

Cougar Connection

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Parents & Caregivers,

Here are some tips to guide the way for helping
Your child with their home work:

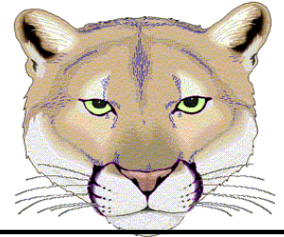
- **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.** Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.
- **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
- **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
- **Help them make a plan.** On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child to break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
- **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
- **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
- **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns. Sound interested in what they are learning.
- **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
- **Praise their work and efforts.** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
- **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention

November Holidays: No School Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day

No School Nov. 24, 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving Break



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DRESS CODE

All dress code requirements for on campus attendance are listed in our school handbook, which can be found on our Smoketree Website. Families are welcome to come in anytime between 7:30a.m.-3 p.m. to purchase standardized school shirts.

Short sleeves \$4, long sleeve \$6.50 and Polo shirts \$7.

Bottoms must be fingertip length or longer and cover all undergarments. Clothing must be opaque and free of holes, rips, tears or frays from waist to fingertips.

Dress code will be enforced and students will be required to change if they do not follow dress code. There will be NO exceptions.

Ronald McDonald House Charities



Ronald McDonald's House would like to thank LHUSD for their gift in December for \$200 from Pop tabs collected. Now that we are in school again, we are starting to collect Pop tabs again. Please bring your Pop tabs to your teacher or the front office. Let's make a difference!



Kindness Club and Student Council News



The Kindness Club and Student Council are teaming up to bring this year's food drive to Smoketree! Please bring canned food items and non-perishable food items to your class room for the chance to win a popsicle party!

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on sale for \$20! Get yours before they SELL OUT!

Purchase Using The Entourage Website Link: <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Smoketree2022>
Or purchase at Smoketree Elementary School front office.



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Attendance

Dear Parents,

One of our Site Based Council's school wide goals is to improve student attendance and decrease the number of tardies.

Please review the excerpt below from the Student Handbook.

TARDIES AND LATE ARRIVALS:

Students are to arrive by the first bell (7:55). Students arriving after the second bell at 8:00 a.m. need to report to the office and get a pass to class.

Parents need to make every effort to have students at school on time.

Tardy students are not only missing important instruction, they also may be a disruption to the instructional process in the classroom.

Tardiness becomes an academic problem which affects a student's grades when a child is habitually late and is missing instruction.

Excessive tardies (4 or more per quarter) will affect a student's citizenship grade and honor roll eligibility.

Students who have an unexcused tardy (more than three times in a quarter) may serve an office detention starting with the fourth for each subsequent tardy.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

PTSO News

PTSO would like to thank everyone who donated candy to the Monster Math Night. Your generous donations helped make the Monster Math Night a great success and a lot of fun for the kids.

PTSO would also like to thank everyone who purchased items through our Zag fundraiser!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with our upcoming events.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the following:








- **Holiday Store - December** (dates to follow)
- **Craft Night** (date to follow)

(If interested, Text Mrs. Kortan @ 928-727-4959)

Next PTSO meeting is:

November 15, 2021 @ 2:45 PM in the Library

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tentative Date Journalism Club Meeting 2:45-3:45 ★ Tutoring ★ 2:45-3:45	3 Picture Make Ups	4 	5	6
7	8 KC Club 2:30-3:45 Student Council 2:30-3:45 Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM Club 2:45-3:45	9	10 Student Progress Reports ★ Tutoring ★ 2:45-3:45	11 No School Veteran's Day 	12	13
14	15 PTSO Meeting @ 2:45 in Library Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM Club 2:45-3:45	16 Journalism Club 2:45-3:45 ★ Tutoring ★ 2:45-3:45	17	18 	19 <i>Spirit Day</i> Orange & Brown Day	20
21	22 KC Club 2:30-3:45 Student Council 2:30-3:45 Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM Club 2:45-3:45	23 PBIS Assembly - Time TBD	24 	25  Happy Thanksgiving 	26 	27
28	29 Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM Club 2:45-3:45	30 ★ Tutoring ★ 2:45-3:45				

Daily School Hours:
7:55-2:30

Every Thursday Dismissal Time:
1:00 pm