



Educational Services Newsletter

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Career and Technical Ed.

CTE Credential Workshop

Do you have industry experience beyond teaching? Consider attending the Career Technical Education (CTE) Credential Workshop on May 19th in Room 19 at the District Office. Besides learning about this unique credential, you will discover more about CTE and the expansion of CTE statewide and you will walk away armed with information on how you can get more involved!

There will be two identical workshops, one at 3:00pm and the other at 4:00pm. This workshop will target K-12 teachers with existing single or multiple-subject credentials who want to explore adding the Designated Subjects CTE Credential. The workshop will be co-lead by WUSD's Director of CTE, Renee Collins, and Director of Teacher Education and Credentialing Program Sponsor, Connie Best, from Davis Joint Unified School District. RSVP to Renee Collins (rcollins@wusd.k12.ca.us).

Garden Boxes and "Competition Shed" at Bryte Career and College Training

If you've yet to visit Bryte Career and College Training or if you haven't been on site recently, consider dropping by to see the changing landscape. Volunteers from the Centennial Rotary of West Sacramento, Interact Students, Board Member Norma Alcala, RCHS service learning students, Broderick as a Community – Not a Gang, and WUSD administration and teachers have been on site for the past 3 weekends building and

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Upcoming Dates

5/16/2016 &
5/17/2016

Planning for 16-17 with
Hapara Workspace

5/17/2016

Community Based
Instruction Training

5/17/2016 &
5/19/2016

Introduction to Google
Slides for Leadership
and Classified Staff

5/19/2016

Induction Colloquium

5/26/2016

Student-Powered
Technology Playground

5/31/2016

District Technology
Advisory Committee

6/6/2016 - 6/7/2016

Go Math! Training

6/6/2016 - 6/8/2016

Carnegie Training

filling garden boxes that will support the Agriscience/Farm-to-Fork Pathway when it moves to Bryte Career and College Training in August 2016.



Competition Shed

On April 11th and 12th our Construction Pathway students participated in the Jim Lambert Design/Build Shed Competition sponsored by the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange at Consumes River College. They were given supplies of wood and nails and had 2 days to build a shed from the ground up. They worked tirelessly for 2 days under the supervision of their NCCT teacher, Jason Billington, and as a team and were able to complete the job with time to spare! The shed will now be placed at the Bryte Career and College Training campus for the new Farm to Fork Pathway students to use for their gardening supplies!



Curriculum and Instruction

Summer Mathematics Implementation Training

Math implementation trainings for **everyone who teaches mathematics in grades TK-12 (including special education and independent studies teachers)** will take place this summer.

Please plan on attending one of the sessions being offered for your grade level. Attending teachers will be compensated at the current professional development rate. The trainings will be full-day (8:30-3:00 with two 15-minutes breaks and a 60-minute lunch on your own).

The training options are:

Go Math! (Grades TK-6)

June 6-7 (Mo-Tue), or
August 8-9 (Mo-Tue), or
August 10-11 (We-Th)

CPM (Grades 7 & 8)

August 1-4 (Mon-Thur)

Carnegie (Grades 9-12)

June 6-8 (Mon-We) or
August 22 & 23 (Mon-Tue)

Additional information will be coming out soon.

Planning, Accountability, and Compensatory Ed.

Seal of Biliteracy

River City High School has 38 Seniors that will receive the California State Seal of Biliteracy when they graduate this June. The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for gaining competency in two or more languages, and may be viewed as an asset when applying for future employers and for college admission.

Students met the following requirements:

- completed all English-language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in those classes.
- scored at the “proficient” level or above on the 11th grade California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test in English Language Arts.
- demonstrated proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

Students will receive a certificate from Yolo County Office of Education, a seal on their diploma, transcript notation, and a chord indicating this achievement to wear during graduation.

Summer School

This year WUSD will have many exciting Summer Programs happening during the weeks of June 13th - July 14th including ELD for K-8, Dual Immersion Jump Start, Special Education Extended Year, HS Credit Recovery, Summer Bridge for incoming Freshmen, and ELD for High School.

K- 8 students and teachers alike are looking forward to 5 weeks of hands-on, collaborative learning with a focus on learning language through Science.

Teaching positions for the HS programs are currently posted on EdJoin so be sure to apply before time runs out.

Special Services

Extended School Year

Extended School Year (ESY) will be taking place from June 13th-July 8th (holiday July 4th). The school day will be approximately 8:00 am to 12:00pm at Westmore Oaks.

Community Based Instruction (CBI) Training

Community Based Instruction (CBI) Training will be taking place on May 17th from 8:30-3:00 for M/S SDC teachers. Teachers will review Washington Unified School District's CBI manual and create a specific plan for implementation within the classroom.

Summer Math Training

RSP and SDC teachers will attend Summer Math Implementation Training in June or August 2016.

Student and Family Support Services

Projected Enrollment for Fall 2016

The Student Services Office is currently tracking numbers for projected enrollment for the fall of 2016. This process officially started at the end of February (when Kinder Registration took place) and will continue through the first few weeks of the 2016-17 school year.

Student enrollment continues to take place at the individual school sites, but will switch solely to the district office one week after school dismisses for the summer until two weeks before the opening of school in the fall.

Reach 1 Anti-Bullying Program

Kevin Bracy (Reach 1 Anti-Bullying Program) completes his work for the 2015-16 school year on May 27th. We have had a 58% drop in reported bullying incidents so far in the 2015-16 school year!! This is exciting news, and verifies that Kevin's program is having a positive influence on our campuses.

MOU's/Independent Contractor Agreements

Currently, the Student Services Department is preparing Mou's/Independent Contractor agreements with Kevin Bracy, Interquest Canine Detection Services and A2A Attendance "Tipping Point" Program for the 2016-17 school year.

Technology

Innovative Educators

The Technology Department is pleased to announce the second cohort of Innovative Educators! Welcome to the 42 teachers representing Cohort 2! This Spring there were over 80 teachers from 44 teams apply, making this extremely competitive and challenged the selection committee which was made up of 9 existing Innovative Educators and Edmund Lynch, the Technology TOSA.

The applications were scored against a rubric through a blind read process. Next, the scores were tallied and the teams were ranked according to scores. Finally, the the saturation of technology across school sites and grade levels was examined and the selection team began selecting the Innovative Educators based upon the totality of this information. At no time during this process were team member names shared.

As a result there are 42 K-12 teachers and 22 teams added to the existing 99 teachers already part of the Innovative Educator program.

Brightbytes Survey Results

The results of the Brightbytes survey that was taken online by teachers and students is in! The Tech Team is combing through the data from 288 teachers and over 2500 students and will be sharing this information before the end of the year.

Celebrations from the initial findings include:

- 100% of teachers and 91% of students have wireless Internet at home
- 87% of teachers and 71% of students believe that technology use in the classroom can enhance student learning
- 89% of teachers and 66% of students want to learn more about effective technology use for teaching and learning

The Tech Team will perform a deeper dive into the data in the coming weeks which will result in some changes to how instructional technology, students, teachers, and staff are supported throughout the district.

Email

Thank you to all staff for your patience as we worked to resolve issues with our email servers. Email guidelines and etiquette for all staff will be published and shared before school is out.

The two take aways from last week are:

- 1) do not "Reply All" and
- 2) do not send large email attachments such as photos or videos.

End of Year Technology Shutdown Procedures

- Check in your district provided laptop to your site administer and technology team member on the last day of school. Do not take the laptop home with you. If you need a laptop or Chromebook during the summer, make arrangements with the Technology Department to check one out. We need one week notice to accommodate your request.
- Chromebooks do not need to be checked in for the summer - you may take your Chromebook home if you have one assigned to you from the Technology Department. Do not take Chromebooks from the carts. The Tech Team will be moving carts around this summer and they must be complete.
- Do not lock your equipment in cabinets or desks. Leave equipment out and plugged in.
- Take home ALL personal technology or equipment. The Tech Team will be inventorying this summer and if your equipment is left in the room, we will count it in the inventory.

