



The Lion's Roar

(Lietz School Newsletter)
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September 3, 2015

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Calendar

September 4: Staff Development Day – No School
September 7: Labor Day – No School
September 11: Back to School Picnic and Movie
September 17: Picture Day

What's Going on at Lietz?

The following is a list of ways you can keep up with all the things happening at Lietz Elementary School:

Remind: New this year! I will use Remind as a way to text out quick reminders. I have a Remind group for each grade level. If you would like to sign up for Remind, please text the following message to **81010**:

Kindergarten families text: **@lietzcl**

1st grade families text: **@lietzcl**

2nd grade families text: **@lietzcla**

3rd grade families text: **@lietzclas**

4th grade families text: **@lietzclass**

5th grade families text: **@mrlarryt**

Twitter: I use twitter to send out quick pictures of things going on. Follow us in one of two ways: @LietzPrincipal or #lietzpride

Thursday Envelopes: These contain information about the classroom, school, after school activities, and our Home and School Club.

Newsletters: The Lions' Roar comes in the Thursday Envelope about every other week; the HSC Newsletter also comes home in the Thursday Envelope.

School/Teacher Websites: The school website is located at: <http://www.unionsd.org/Domain/441> Many teachers also have websites posted.

Email/Voicemail: From time to time, we will send a voicemail or email update.

After School Program Start Dates

Sign up information for all of the following programs was sent home in prior Thursday Envelopes.

Cartooning: Begins Thursday, September 3

Spanish: Begins Thursday, September 10

Basketball: Begins Friday, September 11

Golf: Begins Wednesday, September 23

Kids Club: Begins Wednesday, September 30

Band: Begins Friday, October 2

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications:

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please get your application in to be processed asap. A new application must be completed each year. Meals are provided for returning students for the first few weeks to give parents time to complete a new application.

(Over for more information)

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

Getting To and From School Safely

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 have helped 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, more information can be found on the District Website (www.unionsd.org) under "Employment – Current Openings".

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.