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Lakeport Alternative Education Center • Fall Newsletter



“Every Student, Every Day”
A Note from the
Director’s Desk

Happy November! Our students and their highly supportive families started this school year impressing us - *as always* - with their significant academic progress and dedication to their individualized learning programs. Thank you for making all of us feel proud to be your educators at Lakeport Alternative Education Center.

As we work together through the final six weeks of the First Semester, please feel welcome to reach out for help as needed, whether for one-on-one tutoring, assistance with technology devices and/or basic needs: food, clothing, et cetera. Upcoming dates: **Thanksgiving Break** is November 22-26, 2021 and **Winter Break** is December 20, 2021 - January 2, 2022; during these holidays, school will not be in session and no work will be assigned to students.

Signing off with well wishes for a lovely - *and hopefully wet* - winter season for us all,

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No School

November 11, 2021

Veteran’s Day

November 22-26, 2021

Thanksgiving Break

Winter Graduation

January 2022

We will be honoring our high school graduates in January.

Basket Making with Corine Pearce

Tuesday 11/ 16, 11/30, 12/7 from Noon – 2pm

Come learn and make a basket in the Pomo traditional ways. Corine Pearce is an acclaimed basket maker and author. Must attend all sessions. Please RSVP by calling 707-262-3013 to reserve your spot. All are welcome!



Eyes in the Classroom

LAEC consists of three separate WASC-accredited schools: Home School, Natural High School, and Community Day School.

Lakeport Home School (K-12th grades)

Can you believe the first quarter is over? Students are working hard on their lessons and projects as the semester zips by! We have been at full capacity since the first day of school with energetic families, both new and returning to independent study. All students have completed the IXL diagnostics and are beginning weekly

practice and mastery of new skills in Language Arts and Math. We anticipate student growth to begin showing up immediately as we continue to collect this data and create individualized curriculum for our students based on their performance in these assessments. Younger students are completing very timely special lessons in Acellus on watching weather, cloud formations, naming of hurricanes, and there are diagrams of cotton ball clouds, the water cycle and vortexes displayed on the classroom walls. Students are accessing books through Epic, available now to all, and “reading up a storm!” Senior projects are underway including ideas for updating the district’s disc golf course, building a family tree house, and five projects in the area of visual and performing arts. All students have the opportunity to earn rewards through our attendance incentives, which celebrate those students meeting their weekly deadlines. Students can earn: books, stickers, stamps, and gift cards through our monthly drawings. **Keep up the good work!**

Natural High School (10th – 12th grades)

Students at Natural High are thriving in their on campus, hybrid and distance learning!

All of our students are making their weekly three-credit requirement and many are even exceeding that requirement. Our students did an amazing job with distance learning last year. As a result of this success and the continued COVID-19 situation, we decided to give our scheduling some continued flexibility this year to work with the needs of each individual student. ***Alternative Education*** at it's finest! Students and families were given the option of on campus, hybrid or distance learning. I'm happy to say that once again we are seeing great success! We already have 3 graduates and a potential of 9 more by winter break. Congratulations to Jesse James White, Destiny Boyce and Aubreanna Graham! You each set a goal, worked hard each day and succeeded! I am really proud of my students for their hard work, the commitment they show every day. We're off to another great start this year!

Community Day School (6th – 12th grades)

Putting the “community” back into Community Day School.

This year we have students both back in the classroom and working from home on their personal education plans (PEP). Students are connecting and exploring their local communities by engaging a wide array of activities such as: taste testing local produce at the Lakeport Farmer’s Market, going Geocaching every Friday across the county hunting down treasures using GPS coordinates, checking out materials at the Lakeport Public Library every two weeks to encourage at-home literacy. Students continue to make strides in their ELA and math classes using IXL to build their skills. In Science, History, and Ethnic Studies, we continue to learn about the world around using critical analysis to investigate multiple political and cultural viewpoints.





Office Bulletin Board Food Service and Aeries Parent Portal

Driver's Education and Gearing Up for January Graduation

Students who are over 15 years of age were recently offered an opportunity to participate in an online driver's education program and in-person driver's awareness class. California Highway Patrol provided a presentation called "Teen Impact," discussing real consequences of distracted driving.



LAEC is excited to announce our Winter High School Graduation will be held in January. Students have six more weeks to complete their graduation requirements and submit all final work.

- Aeries Parent Portal – Parent Homework

If you haven't already, please sign into your AERIES parent portal to "affirm" EACH of the following items:

- District handbook
- Bus form
- Photo opt-out
- Housing questionnaire
- Update current contact information

Questions or Need Assistance???

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call LAEC school site secretary, Dawn Hoffman, at 707-262-3013.

Our office is open 7:30AM to 4:00PM
Monday through Friday.



Technology Help Desk

Having Technical Difficulties? Forgot your Password? Need Computer Help?

Don't remember which email you used or forgot your password for the Aeries Parent Portal?

The Lakeport Unified School District's Technology Help Desk is open for business Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm. You can contact the help desk at 707-262-3032.

Focus on Health and Wellness

New Counselor on Campus: Michael Keys

Hello Lakeport Alternative Education Center families. My name is Mike Keys and I am the new counselor for the LAEC. I will be at LAEC on Mondays and Fridays and I will conduct Life Skills Lessons at the Community Day School. I will also be available to meet with your student for individual counseling, group counseling and family counseling. I can help students with social-emotional learning like self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making, but I am willing to assist students with any issues or questions they have. I can also support students with helping them create goals, problem solve and with any academic, career, or college questions. As a counselor, I feel that I am doing a good job when my students are happy and working towards their unique goals.



A little about me: I have been a counselor for 12 years. I've worked as a counselor in Northern Nevada, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Sierra foothills, and the Bay Area. Growing up and throughout my life I have had the amazing opportunity of moving many times and living in 8 different states. I am now excited to be living in beautiful Lakeport and I look forward to working with the students and meeting you all. At the LAEC, we are looking to provide a safe place for students to get their education, grow, and be successful.

Contact the Counselor

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Call and schedule your appointment today!

In Crisis? Need Help Now?

If you or someone you know is experiencing a Mental health crisis, please reach out for help. Trained and experienced counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Crisis Text Line: Text "HOME" to 741741
 Access and Crisis Line: 1-888-724-7240
 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255



Family Advocate and Services

Do you need help getting your students to connect with school? Looking for resources? We can supply you with clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other community resources. Please reach out with your needs so we can help your family. Contact the district's Student and Family Liaisons, Schad Schweitzer and Janeth Perez, at (707) 263-2190 or (707) 262-5617.

COVID-19 • LAEC Updates

Current Instruction Model: In Person Learning

COVID-19 • STUDENTS' PRESENCE ON CAMPUS

As Lake County school districts - *and community agencies at-large* - carefully navigate how to respond in real time to the ins-and-outs of COVID-19, please keep in mind the following reminders as they relate to students' presence on campus:



1. If your student has been showing signs of illness: DO NOT send them to a school site until signs of illness disappear for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and/or the student is tested for and cleared from COVID-19.
2. If your student has been tested for COVID-19, please DO NOT send him/her to school until you receive the test result from your medical provider.

Local COVID-19 Data from Lake County Public Health



In an ongoing effort to understand COVID-19 transmission and improve clinical outcomes in our community, Lake County Public Health tracks demographic, geographic, and clinical information about confirmed COVID-19 cases. Key datasets are displayed below and will be updated as our data collection and analysis improves, as more information becomes available, and as regulatory metrics evolve.

Every effort will be made to update COVID-19 Summary Data every weekday by 1:30PM. Demographic Data & Epi-Curve will be updated weekly on Tuesdays.

Visit the Lake County Public Health COVID website at:

http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/COVID-19_Data.htm