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# CALIENTE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**July 1, 2021**

**Dear Piute Mountain Parents/Guardians,**

**District News:**

1. **2021-2022 School Year** – Due to the ever-changing information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic it is not clear if students will have the option of distance learning for the upcoming school year. The district will do its best to update families regarding this stipulation. School will be provided in-person Monday-Friday for the whole school year unless given different orders by KCSOS and/or California state government. The school district will keep you informed along the way and notify you of any changes that should occur.
2. **Back to School Night** – Families and students can meet their homeroom teacher on Thursday, July 15, 2021. This event begins promptly at 5:00 p.m.
3. **TRUANCY** – The action of staying away from school without good reason; absenteeism. As of 2019, our absenteeism rate was 34.6% chronically absent. This was an increase from 2018 according to the California School Dashboard. This is unacceptable and the state of California will not allow rates of absenteeism this high. The school district is put under a lot of pressure when chronic absenteeism is this high. To address this issue we have hired a truancy officer who will meet with you and your student if they have 3 or more unexcused absences. Thank you for your understanding.
4. **PTC/School Site Council** – Parents/guardians are their children’s first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. Therefore, we would love to have parents/guardians involved with School Site Council/PTC and making crucial decisions that help students achieve academic success. If you are interested in becoming involved with School Site Council/PTC then please do not hesitate to sign up in the front office. Thank you for your continued support!
5. **Small Schools Activities** – The school district would like to announce that small school activities will resume for the 2021-2022 school year. The district will notify parents about upcoming dates as we get closer to each event.
6. **Substitutes** – Classified – We are looking for qualified people that are interested in becoming a substitute paraprofessional to come in or fill out an online application.
7. **The “Twin Oaks Nextdoor Neighbor”** will post our monthly Newsletters. Please remember that we list our calendar markers on the Newsletter. Our web page will also have the monthly postings. Thank you!

\*\*\*Please take time to check us out on our web page at; [calienteschooldistrict.org](http://calienteschooldistrict.org)

**Calendar Markers**

**July 4 – Independence Day**

**July 15 – Back to School Night @ 5 p.m.**

**July 19 – First day of School (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Begins)**

