



Lakeport Unified and Big Valley Rancheria Outreach Event

Greetings Big Valley Members,

My name is Joshua Munoz and I'm the Assistant Principal at Lakeport Elementary School. It gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation to you and your households. *Lakeport Unified School District*, along with our team of tribal advocates, Fawn Rave Robinson Rancheria Education Director, Flaman McCloud Big Valley Social Services, Schad Schweitzer LUSD Student and Family Advocate, and Kristen Amparo Big Valley Boys & Girls Club, would like to invite you to our *Big Valley Rancheria Outreach Event*.

At our event, we plan to have representatives from each of the Lakeport School sites along with representatives from Lake County Tribal Health Consortium. The objective of the event is to provide a forum where Big Valley members can meet community partners and learn about the valuable resources that are available to them and their students. To enhance your experience, we will have booths for our various partners with resources from each of them. The community partners that will be participating at the event are:

- 1) Lakeport Elementary Admin and Staff
- 2) Terrace Middle School Admin and Staff
- 3) Clearlake High School Admin and Staff
- 4) Alternative Ed and Homeschool Admin and Staff
- 5) LUSD Special Education Admin and Staff
- 6) Native American Advocates
- 7) Tribal Health
- 8) Homeless and Foster Youth Program
- 9) LUSD School Board Members
- 10) LUSD Native American Outreach Group
- 11) Big Valley Rancheria Admin Staff

During our event, we also plan on having food and refreshments, so we can share a meal together. Along with food, we will have small games and prizes for students and families to engage in. We hope to see all of you at our event. As soon as COVID 19 cases drop to safer levels, we will send out another flyer with a confirmed date for our event.



In the meantime, we would like to start extending some services to assist students and community members. For the first service, we will begin zooming with students every Monday and Wednesday starting on Monday January 11th at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm to provide extra support to Native American students. The focus will be technology questions or other curriculum questions. Ann Mason, LES technology specialist, and Cheryl Thomas, paraeducator, will be available to assist students and parents/guardians via zoom. In your student's clever app, they will be able to click on a special link found at the bottom of their clever page. This will allow them to access the [BV Tutoring Room](#).

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To motivate student consistency, LES will be giving out small incentives to students who consistently come to our tutoring sessions on Mondays. Once COVID 19 cases drop, we will start coming to the Big Valley Rancheria and working with students in person at the Boys & Girls Club. Although this is a drop-in tutoring session, your student can request a private appointment during the hours of 2pm to 4pm, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Mason at amason@lakeport.k12.ca.us or Mrs. Thomas at cthomas@lakeport.k12.ca.us.

For the second service, Krystal Patrick, LES counselor, will offer social, emotional learning and support. She will be available every Tuesday from 4pm-5pm to meet with students and host friendship groups via Zoom. The first friendship group hosted for Native American students will be on January 12th. In friendship groups, she will host a supportive environment where students can discuss issues and concerns while also learning healthy coping skills. If you'd like to schedule an appointment with Ms. Patrick, please contact her directly at kpatrick@lakeport.k12.ca.us

For our third service, Nicole Wells, Director of Special Education, will begin Coffee with Mrs. Wells. Coffee with Mrs. Wells will provide extra time to see parents and students to answer special education questions for the Native American community. Mrs. Wells will be available every first Tuesday of the month starting on February 2nd. If this time doesn't work, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Wells at nwells@lakeport.k12.ca.us to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully,

Josh Munoz, Assistant Principal