



Our goal is to eliminate the opportunity gap while creating every student to be civic and digital citizens who are prepared to be college and career ready.



## Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

**December 19, 2014**

### *Superintendent's Message:*

#### **A week at a glance:**

Wishing everyone a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season!

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Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board*



\* Thank you for attending the California School Board Conference. It was a great learning opportunity to hear what other districts in California are doing. There were a number of workshops regarding high school pathways, middle school houses, and academies. It was nice to hear the validation of the progress our district is making in implementing common core and technology. It was also affirming for our district to hear that we are making progress in the major state initiatives that a multitude of other districts are engaged in throughout the state.

Our high school and middle school are leading the way in Monterey County in preparing students for the pathways and academies. It is work in progress! Soledad High School is a shining star in the roll out of the one-to-one technology devices for students.



# Educational Services

## Proficiency for All-Common Core Standards Implementation

### Elementary Math Pilot Results

Based on Monday's presentation, the elementary staff voted to have GoMath be the district's elementary math curriculum. A recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees in January.



Elementary teachers listening to the presentations



GoMath presenters:  
Ms. Richardson, Ms. Navarez,  
Ms. Silva and Ms. Tucker



### Meet our Instructional Leaders leading the increase of **Text Complexity** District wide



Laura Cortez,  
Jack Franscioni Elementary School



Dianne Witwer,  
Frank Ledesma Elementary School



Jeff Lopez,  
Community Educational Center



Kristine Vasquez,  
San Vicente Elementary School



Hecate Rosewood,  
Rose Ferrero Elementary School



Ellen Brusa,  
Gabilan Elementary School



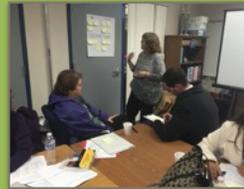
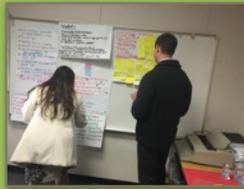
Amelia Jimenez,  
Main Street Middle School



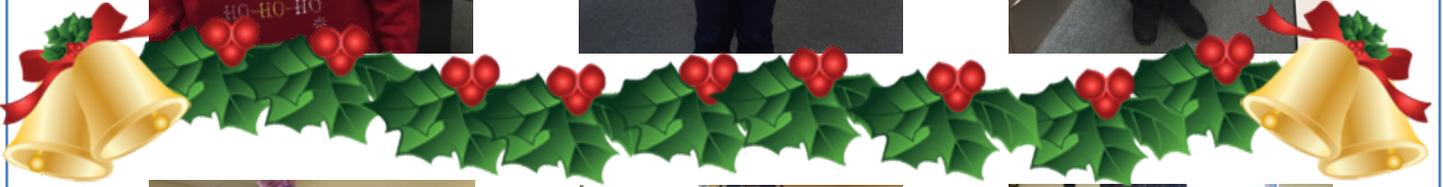
Elizabeth Austin,  
Soledad High School

## Instructional Leadership Rounds

For the month of December, the District Leadership visited six schools in total collecting an amazing amount of data about student learning. Instructional leaders are now planning to share this data with their staff in order to continue to increase text complexity district wide.



# Holiday Cheer



# Special Education

## Student Support

Pictured below is an amazing special education teacher at Frank Ledesma Elementary School. Jennifer McCord stands in front of a bulletin board filled with student's excellent work in her classroom.



## Early Start

Early Start Services, as outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, ensure intervention services to children with disabilities, ages birth through three years, and their families in a coordinated family-centered manner.



**Mr. Miranda &  
Ms. Morones**

## District Highlights

Soledad Unified School District has three very highly-skilled school psychologists. One of them is pictured here. Jorge De Leon services both San Vicente Elementary School and Jack Francioni School. Our school psychologists support both general education and special education making sure all students receive the assistance they need to be successful students.



# Business Department

## Soledad Education Foundation Grants

Did you work the Soledad Education Foundation Carnival this past March? Chances are that if you submitted a request for a grant and worked the carnival, there may be some funds waiting for you.

Please be sure that you expend these funds by March 31st of 2015. Any funds not expended by March 31st are subject to being returned to the Soledad Education Foundation.

If you have any questions as to whether or not you received a grant from the Soledad Education Foundation for working the 2014 Carnival, please speak with your site secretary.

## Updates

The staff has been working on procedures, streamlining the financial system, and posting deferred revenues from prior year. The Team is also working to follow-up on year-end closing issues and following up on any account receivables, outstanding and payables.

On behalf of the  
Business Department:

Happy Holidays to all with  
many blessings from above  
to you and your loved ones!



## Escape Requisitions

Under the comments section of your requisition, please input a **general description of the items being purchased along with your school site name.** This will help us greatly when viewing our financial reports at the end of the month.

### Example: Office Supplies (SHS)

We greatly appreciate your  
cooperation.  
Happy Holidays!!

## Payroll

December payroll is currently being processed. Classified employees can pick up checks on December 30, 2014 at the District Office from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.; certificated payroll will be ready for distribution on January 2, 2015, also at the District Office from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Please contact payroll staff if you need assistance.

Certificated Staff: Vanessa Guajardo,  
678-8937 x108

Classified Staff: Melissa Silva, 678-3987  
x104

# Human Capital

Ms. Zavala,  
Ms. Kleinhofer, &  
Mrs. Turner

## Credentials

All certificated staff, please check the status of your credential at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov> and take action to renew any expiring credentials.

Additionally, if you are teaching with a Provisional Internship Permit or Variable-Term Waiver, please contact the Human Capital Department to map out your education plan.

## Reminder

If you plan on taking a LOA (FMLA) please advise the HR Department in writing a month prior to your leave.

## Open Positions

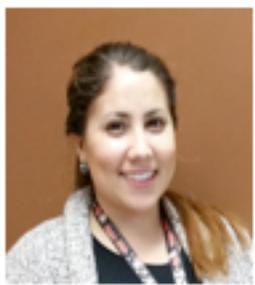
Please apply at [EdJoin.org](http://EdJoin.org).

Position	Site	Closes on
Elementary Academic Coach	DW	12/19/2014
Health Aide	FL	12/19/2014
Food Service Worker II	FL	12/19/2014

## THE PASSION OF TEACHING

*With effervescence, two intern-teachers articulated joys they have experienced since October when they joined SUSD.*

Ms. Sandra Labuschagne, English teacher at CEC, glowed as she highlighted her students' current task: a metaphoric representation of their goals with an accompanying reflective statement; these adorned the wall already holding posters evincing previous collaborative and analytic literary processing. Both collaborative tasks culminated with students' oral presentations. Lauding her students' performances, Ms Labuschagne gleamed her anticipation of engaging them in next semester's literature. *Working with my students has taught me the potential of the human soul and spirit.*

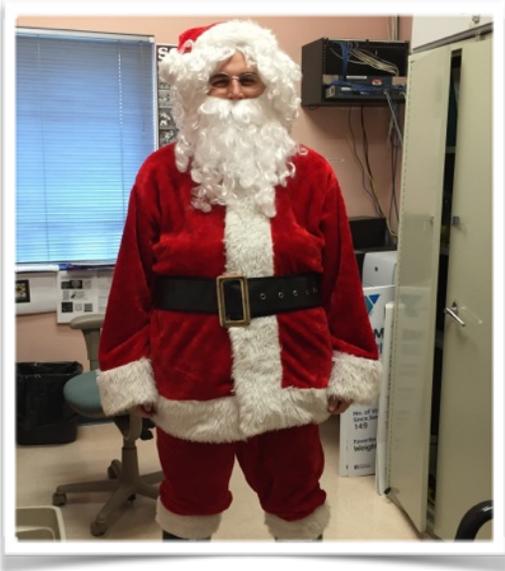


Mrs. Margarita Villaseñor, JK teacher at Gabilan, radiated while expressing her little ones' growth. They follow the routines and procedures; they participate in leading the morning chants. Proudly, she shared her students' current complex text: "Five Senses of the Christmas." Students had to color and cut and paste, read and talk and write. Mrs. Villaseñor embellished the task by having students glue artifacts for each sense, such as a bell for listening and cinnamon for smelling. "I love working with my students," she beamed.

# Technology

## Santa Visit

Santa (Joe Ayala) made a surprise visit to the Soledad Y.



## Soledad High 1:1 iPad Rollout Schedule

The SHS team and tech department successfully rolled-out thirty-five (35) iPads to the SHS ASB students.

**Jan. 6th** - 12th and 11th

**Jan. 7th** - 10th and 9th

**Jan. 7th** - Evening Make-ups

## Technology Resources

**52 Best Apps for Classroom:** <http://www.teachthought.com/apps-2/52-of-the-best-apps-for-classrooms/>

**Smart from toy to Tool:** <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/smartphones-from-toy-to-tool-ramona-persaud>

**The Testing Camera Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PABNMIG5VJc>

**Periodic Table of Figures of Speech:** <https://twitter.com/MistyNorman12/status/544689731896758272/photo/1>

**5 Top Tech Tools of 2014:** <http://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/12/16/tech->

# MOTF

## Bond

The Soledad Unified School District is in search of two community members to serve in our Bond Oversight Committee. The committee is responsible for reviewing bond expenditures to ensure expenditures comply with voter approved bond project list. The committee is required to meet at least once a year and report to the district's board of trustees at least once a year. The district's board of trustees approves all committee members taking into account the applicant's professional and practical experience. All committee proceedings are open to the public.

## Operations



Veronica Brown drives a Sp. Ed bus route and performs custodial duties during the day at Rose Ferrero.

Armondo Sanchez is one of four individuals who helps keep our grounds and lawns in great shape. He also helps with bus routes when called upon.

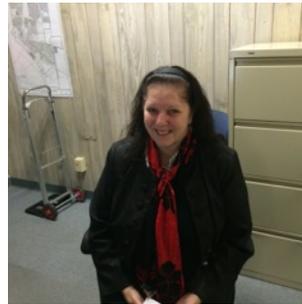


Fernando Hernandez also helps to maintain our lawns green. He also helps with bus routes when called upon.



## Transportation

In the next few articles, we would like to acknowledge our dedicated MOT staff members. Our staff ensures our facilities are clean and safe. They also provide transportation for students and at times staff.



Meet our transportation dispatcher Valerie Mansfield. Valerie ensures our students arrive to school safely and on time by monitoring bus routes and field trips.

Fernando Bustamante is one of two maintenance - bus drivers. He currently drives a Sp. Ed bus route in the morning and afternoon.



Eric Rodriguez performs maintenance duties district wide, and he drives a morning Sp. Ed. bus route.



Juan Herrera performs day custodian duties at Frank Ledesma. Juan also drives bus routes when needed.

