



Celebrate Safely and Have a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!

As we near the holiday season and the end of 2020, it is definitely concerning to us all that we still find our community, our state, and our nation dealing with trying to get a handle on the COVID-19 pandemic so that our lives may begin to return to a more familiar sense of normalcy. As Los Angeles County's tier designation has continued to be in the purple, most restrictive tier, as defined by the Department of Public Health, the impact to schools, businesses, and families has been devastating. I know that each and every one of us have been impacted in one way or another and I hope that you continue to take care of yourself and your family – mind, body, and soul – especially during this holiday season.

I wish I had encouraging and definitive news to share with you regarding when schools would be able to reopen for in-person instruction. However, at this time not much has changed that will allow us to bring all of our students back. Please know that we continue to strive towards identifying ways to provide additional support for students that may need it. The good news is that our recent assessments showed that our students, families, and teachers are working hard to make distance learning as successful as possible and the data showed that everyone is doing a great job. I want to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANKS** to our teachers, support staff, administrators and family members that have been working tirelessly to help our students be successful during these challenging, and often crazy, times. I recognize that this has not been an easy situation for anyone, but together we are doing our best to make it work for our students. Please be assured that we will continue to closely monitor this situation and keep you updated with new developments. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and keep up the great work! *We Miss You!!!!*

Our schools have continued to "CELEBRATE" students in a lot of creative ways – Student of the Month; Perfect Attendance; iReady Heroes; and AAA+ Learner Awards just to name a few. We've also had some very fun virtual events such as Red Ribbon Week, Halloween activities, dance contests, art contests, and writing contests. We are finding creative and exciting ways to keep students engaged and learning. Additionally, we have some awesome virtual clubs and activities that students may participate in after school. Check with your child's school or go to our webpage at www.lancsd.org for more information on what's available and how to sign up if you're interested and would like to learn more.

These can be trying times for sure, but remember, you're not alone. We're here to help. We continue to provide "Grab-n-Go" breakfast and lunch meals 7 days a week served on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. It's absolutely free for ALL youth ages 1 to 18 and you don't have to be enrolled at the school. Our Welcome and Wellness Center @ 661-471-8400 also provides a wealth of resources and is ready to help if you find you could use a little assistance as we go into the winter months.

Thank you for all that you do each and every day! You are appreciated!

Gratefully,
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Dr. Michele Bowers, Superintendent

