

The Lion's Roar

(Lietz School Newsletter)

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Calendar

November 5: 5th Grade Science Camp Meeting @ 6pm in the cafeteria
November 10: HSC Meeting @ 7pm
November 11: Veteran's Day – No School
November 23-27: Happy Thanksgiving

Getting To and From School Safely

In light of this week's incident in which a Lietz student was hit by a car, I thought it would be a good idea for all of us to review safety procedures. Below is a list of tips that I put out each year.

In no way was our student to blame for the incident this week. It was completely the driver's fault.

Every morning, more than 570 students make their way to Lietz; and every afternoon, more than 570 students make their way home from Lietz. **The safety of our children is a community responsibility.** Daily, we place cones out on the streets around Lietz and we have 5th grade Safety Patrol students posted in the driveway. These help slow traffic, but they are only part of the solution. We would like to have crossing guards at the intersections closest to the school. If you are interested in this paid position, please see the information at the bottom of the newsletter.

The biggest risk to our students is the number of cars on the road. Walking, riding and carpooling will increase the safety of all of our children...and it is good for our health and our environment. Here are some safety tips for walking or riding to school:

Be Alert:

Whether you are walking or riding, watch out for cars turning left or right, or cars coming out of driveways.

Be Predictable:

If you are walking, cross at corners and use crosswalks. Do not make sudden moves that put you out into the roadway. If you are biking, obey all traffic signs and signals. Bikers are expected to yield to pedestrians and follow the rules of the road.

Make Eye Contact with Drivers:

Do not assume drivers see you. Whether you are walking or biking, make eye contact with drivers at intersections when you are crossing or turning.

Do Not Do Things That Will Distract You:

Bikers, of course, should not carry anything in their hands. Even walkers should not be doing things that will distract their attention from the surroundings.

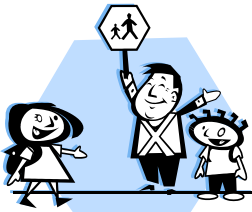
Wear Your Helmet and Buckle it Every Time:

It is California State Law that people under the age of 18 wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.

Driving Reminders:

If you must drive, please remember the following:

- Be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- If using our drop off lane, only drop off students along the red curb. You may not park in the drop off lane.
- If using our drop off lane, you must turn right out of our parking lot.
- Please do not stop in the middle of the street, pull into neighbors driveways, or make illegal U-turns as this causes both traffic and safety problems.



Union School District is seeking caring and alert individuals to assist with student safety on the way to and from school.

Employment Opportunity – Crossing Guards needed

Shifts available at all Union School District Elementary & Middle Schools
All shifts are 30 minutes long; Before School or After School; See application for exact times
Pay will be at a rate of \$15/hour or \$7.50 for a half hour
Applications are available at all school sites and at the District Office
Positions are opened until filled.



(Over for more)

Union School District Board Members: Sheila Billings, Cindy Goodsell, Vickie Brown, Janice Hector and Harold Stuart.

Another Safety Message

As the weather changes, and it begins to get dark earlier, this is a good time to remind your children of the following safety guidelines:

- Travel with a friend, or better yet a group of friends when riding bikes, running, or walking to or from school or other destinations.
- Stay away from and never go into a car with a stranger.
- Move away from a car that pulls up beside you if you do not know the driver.
- Always tell your parents where you are going.

Children are our most precious resource and it is our responsibility as parents and teachers to safeguard children and to teach them the skills to be safe. Together we can protect our children by teaching them to be smart, strong, and safe.

Comcast Internet Essentials

Comcast is offering low cost (\$9.95/month) internet access for families whose income makes it difficult to provide. If you are interested, there is more information at <https://internetessentials.com/>. Applications must be started online. We will make the computer in the Lietz office available for people who would like to apply.

Inter-District Transfers

If you live outside of Union School District and are currently on an Inter-District Transfer to Union School District, our District Policy does not require you to reapply for the 2016-17 school year, however, your home district Policy may be different, so please check with your home district.

Based on our District Policy and the Inter-District Contract, your child's academic progress, behavior and attendance will be reviewed. If all are acceptable you will be welcome to remain in the District as long as space is available. Space determinations are often not certain, however, until late in August and possibly as late as October 1 of the new school year.

If you are by choice returning to your home school, please let your site know as soon as possible. If any of the criteria above is not met, we will let you know in writing so that you can enroll your child in his/her home school.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (Intra-District Transfers)

The Union School District Board of Trustees endorses a neighborhood school concept. The Board, however, recognizes that parents may wish to choose a school of attendance other than the assigned school. Therefore, the Board of Trustees believes that parental choice among the district's public schools should be included as an integral feature of a well-rounded educational environment.

Home school attendance areas are established to optimize the use of existing facilities and to avoid crowded conditions. Dual zones are established to better balance sites and traffic patterns. However, requests for Intra-District Transfers may be made for reasons of personal preference based on the needs of the family or child.

If you are interested in having your child attend a school within Union School District but outside of your home attendance area, you must complete an Intra-District Transfer Request. Pick up an application from the receptionist at the Union School District Office, 5175 Union Avenue, complete and return it to the District Office by 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2016. **Intra-District Transfers will only be honored if space is available at the receiving school.** Requests received after that time and date will be placed on a waiting list status. If there are more requests than openings at any particular school, a lottery selection process, as required by the Education Code, will take place.