



January 5, 2022

Dear Parents and Families:

I hope that all of you enjoyed the recent break and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Below lists a couple of updates as we enter the new year and the second half of the school year.

Homework Club

We will be offering two sessions of Homework Club during the coming months. The first session will run from January 10th through February 17th on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bend Elementary and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Evergreen Elementary and Evergreen Middle. The second session is scheduled for March through the middle of April. While this program is titled "Homework Club" and some homework may be completed during this time, the goal of the program is to provide additional instruction and support in the areas of reading/language arts and math.

- @ EES - TK-3rd grade will be from 2pm to 3pm, allowing them to ride the 3pm bus home or be picked up at that time.
- @ Bend - TK-3rd grade will be from 1:55pm to 2:45pm, in alignment with upper grade dismissal.
- @ EES/EMS - 4th-8th grade will be from 3pm to approximately 4pm. A late bus will be offered to these students with limited stops. Students can also be picked up.
- @ Bend - 4th-8th grade will be from 2:45pm to 3:40pm.
- Snacks will be provided each day.
- Students will be selected/invited to the Homework Club based on whether their teacher is participating in the program and if the teacher recognizes a benefit in your child receiving this extra assistance/instruction.

**Permission slips for this program are coming home this week. Please return them by Friday so that we may plan accordingly for transportation and snacks.

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COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 case rate for Tehama County as of today is 14.3 and the state rate is 70.6. For this week, we will stay in the Low Transmission tier, but for next week, we anticipate this to change. There has been much information coming from the CDC regarding the shortening of isolation and quarantine periods. At this point, neither CDPH nor the Tehama County Department of Public Health Agency (TCPHA) have adopted those recommendations. Schools are required to follow both the CDPH and TCPHA orders, not the CDC recommendations. We received communication from the Tehama County Public Health Director on Tuesday that the Public Health Official is ordering schools to keep in place the current isolation and quarantine periods (10 days).

We have already seen a doubling in the case rate of Tehama County in the past two weeks and it is anticipated that the case rate will surpass the spike experienced a few short months ago. During this anticipated spike, our goal is to keep schools open. That said, staffing will presumably be an issue. We have been able to pick up a handful of additional substitute teachers, and while we are grateful for that, we know that it may not be enough. We ask for your patience and understanding as we develop creative ways to support your students during this next wave of COVID while doing our best in keeping schools open.

Tiered Enforcement Plan: [EUSD Student Expectations & Enforcement Plan.docx](#)

Sincerely,

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