

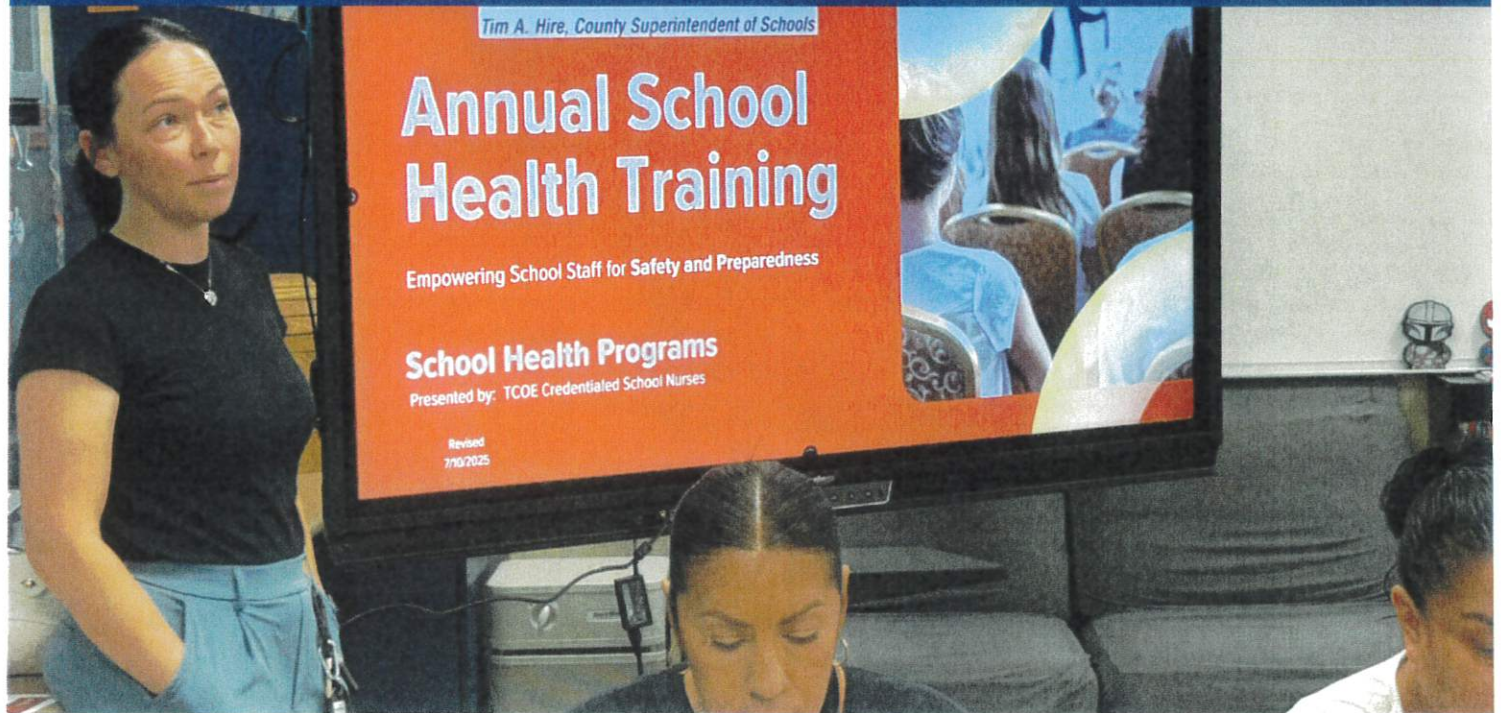


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The Ducor Rams Newsletter

"Stand and Deliver" - "No Excuses"



Welcome Note

From Ms. Angela Maestas, Superintendent/Principal

Hello and welcome to the very first edition of our newsletter! 🎉

Welcome back to a new school year at Ducor Union Elementary School District! It is my honor to continue serving you as Superintendent/Principal, and I am energized by the promise a first day always brings. This year, we reaffirm our mission to maintain a positive, safe, and wholesome learning environment where every child is known, challenged, and supported—every day. Together, we will Stand and Deliver. No Excuses.

We're excited to kick things off and keep you updated with fresh insights, helpful tips, and the latest news. This edition marks the start of something special, and we're glad you're here from the beginning.

In This Issue

1. Spotlight Story — A look at what's new and noteworthy this week.
2. Tips & Resources — Practical advice and tools you can use right away.
3. Upcoming Events — What's happening soon, and how you can join in.
4. Community Corner — A highlight from you, our readers!

Spotlight Stories

Student Safety and Belonging

Student safety and wellbeing remain our highest priority. You will see caring adults at every doorway, consistent routines in every classroom, and a campus-wide culture of respect, belonging, and kindness. We are strengthening proactive attendance supports and social-emotional learning so students arrive ready to learn and leave proud of their growth.



‘With Challenge, Comes Opportunity!’

Steam and Innovation

Our STEAM Academy and coding with robots will continue to expand hands-on learning that builds the 4Cs—critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. Through Paxton Labs, science investigations, and social studies explorations, students will apply ideas to real problems, present solutions with confidence, and see themselves as capable innovators. These experiences are not “extras”; they are essential preparation for the future. We are aligned with Porterville School District Pathways Academies, Sports, Culinary Arts, and Visual Art Education. We are proud to offer and establish new adventures for our students.





Teacher Teaching Tips

We are doubling down on a balanced, well-planned curriculum that meets students where they are and moves them forward with urgency and care. Teachers will use small-group instruction, explicit modeling, and routine checks for understanding to accelerate progress.

"Reading is Fundamental!"

Rams Resources

[Aeries Parent Portal](#)

[Aeries Portal Instructions](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Breakfast & Lunch Menus](#)

[Bus Route Plans](#)

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)



Perfect Attendance Pays Perfectly

Every Day Counts at Ducor

At Ducor Union Elementary School, perfect attendance isn't about perfection—it's about opportunity. Each day your child is in class, they gain high-quality instruction, small-group practice, and meaningful time with peers and teachers. Daily attendance builds strong routines, confidence, and a sense of belonging; it also keeps learning on track so students don't have to play catch-up. When students are here every day, teachers can plan coherent lessons, give timely feedback, and celebrate growth—our whole school culture thrives. Families are key partners: set consistent bedtimes and morning routines, plan appointments outside school hours when possible, and let us know right away if transportation, health, or childcare challenges arise. We're here to help remove barriers. Together, let's make every day a learning day.



Community Corner

Partnership & Communication

Strong schools are built with families. Expect regular updates from your child's teacher and from our office, and please connect with us through school events. Mark your calendar for Back to School Night and the Book Fair, and look forward to community favorites like Conversations with Community, the Harvest Festival, and our joyful Dr. Seuss Celebration. Your presence turns school into family—and family into a tradition of excellence.

Measuring What Matters

We will continue our annual assessment of student achievement, school climate, and staff morale. Data helps us celebrate growth, identify needs, and direct resources where they matter most. When we learn something new, we act—because every child's success is our shared responsibility.



Upcoming Events

What: Back to School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

When: September 4, 2025

Where: Ducor Cafeteria/classrooms





Teacher's Teaching



ELA

- Scholastic Magazines
- ELA Curriculum
- Lexia Core Reading and Power Up
- Reading Novels (Literature Circles)

- **Science**
- Inspire Science & Labs - Centeno made Pancakes
- STEAM LAB - Vet Science, Gaming
- Project Based Learning

Math

- Symphony Math
- Prodigy Math
- Boddle
- Illustrative Math
- Khan Academy

History

- Jeopardy Labs



Reminders

What: Picture Day
When: October 29, 2025

