/7) Cougar Scholar and Read Across America Themed:

Monday: Read my shirt: Wear a shirt others can read.

Tuesday: Team up for reading day: Wear team sport apparel.

Wednesday: Glow crazy for reading: Wear neon or a colorful outfit day

Thursday: Reading is PAWsitive: Bring your favorite stuffed animal to read to today or wear animal print.

Friday: Feel comfortable about reading: Wear your PJs and read.

Parent Workshops: March and April 2025

Lincoln Unified School District is offering a series of workshops to help parents and guardians understand the resources available for our families. The information provided at these workshops is intended to help improve students' academic success and emotional well-being.

Parents and guardians may attend any of the following workshops:

- In-Person:
- March 4 at 10 a.m. – How to Monitor Social Media
 - March 11 at 10 a.m. – How to Identify if Our Students Are Being Bullied
 - March 18 at 10 a.m. – Benefits of Reading With Our Children
 - March 25 at 10 a.m. – How to Encourage Healthy Habits



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use their cell phones during instructional time. Students will be required to place their phones in an identified space in their classrooms, and their phones will need to be turned off.

We want to reiterate that students will place their own cell phones in an assigned area inside their classroom at the start of each class period or school day, and personally retrieve them when their class period or school day is over. At our high school campuses, students will have access to their phones during passing periods and at lunch.

In the case of an emergency at school, it is common to want to reach your student or have them contact you with updates. However, we want to prevent the spread of false or incomplete information during a crisis situation, and first responders and law enforcement recommend that we do whatever we can to keep this from happening. With this in mind, we will relay emergency information to parents and guardians as quickly as possible through ParentSquare. Each school in our district also has an administrative office phone that students may use to contact their families.

- April 3 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Encourage Good Sleeping Habits
- April 9 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Help Students With Test Anxiety
- April 24 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Help Students Regulate Emotions
- May 1 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Manage Parent Burnout

Virtual:

- March 6 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Monitor Social Media
- March 13 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Identify if Our Students Are Being Bullied
- March 20 at 3:30 p.m. – Benefits of Reading With Our Children
- March 27 at 3:30 p.m. – How to Encourage Healthy Habits
- April 1 at 10 a.m. – How to Encourage Good Sleeping Habits
- April 8 at 10 a.m. – How to Help Students With Test Anxiety
- April 22 at 10 a.m. – How to Help Students Regulate Emotions
- April 29 at 10 a.m. – How to Manage Parent Burnout

All in-person workshops will be held in Room 402 of our Swain Annex building at 2020 West Swain Road in Stockton.

To RSVP, you may contact Adelita Margo-Rivera at 209-953-9552. More information is available in the attached flyers.

PTSA EVENTS FOR 2025

- PTSA Book Fair March 3-7
- Read Across America March 2-6
- PTSA Movie Night April TBA


Don't forget, Lincoln offers a Fee-Based, Full Day Preschool.

Our program operates on the Lincoln Annex campus (2020 West Swain Road), Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5pm.

The cost is a flat rate of \$30 per day, billed monthly, following Lincoln Unified's school calendar for the year.

To enroll in our fee-based, full day preschool program, your child must be toilet trained, 3 or 4 years old (priority to children who are 4 years old or will turn 4 by Sept 1st), live within Lincoln Unified school district boundaries or have a family member employed with Lincoln Unified.

Step 1: Add your preschooler to our current waitlist <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmdxNGIHmhAJgxMQqx8B-pr4xRr6eXZNHslQZDOC-ynSnvA/viewform>.



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LITERACY NIGHT

Thursday, March 13th

4:00-6:00

Multi Use Room

Make a Book




Surprise Special Guests

Play literacy games

Get a Free Book

Snacks

Adult must attend with students





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CH COUGARS: PAYMENT ACCEPTED HERE



We have a new
online payment
system!
Just create an
account, add
your child and
pay book and
chromebook
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Scan the QR code or go to this website:
<https://lincolnusd.graystep.com/>

Questions? Call Mrs. Blount
@ 209-953-8785, lblount@lUSD.net

Step 2: ECE Staff will call families to schedule an enrollment appointment from our waitlist in priority order. Enrollment appointments will take place at the Early Childhood Education Office (2016 Paloma Ave). Once you have an appointment, ECE Staff will provide you with an enrollment packet to complete and bring, along with all other required documents, to your enrollment appointment.

If you have any questions about this process, please call Judy Smith (209 953-8731) or email jsmith@lUSD.net.

ATTENTION 6th GRADE PARENTS

Proof of the TDAP BOOSTER MUST BE SUBMITTED to your school office by March 21, 2025

NO SHOT/NO SCHOOL ADMITTANCE
For incoming 7th graders



We need your help to make our school healthier!

Children spend most of their day at school. So, it's important that they have healthy foods and drinks while they are there. Good nutrition also helps kids learn better at school. Our school wellness policy tells how our school is making the healthy choice, the easy choice for kids. Parents can help update the school wellness policy and to put it into action.

4 ways you can help:

- 1 Join the school wellness committee.** Our next meeting is on December 19th, 2024 4:00pm Via Zoom. The wellness committee meets twice a year and works on projects to help make our school healthier. You do not need any special training to be on the committee, just an interest in keeping our school healthy!
- 2 Read the school wellness policy** Available on our District website.
https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/schools/lUSD_0705122152323618/wellness/Wellness_Policy.pdf
- 3 Support classroom and school events** to have healthy foods and get kids physically active. Keep the wellness policy in mind when planning what foods and beverages to have at events and celebrations.
- 4 Stay Informed.** Check your school sites news letters and the child nutrition web page for updates and information.

Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://lUSD-net.zoom.us/j/933805571052?pwd=MVl1CBLvFSeRgSahq1TgeBHbd5V7gH.1>

Thursday December 19th, 2024
4:00pm

Major topics in the policy are:

- Nutrition education and promotion
 - Physical activity
 - Other wellness activities (such as school gardens and walk/bike to school)
 - Nutrition standards for all foods and drinks sold to kids at school
 - Foods and drinks that may be given to students (such as at classroom celebrations or foods given as rewards for behavior)
 - Food and beverage marketing
- We are looking forward to working with you to ensure our school continues to be a healthy place that supports growth and learning.

Better Health =
Better Learners



2024-25 REGISTRATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR ADULTS

Open Enrollment from August – May

Free in-person classes offering practice skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking in a welcoming learning community.

Enrollment steps required

- 2024-25 Registration form
- 2 hour Casas Assessment
- Review class placement based on test results
- Complete 1 hour Orientation
- Confirm assigned schedule and start date

English Language class options:

- 1 Monday & Wednesday**
Beginning Level
8:30-11:30am
Intermediate/
Advanced Level
12:00-3:00pm
- 2 Tuesday & Thursday**
Intermediate/
Advanced Level
8:30-11:30am
Beginning Level
3:00-6:00pm

Reserve your Spot
Space is Limited



Scan QR Code or
Contact office

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*Eligibility requirements for Child Care Payment Assistance have been updated! Apply today, even if you've applied in the past!

Math and Science Night LEGO Personal Learning Kit Projects

For those families that took home a "Personal Learning Kit" from our Math/Science Night we will be sharing some fun activities your family can do with the Kit in each month's newsletter. Here are 5 for March.

[Night in the Museum](#) What is making that eerie sound?! Exploring mood in narrative text.

[Number of Studs](#) Use LEGO bricks for computational



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thinking.
[Number Stories](#) Use LEGO bricks for mathematical expression.
[Perimeter](#) Build a “fence” to practice calculating perimeter.
[Rivet the Lonely Robot](#) Can you build a friend for Rivet the Lonely Robot?