



Soledad Unified School District Weekly Newsletter

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2016/2017 THEME: DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

SUSD Bright Spots

Sunday February 26, 2017, we will be going live with our solar panels at Soledad High School! PG&E will come in and shut the power down and let OpTerra do the transfer of power to our solar panels. From that moment on we will officially rely on our own source of power. We will have staff from every department present on that day to make sure everything runs smoothly. The entire process should be completed in approximately 3 hours. These are exciting times at Soledad!

Spelling Bee Competition at Frank Ledesma Elementary



Our students did an amazing job. Competing students made it to the 8th grade spelling list! Great job to all the students who participated!



Frank Ledesma Recycling Assembly

was held on Monday, the Rock Steady Juggling show was brought to us by Salinas Valley Recycles. All grade levels got to participate. Students learned about the 4R's - reduce, reuse, recycling, and rot



Employees of the Month - Rose Ferrero Elementary

Congratulations to Mrs. Amanda Bassetti for being selected Certificated Employee of the Month and to Patty Widener, instructional Aide, Classified employee of the Month. Congratulations! Both were recognized at the Board Meeting of February 15, 2017 by the Board and Mr. Frank, Principal. Hoop, Hoop!
LCAP Goal #5



Pinnacles High School Student of the Month

Congratulations to Ruben Damien for being selected as the Student of the Month. Damian was nominated by Ms. Oxedine He was recognized and presented with a diploma at the February 15, 2017 Board Meeting.





Educational Services Team



LCAP Goal 2: Planning for NGSS Maker's Faire - April 5

On Monday, February 13, the Principals & one teacher from each site met at Rose Ferrero to discuss the NGSS Maker's Faire that is taking place in Gonzales on April 5th. All of the South County Schools are participating in this faire by bringing 1 teacher per grade level to give demonstrations of lessons/explorations that are aligned with the New Generation Science Standards. Our district agreed to have teachers from each of these sites demonstrate NGSS explorations for April 5th NGSS Maker's Faire:

- Kindergarten- RF
- 1st Grade- SV
- 2nd Grade-RF
- 3rd Grade-Gab
- 4th Grade- JF
- 5th Grade-FL
- 6th Grade- SV
- 7th Grade- MS
- 8th Grade -MS
- Biology- HS
- Chemistry-HS
- Agriculture-HS
- Physics-HS



Our next planning meeting will be on March 1 at 3:30 at RF in Portable B.

LCAP Goal 2: District-Wide CAASPP Training for Site Testing Coordinators

On March 14 at 9:00, we will hold our DW-CAASPP Training for our Site Testing Coordinators which are our Principals & secretaries as the CAASPP testing window will start on April 15 for some of our school sites.



LCAP Goal 2: Timeline for 2nd Trimester Report Cards for the Elementary Schools



Here is the timeline for implementing the Second Trimester Report Cards for the Elementary Schools:

- 2nd Trimester Ends 3/7/17
- **Illuminate Opens for Report Card Data Entry 2/27/17**
- 1st Non Meeting Day 3/6/17
- 2nd Non Meeting Day 3/7/17
- 3rd Non Meeting Day 3/8/17
- **Report Cards Completed- Illuminate Closes 3/9/17**
- 2nd Trimester Report Cards are Verified/ Printed/Distributed-3/10/17
- **Report Cards sent home at Parent Conferences 3/13-3/17- Dismissal at 1:00**

LCAP Goal 3:- District Anti-Bullying Night for Parents & Community



On February 28 at 6:30 at SHS, we will hold a Parent and Community Event that discusses Anti-Bullying in our schools. This event is taking place in partnership with MCOE. We are unifying to stop cyber bullying & to empower students to create a positive school culture. The Award Winning Michael Prichard will be speaking. We are inviting all of our 4th-12th grade students, board members, administrators, and teachers. Hope to see you all there!

Special Projects

Coming Up:

- February 21 - DELAC (District English Language Advisory Committee) 6:00 p.m. Jack Franscioni School Library
- March 6th - April 14th Field Testing ELPAC at Gabilan, San Vicente, Frank Ledesma, Soledad High School
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ASES (After School Education & Safety) (LCAP Goal 3)



Meet Sandra Celio,
After School
Program's new
assistant

Sandra started working as the after school program assistant in January and comes to us from the medical field. Working in the education is new to her however her years of experience in the medical profession have helped her transition into her new role at the district office. She brings with her new ideas and a friendly smile! Welcome Sandra we are happy that you have joined the Soledad Unified family.

ELPAC English Language Proficiency Assessments of California (LCAP Goal 6)

Update! This week a small district team attended the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments of California) field testing training at the Santa Clara County of Education in San Jose. The ELPAC which will replace the CELDT (California English Language Development Test) has already gone through the piloting stage and is now entering the field test phase.

Our state selected students and schools will be field tested during the testing window of March 6, 2017 - April 14, 2017. Parents of perspective students will be notified this week (2/13/17 - 2/17/17). Soledad Unified is excited to have the opportunity to assist in the field testing process as it allows us to provide authentic student data on the design of the test and performance of the test questions.

Erin Ramirez
Special Projects Coordinator
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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Placement in SPED

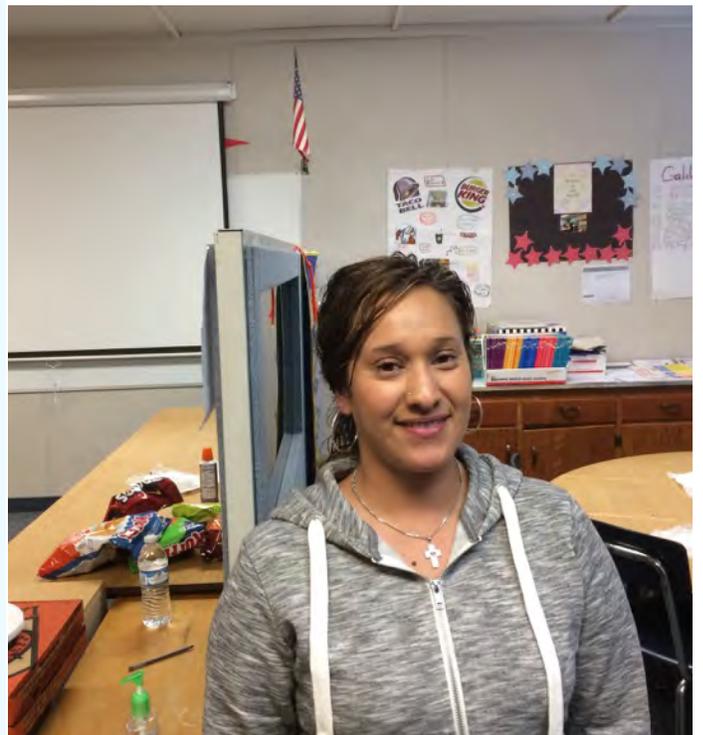
- *A placement in SPED must be in writing
- *The child must have educational benefit
- *The placement must be the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

The Placement Offer Must Include:

- *A description of each service provided to student
- *Location (type of classroom)
- *Personnel (titles, not names)
- *Delivery Model
- *Frequency and duration of service

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Pictured Laura Alapisco, is an Instructional Aide at Gabilan Elementary School. Laura is brand new to the district and supports our students with special needs in the general education setting as well as in a setting in which the children are pulled out of the general education setting for more intense interventions. Welcome Laura, we are so happy you are here!



Business Department



The Fiscal Report

Revenue Assumptions for the Second Interim

The most frequent questions we are receiving is regarding what revenue assumptions to use when preparing the Second Interim report. The concern dates back to the state's Enacted Budget in June of 2016. At the time of the Enacted Budget, districts were provided with estimates of cost-of-living allowance increases, gap closures rates, and other financial factors. Most districts based their planning upon these factors, as well as their collective bargaining positions. Then things changed.

Over the past four years, we have become accustomed to the state estimating its revenues conservatively and then owing more to schools later when revenues come in higher. This year the opposite happened; even the addition of future revenues from

Proposition 55 and extension of the temporary taxes, were not sufficient to keep overall revenues from falling below earlier estimates. Districts that stretched to maintain minimum reserves at the First Interim are having great difficulty self-certifying that they are "positive" at the Second Interim. The drop in out-year revenues is driving everything from financial certifications, to collective bargaining positions, to the determination as to whether layoffs or other budget cuts will be needed. Both the Second Interim and the March 15 deadline for layoffs are rapidly approaching, so the concerns are very real.

Governor Jerry Brown's lower revenue projections are supported by the fact that revenues have come in lower in most recent months. However, as we have previously reported, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), an agency we hold in high regard has put forth a much higher revenue estimate. Many boards, unions, and other stakeholders would, of course, want the district to use the higher projections provided by the LAO.

Districts are unable to use the LAO projections at this time for two good reasons; first, the county superintendent would not be able to accept a certification based upon revenues that are higher than the Governor's projections. Second, we have previously provided detailed analyses of the options open to the Governor. Bottom line, even if 2016-17 revenues begin to rise, there is no guarantee that the Governor will use higher estimates for education funding.

School Services Of California,
volume 37 No.2 published 1/10/2017 -Ron Bennett, John Gray, and Robert Miyashiro



Business Department

Reminder

Deadline to Submit Purchase Orders in Escape

The Business Department will no longer be able to process any requisitions and/or issue any purchase order to buy materials and supplies for the 2016-17 school year **effective Friday, April 14, 2017** due to year-end closing procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Department at (831)678-0786.

 Office hours

Monday-Friday
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Human Resources



Vacancy Job Announcements:
Click on the link below
<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?>



Credentials: Please be sure to log onto ctc.ca.gov to check the status of your credential and note its renewal date. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to contact Lupe Munguia at lmunguia@soledad.k12.ca.us

ATTENTION CVT MEMBERS!

Have you heard about MDLIVE? Don't miss out on an opportunity to win a \$100 gift card! To learn more please click on the link: <https://members.mdlive.com/cvt/>

STRS Informational Session

When: March 8, 2017 at 3:30 pm

Where: C&I Building on Metz Road, next to District Office

Who: Interested Certificated Employees covered by CalSTRS Retirement System

Steve Bradley, CalSTRS Counselor, will be presenting in a small group setting. Great opportunity to review your Retirement account and receive options on how to strengthen your CalSTRS Retirement. Detailed information and registration will be emailed to you soon!

SPACE IS LIMITED - 6 SEATS AVAILABLE!

Julia Turner
New Teacher Support & Development Coordinator



Thanks to Educator Effectiveness Grant

Via the Educator Effectiveness Grant, SUSD provides plentiful professional development opportunities to a host of district personnel. The following catalogues the PD to-date and in March and attendees.

October - February**: ACSA Academy: **2 DO directors, 1 principal**
October: Digital Leadership & Learning Conference: **2 principals, 1 teacher**
October-February**: **RTI training: all elementary paraprofessionals**
November: SELPA Anita Archer Workshop: **4 teachers**
January*: SELPA Behavior Interventions Series: **2 general education teachers**
January**: mentors to **teachers with emergency and/or intern status**
January-February*: Cognitive Coaching: **4 learning directors, 5 MSMS/SHS counselors, 2 FSSCs, 2 principals, 2 DO coordinators**
January-February**: Santa Cruz Writing Project training: **teachers at all sites**
January-February**: Grade-level Collaboration: **elem. site teams plan with new curricula/frameworks**
February: Academic Language and Literacy for Paraprofessionals: **18 paraprofessionals from all sites**
February: CISC Conference: **1 principal, 1 teacher, 1 DO coordinator, 1 DO director, Superintendent**
March: New History & Social Framework: **5 teachers, 1 principal**

*These PD will continue with multiple days. ** These PD will continue monthly until May 2017.

LCAP #1 – Increase graduation rate for all students, college and career ready.
LCAP #2 – SUSD will provide a high quality and comprehensive instructional program
LCAP #5 –SUSD will attract, recruit, support, and retain a highly effect and diverse workforce.

Technology



Macbook and iPad Updates

Staff, please note that should your devices try to automatically update their operating system, this is now OK as we have completed our testing our district's programs. This is not a required update for anyone.



Monterey CUE Event

Dive into MBCUE!

Come Socialize, Talk Edtech, & Eat Killer Salsa
Friday, February 24, 5:00-7:00
Join us @ **MIKE'S** 
10749 Merritt St, Castroville



Tech Committee Highlight (LCAP Goal 2)

This week's Tech Committee Highlight is Ms. Empson at Jack. Ms. Empson's class was using the Story Maker app on their iPads to create stories. The students were able to draw illustrations, and narrate their story by speaking into their iPad. Once their assignment was complete, they used AirPlay on their classroom's Apple TV for students to project their iPad screen onto the front of the class to share their stories. What a great way to use iPads in the classroom!





Weekly FMOT Activity Report

The FMOT Director conducted all school site meetings this week to review work order status and special projects or concerns with Principals or Vice Principals. Jeffery Lopez at the CEC was not available so met with staff at the office.

Ongoing meetings regarding the Main Street Middle School project are providing continued value engineering. This week reviewed cost savings to install a wireless intrusion system and compare pricing for flooring systems from another vendor. This week including discussions on reuse of existing buildings or relocatables based on Board directions.

The Purchase Order was issued to Budget Blinds for new vertical blinds at Main Street Middle Schools priority classrooms. The installation scheduled to start on Tuesday February 21st with access to rooms 5 and 18.

A Meeting was held with the future bus drivers in training to review deadlines for SPED transportation take-back.

Entry ramp to Gabilan Elementary damaged by delivery truck repaired within two days. Delivery vehicle will receive invoice for cost.

Another week of outstanding work at Frank L., Rose F., and Jack F. by the new grounds crew. This week we are adding CEC facility to the new grounds crew to start to balance the district work load. The district is short grounds staff hours district wide.

The rains have continued to cause delays in some outside maintenance projects scheduled.



TRANSPORTATION

Did you know.....

At the beginning of the school year we changed our field trip rates. We no longer charge a flat rate fee. It is now based on mileage and actual time taken, which is a more cost effective rate than in previous years. I am forwarding the information to all site secretaries should you have any question's regarding cost per trip, or, please call Transportation @ 678-2180 with any field trip questions.

Main Street Construction Update

The District has experienced an increase in their housing needs for the upcoming 2017 – 2018 school year. The Board approved retaining 10 classrooms of the existing campus and adding 2 boys and girls restrooms in order to accommodate for the current enrollment and future MSMS housing needs.

Option 4
10 existing classrooms to remain (8 classrooms + 2 learning center) + restrooms = 810 students

Upcoming Staff Training Opportunities

SELPA: Evidence-based Practices for Students with ASD in the School Setting for Support Staff (Soledad USD)

Feb 22, 2017

This is a By-Request Training for Soledad USD. Please contact Patti Bangs at pjbangs@montereycoe.org or (831)755-0339 if you are interested in attending this training.

Event Details

Title	SELPA: Evidence-based Practices for Students with ASD in the School Setting for Support Staff (Soledad USD)
Date(s)	Feb 22, 2017
Time	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Price	There are no fees associated with this event.
Location	Location Not Specified
Contact	SELPA Staff selpa@montereycoe.org P: (831) 755-6464
Sponsor	SELPA

MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ONE DAY ONLY – Space is limited
DR. LUIS CRUZ at MCOE

Leadership Instructional coaching Foundations Principals' Network Fierce Conversations Administrator induction	Data-Driven Instruction Evidence-based teaching Leading and coaching integrated and Disengaged academic English Language Development Linking assessment results with instruction Learning walks Linking assessment results to instructional planning	Social Emotional Learning Growth Mindset Customizing school climate Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems (PBIS) Collaborative conversations	Parent Empowerment Growth Mindset School Site Council training Expanded Learning Parent Empowerment Conference English Learner Advisory Committee training
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EVENT INFORMATION

Date: March 7, 2017	Intended Audience: School Site Leadership Teams
Time: 8:30am - 3:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals Assistant Principals Coaches Teachers
Location: 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas Room - WC-B	
Cost: \$100.00 per person	

CONTACT US:
Gwinnett@owd.com | gfrindt@montereycoe.org | (831) 755-0334

To register go to: <http://monterey.k12oms.org/1519-128229>

Monterey County Office of Education | (831) 755-0300 | 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA 93901

Free Awareness Trainings & Events

LGBTQ+ Sensitivity Training

Presented by Lori Caldeira, Kelly Baraki, and Miranda Mossey

What about LGBTQ+ legal issues in schools?

What do I need to know?

What does it mean to be LGBTQ+?

When: March 1st, 2017, Dinner @4:30 and Presentation @5:00
Please RSVP by Feb. 27th to 831-262-3682

Where: Region I - Central Coast Counties Service Center, 928 East Blanco Road, Suite 100

Who: Teachers, Administration, Ed. Professionals, and Parents

LATINX L.G.B.T.Q. FILM FESTIVAL

2017

<p>FEB 24 VIERNES FRIDAY 6:30PM</p> <p>Tres Gotas de Agua: Corto / Short MOSQUITA Y MARE: Largometraje / Feature</p>	
<p>FEB 25 SABADO SATURDAY 12:30PM</p> <p>Story Corps Audio: Corto / Short SALTA: documental / Documentary Libertad: documental / Documentary Panel Discussion / Panel de Discusion</p>	
<p>FEB 25 SABADO SATURDAY 3:30PM</p> <p>RAISING ZOEY: Largometraje / Feature Panel Discussion / Panel de Discusion</p>	

EVENTO GRATUITO FREE EVENT

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