

## TAHOE \*\*TRUCKEE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OUR BELIEFS OUR VISION

- 1. Students are the focus of all decisions.
- A culture of accountability shall drive excellence and promote the district vision of teaching and learning.
- Open, honest, respectful, and responsive communication is fundamental to the collaborative process.
- The social and emotional well-being of students results from a partnership between families, the school staff, and the community.
- Learning is a process that combines nurturing, creativity, imagination, honoring a sense of wonder, and exploration of individual interests.
- We believe in embracing the diversity embodied within our community and appreciating the richness it adds to life.
- The Lake Tahoe region is precious, and we value our physical environment and integrate this element into our educational goals.
- Schools, families, and the community are partners in helping students develop a sense of ownership for their learning.
- Teachers are passionate professionals entrusted with the duty of ensuring the highest level of learning for all students.
- School principals are passionate professionals who are leaders of leaders and accountable for the success of the school.

All Tahoe Truckee Unified School District scholars will be provided challenging and engaging learning opportunities in order to thrive and to be successful in a globally competitive age. This goal will be accomplished through collaboration with students, parents, staff, and the community, united in dedication to our children's future. Highly skilled, motivated and caring principals and teachers will engage scholars in effective and innovative instruction through a rigorous and relevant curriculum that promotes mastery of meaningful content, creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, problem solving, respect for diversity, the ability to communicate in multiple languages, and the effective use of technology. A culture of quality, accountability, responsibility, and respect shall characterize the school district.

- All district staff members contribute to a safe environment conducive to providing challenging and engaging learning opportunities for students.
- The Superintendent-Chief Learning Officer has a critical responsibility to communicate a vision of the future and to initiate and support action toward the vision.
- 13. The board of education is entrusted with the responsibility for setting policies and strategies that are consistent with these beliefs and assures the district meets its vision.

## **Pathways to Possibilities and Student Success**

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- TTUSD was recognized at the Gold level as a Green Ribbon School District by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Alder Creek Middle School, North Tahoe School, and Truckee High School were named 2017 California Gold Ribbon Schools by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- North Tahoe School was named as a Title I High Academic Achieving School.
- Tahoe Truckee is one of only three communities nationwide to receive an All-America City Award and be honored as a Pacesetter Community for four consecutive years by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- North Tahoe High School and Truckee High School are listed on the Washington Post's 2017 List of Most Challenging High Schools in America meaning our schools are in the top 12% of schools in the nation.
- TTUSD's Teacher of the Year, Mary Berelson, was named Placer County's Teacher of the Year by the Placer County Office of Education.
- TTUSD's Office and Technical Employee of the Year, Robin Redmond of Sierra High School, was named Placer County's Classified Employee of the Year by the Placer County Office of Education.
- Six of our teachers earned the 2017 Placer County Teachers Who Make a Difference award: Vicker Decker of Alder Creek Middle School, Jamila Benkhound of Cold Stream Alternative, Cathy Tsaniff of Donner Trail Elementary, Scott Everist of North Tahoe High School, Ashley Staron of Truckee Elementary, and Trent Kirschner of Sierra High School.
- Sierra High School was named a 2017 Model Continuation High School by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- SELS was one of 32 schools in California nominated for a US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT CHIEF LEARNING OFFICER AHOE TRUCKEE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRIC

ur theme for the new school year, "The Power of Connections," really sums up how we approach each day. We know it's important for every student to have meaningful connections and relationships at their school so they feel safe, comfortable, engaged, and set for success. Strong connections are important for our staff and parents as well. We value our

relationships and cultivate them, so we have strong connections throughout our school community.

We strive to ensure every student has a champion to show them that there is something special in them. It makes our work at TTUSD so rewarding as we know we are making a positive difference in a student's life.



## **SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR** THE SCHOOL YEAR:

• We have seven high-quality career pathways that provide our high school students with an educational environment that combine rigorous academics with real-world application. It is just one of many programs we offer to ensure our students graduate college and career ready.

## Our pathways include:

- Biomedical Science Pathway
- Public Safety Pathway
- **Engineering Technology** Pathway
- **Engineering Manufacturing** Pathway
- Engineering Design Pathway
- Information Technology Pathway
- Culinary Food Service & Hospitality Pathway
- Thanks to support from the Excellence in Education *Foundation*, we have a very successful 1:1 technology program. All students in grades five through 12 will receive their own Chromebook for the school year to use in class and ultimately at home. (Fourth graders are part of our 1:1 program as well, but the devices do not go home with them.) This personal device supports the day-today instruction and learning, and supports teachers as they integrate educational technology throughout their lesson plans.
- Our scholars have access to up to 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses at our comprehensive high schools. AP classes are designed to prepare students for the rigor of college-level work, setting them up for post-graduate success. We are very proud of this high number of offerings despite our small school sizes and thank Measure A for funding this outstanding program.
- School site upgrades! A great deal of work has been underway this summer on facility improvement projects funded by Measures E and U. Construction

is underway on two of our larger projects: Tahoe Lake Elementary and Truckee High.

The Tahoe Lake Elementary project involves major renovation of the school which was originally constructed in 1934. The historic core will be preserved while classrooms are modernized and new classrooms are built to replace existing modulars. To expedite the construction process, save money, and reduce impacts on learning, Tahoe Lake Elementary School has been temporarily relocated to our Rideout facility while the school is remodeled and upgraded. Rideout is located just outside of Tahoe City, on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.

The Truckee High School

project involves renovation of the school building and site in addition to the construction of a new two-story wing that will house science, and technology programs, art and a new library. Other upgrades include modernization of the girls' locker room, enhancing the front facade, reconfiguring and expanding the music area, improving and expanding student gathering areas, enhancing bus and student drop-off areas, and improving the parking layout.

Also underway this summer was the **Donner Trail Elementary** modernization project. Two new classrooms are being constructed as well as a new entry and administrative space.

Thank you to the Tahoe Truckee community for your generous support to make these much needed upgrades a reality for our students.

• We are excited to offer virtual reality in our classrooms and create an

interactive three-dimensional learning experience for our students. Thanks to generous funding from the Excellence in Education Foundation, we have virtual reality goggles that teachers use in their classrooms to bring lessons to life and engage students. Students go on virtual reality field trips with their teacher and visit places like the International Space Station, the Washington Monument and Mars!

• We are launching a new peer mentor program, Link Crew, at both Truckee High and North Tahoe High this year. The program helps ensure the transition to high school is a smooth one for all incoming ninth-graders and they start their high school experience on a positive note and develop real connections.

Link Crew gives every ninthgrade student a student mentor and the mentors serve as a guide and support through the freshman's first year. Mentors and peers have the opportunity to talk about real life issues, both academic and social. The compelling part of Link Crew is that it's students helping students. They build solid connections with each other, and each student has another go to person outside of their classroom.

At TTUSD, we enjoy tremendous support from our outstanding staff, parents, community partners, and from Measure A. Our commitment to academic success for all students is unwavering, and we continue to build even more pathways to possibilities in our district and at each of our schools.

We have several changes in school site leadership roles:

- Betsy Redmond is the fulltime Assistant Principal at North Tahoe School.
- Sara Colborn is the full-time Assistant Principal at Truckee Elementary.
- Rachael Kuttel is the full-time Assistant Principal at Glenshire Elementary. She will also provide support for intervention services.
- Suzi Phebus has returned to take the 40% principal position at Donner Trail Elementary School.
- · Jeff Santos has joined our leadership team as the Coordinator of Special Education.



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## NORTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL TAHOE CITY, CA

orth Tahoe High School (NTHS) is an awardwinning high school located just outside of Tahoe City. We provide students course offerings competitive with some of the largest high schools in the state. NTHS has a critically acclaimed band program, a full spectrum of varsity level sports, endless opportunities for clubs, and personalized

learning plans
with flexible
scheduling.

We are proud to have been awarded the California Gold Ribbon

Award and to have been identified as one of the most challenging high school in the United States by *The Washington Post*.





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New this year is our Link

Crew program to help transition

freshmen into high school and

Excellence in Education

>> COURSES

In addition to core classes, NTHS offers electives in engineering, upper level science courses, band, art, ceramics, photography, culinary arts, and Spanish. Our students also have 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses to choose from thanks to funding from Measure A. Students who need more support are offered courses that focus on increasing literacy skills and study skills.

> >> COLLEGE PLANNING

Naviance, a college and career planning website is

used extensively by students in Pathways to help them identify college and career paths that may be right for them. Naviance also provides a free SAT prep course for students, and we offer a free on-site SAT prep class for interested juniors and seniors. Additionally, we administer the PSAT to all 10th and 11th-grade students to help support their career goals and to prepare them for the SAT.

>> INDEPENDENT STUDY/ SKI ACADEMY

Through several partnerships and committed staff, administration, and community members, NTHS is able to tailor courses to fit students' active lives. Living in a worldclass ski area and highly active community, many students push themselves to the highest levels within their sports, arts, and other pursuits. To do this, students need to be on the slopes, parks, studios and trails practicing. With the creation of the Ski Academy seven years ago, NTHS has been creating schedules that allow students to pursue their dreams while attending a comprehensive high school with support while they are away.

Students enrolled in the Academy take a minimum of three or four classes on campus and the rest are completed through Cold Stream Alternative, online courses, or at Sierra College. An Independent Study Academy coordinator helps facilitate assignments and other needs of students while traveling for competition and training. Non-Academy students who need a flexible schedule or want to take classes elsewhere have the opportunity to explore independent study and Sierra College classes as well.



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ruckee High School is a community high school that offers high-level curriculum delivered in a small school setting. We provide diverse and rigorous programming for our scholars including both Advanced Placement (AP) and "Project Lead The Way" courses. We continuously make enhancements to our curriculum to ensure scholars get the best educational experience possible and graduate college and career ready. Our focus is on wellrounded students, and we offer 16 different sports and 14 clubs students can choose from. Our

participate in the Athlete Committed Program which stresses the importance of a healthy lifestyle, proper nutrition, sleep, being a good team member and student. The program is designed to optimize athletic performance, promote good decision making, and healthy choices.

Truckee High offers several career technical educational (CTE) pathways that utilize the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way curriculum. In these pathways, students are exposed to a very







comprehensive curriculum with hands-on projects and high-level

lab studies. Capstone classes are offered at Sierra College where our students can earn dual credits - credits for both high school and college! We offer a Biomedical Science Pathway, an Engineering Pathway, and a Computer Science Pathway. We also offer a project-based learning program called PEAK (Precision, Endurance, Action, and Kindness) offered to ninth-grade students. Classes include PEAK English 9 and Physical

> Funding from Measure A allows us to provide 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses that put our scholars on a path to post-graduation success. Measure A also supports our student's physical and mental well-being with funding for courses in health, physical education, Fine Arts to include drama, music and art courses. Career and Technical Education courses include Culinary and Computer Science. Thanks to the community's support,

Truckee High School has some outstanding facility improvements underway or recently completed. Construction is underway on the new Science and Technology Wing that will open for the 2018 - 2019 school year. A new track facility opened this past spring, and we will have a new parking facility on the west side of campus.

## >> TECHNOLOGY

Technology is integrated into our classrooms, and we have a successful a 1:1 technology program thanks to support from the Excellence in Education Foundation and the school district. Each student has a personal device to use in class and at home to complete assignments.

## >> WELLNESS CENTER

Our Wellness Center is a community-supported program that provides students with a place to meet and discuss important issues and to receive emotional support and resource referrals. Health and well-being courses and seminars are also offered through the Wellness Center.

## >> COLLEGE PLANNING

Truckee High students have access to Naviance, an online college and career planning tool that helps students identify college and career paths that may be right for them. Students start by setting personalized goals, learn about skills and interests, and explore career options based on those interests. They can then search for colleges, apply for scholarships, and track admissions status. Along with our counselors, Naviance helps students plan a course of action to reach their goals and find resources to prepare academically.

We offer a free on-site SAT prep class for interested juniors and seniors. We also administer the PSAT to all 10th and 11thgrade students to help prepare them for the SAT. By offering the PSAT, we hope to identify strengths and encourage students who might not otherwise take college prep courses. Thanks to Measure A, we can offer the Zaps New SAT preparation workshop at Truckee High School.



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# IERRA CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

ierra Continuation High School is a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited school in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Our school serves students that may have struggled in a traditional setting and have found their way in an alternative school.

We provide innovative and flexible academic programs for our students. Multiple ages and grade levels of students make up each of our classroom's population offering a unique blend of scholars. This enables a heightened interaction with staff members that lends itself to very collaborative learning environments. Straight A students and students becoming scholars sit shoulder to shoulder at Sierra High.

This year, Sierra High School achieved the honor of being recognized as a Model Continuation High School. Out of the 460 Continuation High Schools in California, we are one of only 35 to receive this distinction in 2017. We go through the lengthy application



process and a site visit to qualify for a nomination and then await a decision from the State of California. This process is repeated every three years to maintain our award status. We are very proud of the fact that Sierra High School has been a Model School since 2000.

At Sierra High, we offer rigorous courses and incredible programs for our students. We have a new career pathway course, Introduction to Public Safety, which is incredibly successful. This pathway is open to all TTUSD high school students and exposes students to various careers in public safety, including firefighting and other emergency services. Partnering

with Truckee Fire, students participate in multiple drills led by local firefighters. This handson training is incredibly impactful and helps students determine if this is a career path they want to pursue.

Everything we do at Sierra High, we do for the students. We have a highly talented, award-winning staff that does a tremendous job supporting our students to ensure they are successful. We are incredibly grateful for our strong partners inside and outside of TTUSD that work with our students to support their goals and dreams.



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lder Creek is THE place for middle schoolers! We create a learning environment that strives for excellence and always puts the needs of our scholars first. Home of the Cougars, it is a place where students thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

The transition to middle school can be a challenging time for students, and we focus on building strong relationships with each student, so they always feel welcome and connected to others as they face the crucial years of early adolescence.

At Alder Creek Middle School (ACMS) we provide rich educational experiences to prepare our students for college and career, in the 21st century. We have world-class teachers who personalize learning to engage and challenge every scholar. Our students experience a rigorous and relevant curriculum including acceleration in math, Next Generation Science Standards, a three-year vertical writing plan, and social studies. We have an Accelerated Learner program that provides differentiated opportunities for accelerated learners and GATE students.

At ACMS we create opportunities that are appropriate for middle school students so that they can develop a sense of belonging to and responsibility for their role in developing a healthy school community for all. Our scholars have the opportunity to participate in leadership, clubs, and sports so that they can grow, learn, and thrive as individuals inside and outside of the classroom.



Our wide range of opportunities match the diverse needs of our students, including Band, Robotics, Coding, Socratic seminars, Odyssey of the Mind, art, foreign language, lifelong fitness, outdoor education and

James Comers says, "No significant learning can occur without significant relationships" and we are committed to creating a learning environment that instills a connection for all students so that they feel safe, valued and respected as both individuals and contributing members of our school community. We want students to have a voice in their learning and to strive to be the best they can be.

We believe in the "Cougar" way: community, respect, and open-mindedness. Our school community provides the framework for individual and school success.

Parent and teacher interaction is especially important at this stage in a youth's life. We recognize parents as our partners and we encourage them to be actively involved in their adolescent's education. We enlist parents, students, and teachers to understand the teenage brain and use the language of empathy and compassion throughout school and at home.

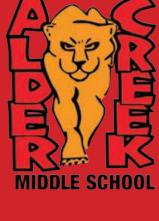
Alder Creek Middle School has been recognized for our commitment to innovation, creative thinking, and academic excellence. We were named a 2017 Gold Ribbon School by the state of California, and in 2016, we were one of 11 middle schools selected as a California Schools to Watch - Taking Center State model middle school. We continue to build on our successes and strive to find ways that we can improve and provide even more opportunities for our students.



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## ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL TRUCKEE/TAHOE CITY, CA

old Stream Alternative School is a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited school in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District that provides alternative education options and flexibility to students throughout Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, mostly at the high school level but we also support middle school students. Cold Stream offers a program tailored to meet the needs of families who want more choices in our educational model while remaining part of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Classes and instruction are provided in Truckee and at North Tahoe High School.

We provide small class sizes and personal instruction along

with a rigorous, yet flexible schedule that allows our scholars to work from home or while traveling. Cold Stream offers a project-based, handson curriculum served by four multi-certificated teachers. While our students are still held to high standards of achievement, flexibility is the key for students in Cold Stream. Students can meet with their teacher(s) once a week or more, and take multiple subjects, so that they can also take classes at Sierra College or at one of TTUSD's traditional schools.

Students can enroll full-time and graduate from Cold Stream with an accredited high school diploma or choose to take just one course. Each year over 100 students from all schools in TTUSD utilize Cold Stream to achieve credits through part-time or full-time enrollment.







Measure A is an existing, local voter-approved funding that maintains a well-rounded, high-quality education for Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) students amid declining state and federal funding. Since 1989, the Tahoe Truckee community has championed Measure A, essential funding that enables comprehensive educational programs

including career and technical education, science, art, music, technology and college preparation. Thanks to Measure A our local students have access to an array of opportunities that have ceased to exist in most public schools.



Measure A helps maintain music and art in TTUSD schools



Measure A supplies computers and technology for TTUSD students



Measure A maintains science and career preparations labs

Thanks to local voters for their commitment to the students in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. For more information on Measure A, visit www.ttusd.org

t North Tahoe School, we believe deeply in the importance of creating and maintaining a safe and respectful learning community for all where students achieve academic success. We develop and nurture caring and trusting relationships with students and families. Additionally, we work diligently to build a common language and understanding for what a safe, respectful and responsible campus looks and sounds like at North Tahoe School.

Our positive culture is reinforced through advisory class using our Second Step curriculum, school-wide assemblies, student council support, student announcements, daily student recognition, and our amazing counseling department.

We strive to provide all students with challenging and engaging learning opportunities. We offer rigorous core academic classes for all students with a focus on reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking around complex texts and high cognitive tasks. We foster an academic culture that values the importance of mistakes to further learning, encourages academic risks, provides opportunity for creative thinking, engages students in collaboration and focuses on effort and growth. The committed work of our teachers and staff earned North Tahoe School the 2017 Gold Ribbon School award for our exemplary efforts to

ensure that every student is ready for 21st-century college and careers. We are proud to have also been named a Title 1 High Achieving School, an honor given to schools that demonstrate success in significantly closing the achievement gap.

Teachers at North Tahoe School integrate technology into their classrooms to deepen student knowledge in content areas and further student's technology, presentation, and research skills. We have a very successful 1:1 technology program thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and support from our district. Individual Chromebooks are checked out to every fifth through eighth-grade student to use during the school year. Students travel with their device from class to class and can take their Chromebooks home as well for educational use.

We believe that students need additional enrichment opportunities to grow and develop and offer an enrichment period during the school day to meet students at their level. This may be to support meeting state standards or to deepen and forge connections within those standards. Additionally, thanks to funding from Measure A, we extend opportunities for art, band, technology and physical education.

Enrichment also takes the form of a variety of outdoor experiential learning with field trips to Sagehen, Mono Lake, Catalina Island and our own playground out our backdoor.

North Tahoe School also provides activities outside of the school day to support learning and provide enrichment such as homework help, Jazz Band, and the Eco-Action Club provided through our partnership with SWEP. We offer a wide range of sports that North Tahoe School students can participate in, including basketball, crosscountry, Nordic skiing, soccer, girls' volleyball, and track and field.

We are very proud of our efforts to provide a high-quality, well-rounded experience for all students while continuing to find ways to improve. We look forward to having you as part of our Laker community!



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onner Trail Elementary is a multi-age magnet school nestled along the South Yuba River on Donner Summit. We our known for academic excellence for all students and our dedicated teachers and staff empower our students to be successful as scholars and as members of our community. We maximize our students' potential by tailoring teaching and learning to the individual child ensuring acceleration, additional support, and engaging handson experiences. We meet the learning needs of all students and every child succeeds at Donner Trail!

Donner Trail offers small school environment and a strong community atmosphere. Our students are the heart and soul of what makes Donner Trail such a special place. The multi-age aspect of our classrooms provides daily opportunities for powerful peer mentoring, targeted differentiation and a schoolwide shared love of learning. We weave academics through an environmental science focus, real-life applications, and character and leadership development for our students. We are fortunate to be able to include our beautiful natural surroundings in our studies. For example, every September we have our annual Yuba

River Day where students bond with our natural setting and kick off a year of exploration with numerous inquiry and project-based learning experiences.

Donner Trail Elementary leads the district in experience-based outdoor education and has been the hub for the area's Winter Survival Program!

Donner Trail students are also highly engaged in classroom learning. Our passionate, award-

winning teachers and staff hold high expectations for students' reading, writing, math, speaking, and listening skills. Our collective vision at Donner Trail Elementary is to balance rigorous literacy instruction and application of math with learning experiences that are meaningful on both academic and social levels.

We are so appreciative of the community's support to make our Measure U facility upgrades possible. This school year we will benefit from an additional wing, making Donner Trail Elementary an even better place for students!

We are grateful for our dedicated families who are models of participation and support!

With district and community partners, our inquiry and project-based science learning will continue to exceed all expectations.



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lenshire Elementary School is a California Distinguished School that serves approximately 500 students from Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. In partnership with our families and community, students at Glenshire Elementary experience a balanced education addressing the individual needs of each child. We enhance the differentiated instruction happening in every classroom through intervention, enrichment, and accelerated learner support.

For all children to succeed, it is necessary to integrate social, emotional, and physical development with a strong academic curriculum, within a safe, secure and peaceful environment. Using the Second Step curriculum, students at Glenshire Elementary are taught to be kind, respectful, safe, and responsible. As evidenced by our most recent parent survey, the environment at Glenshire Elementary is warm and nurturing with a strong sense of community.

Our exceptional Visual and Performing Arts program is an integral part of the overall curriculum at Glenshire, and we integrate the arts throughout our curriculum to encourage divergent thinking, problemsolving, and creativity.

Thanks to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we are able to offer a wide range of enrichment classes for our students before and after school. Classes include violin, guitar, ukulele, yoga, chorus, Spanish and track. Also, the PTO supports many communitybuilding and educational activities such as the Holiday Breakfast, New Family Tea, Family Math and Engineering Night, Family Movie Night, Arts for the Schools performances, and a SWEP Science Night. Family involvement has a very positive impact on student success, and we encourage you

to be involved in your child's education and part of a positive community.

We are proud of our passionate, highly qualified, award winning staff and our dedicated families that make Glenshire Elementary such a wonderful place for learning!



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LENSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





ings Beach Elementary (KBE) is a Two-Way Spanish/English Immersion school based on the 90/10 model, serving grades Transitional Kindergarten through fourth grade. Our program provides an immersion model for English-speaking students, as well as an additive bilingual model for Spanish-speaking students. All students learn a second language without compromising their first language.

At KBE, students are provided the same opportunities as every other elementary school with the difference being that all teachers speak and teach in Spanish every day. We provide learning opportunities in all academic areas and have multiple curriculum enhancing field trips at every grade level.

Our classes are composed of an equal mix of native Spanishspeakers and native Englishspeakers who assist and learn from one another, allowing second language acquisition to occur naturally. The social interaction between students is a delight to behold. They truly learn from one another, developing high levels of confidence and self-esteem through their studies of two languages. An emphasis on Spanish instruction in the early grades allows English-speakers ample exposure to the language. Spanish speakers have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary and build a strong base in their first language. This enables students to be more successful as they begin to acquire English orally, and later as they transfer reading and

writing skills into English. By the end of fourth grade, the goal is that all students are able to read, write, and speak fluently in both Spanish and English.

Our dedicated staff
works tirelessly to ensure
the best educational
experience for all our
students. Learning comes
alive as the beauty of both
languages is explored
through literature and
song. Kings Beach
Elementary students
are supported by strong
language programs
and bilingual teachers
as they continue on to

North Tahoe School and then North Tahoe High School.

We are extremely grateful for the strong community partnerships and parent support that we have at Kings Beach Elementary.



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ahoe Lake Elementary School is embarking on a grand adventure at 'Camp Tahoe Lake at Rideout' while our home in Tahoe City is remodeled and upgraded thanks to Measure E. For the 2017-2018 school year, we will have all of our programs at Rideout, located just outside of Tahoe City. While moving an entire school is a big undertaking, we are excited for our time at Rideout, and even more excited for the improvements that will be happening at Tahoe Lake, including the addition of a greenhouse, new Kindergarten classrooms, modernized classrooms, technology upgrades, and "TLC" for our beautiful Little Auditorium and library in our historic core.

We are proud to be a California Gold Ribbon School, a California Distinguished School, and a hands-on science school! Our science focus continues to grow, and Tahoe Lake is excited to provide more handson, experiential, inquiry-based learning for our students every year. Our focus is to make all learning engaging, exciting, and relevant through a science lens using the amazing resources of

natural environment that we find every time we step outside. We aim for all our students to become skilled problem solvers and explorers as they grow. We believe that a solid foundation in science and critical thinking prepares our students for great future accomplishments.

Tahoe Lake emphasizes developing the confidence and connections of each child through learning, achievement, and reflection. We value our school community and encourage parents to be involved in the classroom, with committees, and at family nights.

A love of learning, critical thinking, social responsibility, and fun are incorporated in the nurturing of our future citizens.

In addition to science and the California Standards, our students have many opportunities for enrichment in art, performance, music, outdoor learning, and Spanish language studies.



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HOE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## ruckee Elementary serves Transitional Kindergarten through fifth-grade students in a caring, diverse, and inclusive environment. Our mission at Truckee Elementary is to empower and inspire students to reach their full potential through comprehensive instruction that emphasizes literacy across all content areas, embraces the diversity of our Truckee community, and cherishes what makes each child unique. In collaboration with parents, teachers, and members of the Tahoe Truckee community, our students become lifelong learners and globally responsible and compassionate citizens.

Truckee Elementary School is a High Performing Title I school. We are proud of the fact that our school is at the heart of the community with the most diverse campus in TTUSD. It is within this context that each child at Truckee Elementary develops a better understanding of their place in the world. We accomplish this through reading, writing, and math, as well as with the incorporation of technology, arts, and physical education.

Our outstanding teachers and staff are diligent in providing a coordinated system of learning that integrates subject areas and ensures that learner's needs are met. We promote a safe, responsible and respectful campus through Second Step,

our character education curriculum, and caring relationships amongst staff, students, and the larger school community!

Parent support is a BIG celebration at our school. We recognize the importance of parents in a child's education and provide multiple opportunities for parents to get involved in the Truckee Elementary School community. Whether it's volunteering in class, driving on field trips or attending evening school events, we couldn't have such a fantastic school without our parents' support!

Our students also benefit tremendously from the strong community support we have at

We are grateful for our community and business partnerships and the support we receive from the Excellence in Education Foundation and Measure A. It truly makes our school and district overall a better place!

If you haven't already, we invite you to join the Truckee Elementary School learning community and enroll your child into the journey of discovery, learning and fun!



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ierra Expeditionary Learning School (SELS) is a K-8 public charter within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, serving just over 200 students. SELS inspires a diverse group of learners to achieve academic excellence and develop a strong sense of character and community. The curriculum is implemented through project-based expeditions and fieldwork that challenge students to think critically while also fostering their natural curiosity and love of learning.

At the heart of **Expeditionary Learning** are learning expeditions interdisciplinary units aligned with state and district standards. This approach is experiential and community-based, involving students in real-world studies with guiding questions and original research to create highquality products for audiences beyond the classroom.

The goal of SELS is to awaken a love of learning in young people and to give them the ability and desire to carry on learning throughout life. We believe that an educated person needs to have a strong sense of self and realization of his or her gifts and talents. We help our students cultivate the following capacities:

## Creativity

think creatively, work creatively with others and implement innovations

## **Critical Thinking**

reason effectively, use systems thinking, analyze, and solve problems

## **Communication**

communicate clearly and collaborate with others

## Adaptability

adapt to change and be flexible



## **Initiative**

manage goals and time, work independently, and be selfdirected learners

## Accountability

prioritize, set and meet goals, and achieve results

## Character

taking responsibility for self and others by showing empathy, kindness, and courage

## **Information**

accessing and applying information technology effectively

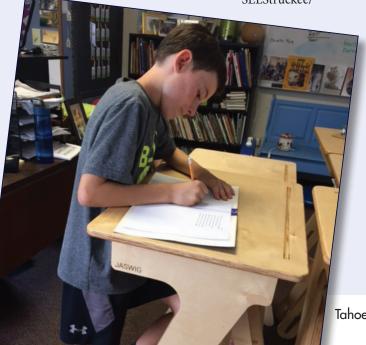
At SELS, we are committed to ensuring that all of our students acquire these abilities, so they can thrive in a changing world and be a contributor to the community. Peer collaboration and character education are organic in our curriculum and "We are Crew, not Passengers" is our motto. Students are given the responsibility for their own learning. When afforded respect, fairness, kindness, discipline, and appropriate instruction, we believe that every child is capable of fully achieving his or her potential.



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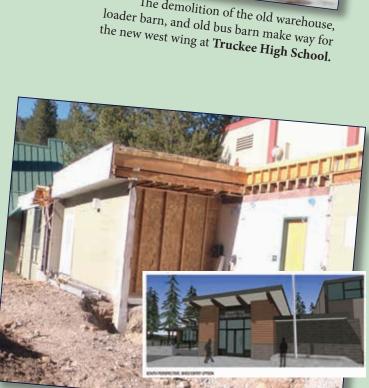
## WE ARE UPGRADING OUR SCHOOL **FACILITIES AND APPRECIATE THE GENEROUS** SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH MEASURES E AND U.



Truckee High School's west wing is under construction. The new classroom wing will house science and technology programs as well as a new library.



The Tahoe Lake Elementary renovation and modernization project is underway and expected to be completed by 2018.



The demolition of the old warehouse,

Construction of two new classrooms and a new entry are underway at **Donner Trail Elementary.** 

