



# Bobcat News January



**Welcome back!** I hope that you and those you love had a wonderful break and enjoyed some time together. January is a time of getting back to work and marking the half year mark of this academic year.

Upper Lake Elementary School is very thankful for our mighty PTO (parent and teacher organization). The organization meets monthly and supports activities for students at ULES and ULMS. **Their next meeting is January 4 at 6:00pm.** Meetings are held in the ULMS media center. Please stop by and help their efforts to support all children with fun and safe activities.

**ULES Rocks!** Hopefully you have seen our beautiful rock paths that have been created to add some color and beautification to the front of our school. The paths have a base layer of rock and are topped with compliment rocks decorated to describe our students, school, staff and learning community. Look closely and you will see adjectives such as, *hopeful, hardworking, responsible, nice, dedicated, helpful, smart* and lots more. Thank you to those who have already brought in a rock to decorate and to those who will bring one in. The goal is to be completed with this project by January 12. The 40 students who participate in our ASES (after school program) have a different focus or lesson each month. Their focus for the Month of December was community service. Their project, to give back to the community, was to help with the rock paths. They did a wonderful job and I am thankful for the leadership of Stephanie Cox, and Shelby Meri (the two who run the ASES program for ULES) for making this happen. Thanks team!



Communication is key to student success. Studies show that when students know that their teacher and their parents are communicating and working together to ensure assignments are completed and students are meeting their grade level standards success increases!

Feel free to email your child's teacher or call after school (calls cannot be sent to the classroom during class time) to schedule an appointment to keep up to date on their academic progress. The second trimester ends on February 15, 2018. All staff email addresses can be found at:

<http://www.ules.lake.k12.ca.us/staff.asp>

## Do Science in Your Home

Parents can teach best by asking open-ended questions and taking time to encourage answers.

**Observing:** Invite young eyes and fingers to notice small details.

- "What shapes do you see in that spider web?"
- "Does the crust on this bread feel/smell/sound different from the crust on that one?"

**Classifying:** Put things in groups based on their characteristics.

- "Let's sort the socks by color."
- "Can you think of a way to divide your toys according to a pattern?"

**Predicting:** Put ideas about how the world works into words and test them.

- "How long will an ice cube last sitting on the counter?"
- "Will it last longer on another surface?"

**Quantifying:** Encourage children to quantify the world around them.

- "Who is the shortest person in the family? By how much?"
- "How many steps big is your room? The living room?"

Have you heard of the CA School Dashboard? This is the new tool to highlight the hard work and success that schools are making in CA. Take a look at our progress at: <https://goo.gl/Hujiu8> .

## Coming up-

January 4- PTO Meeting 6pm at ULMS

January 5- Bobcat Award Assembly

February 7- 7:15am School Site Council

January 9- ULUSD Board Meeting at 5:00

January 15- no School Martin Luther King Day

Mrs. Wayment