



Soledad Unified School District Weekly Newsletter

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2016/2017 THEME: DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE

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BRIGHT SPOTS

MAIN STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION CEREMONY

The Promotion Ceremony for Main Street Middle School students was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Gene Martin Stadium. Congratulations to the 8th graders on their way to Soledad High School.

Soledad High School Graduation Exercises will be hold on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gene Martin Stadium.



Special Projects

Coming Up:

- Summer School 6/12 - 7/7
- SUSD Board Meetings: 6/14 and 6/28

ASP

All after school programs enjoyed assemblies there last two weeks of school
Below are pictures of a BMX assembly at Jack Franscioni (LCAP Goals 2 & 4) .



Working to improve interagency collaboration for the educational success of Monterey County's Foster Youth

MONTEREY COUNTY FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT 2017

Registration is now open!
Thursday June 15th at CSUMB

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Youth voice - what works, opportunities for growth
- Trauma informed practices for schools
- Educational stability planning
- Transitions to higher education
- Support districts' LCAP plans to serve the unique population
- Connect and collaborate with support agencies

Desired Audience: Education Leaders, Child Welfare, Probation, Courts, Future Teachers & Social Workers, CASA, Caregivers, Foster Youth, Mental Health, CSDS, Higher Education

Keynote Speaker and Author, Derek Clark, will share his inspirational story of resilience and redemption. After spending 13 years in the foster care system, Derek learned how to cope with adversity, overcome hardship, and to defy artificial limitations imposed upon him by labels. He will inspire the audience - adults and youth alike - to never limit our lives... and never give up!

Derek "The Flipping One" Clark has over 100 million views and is a viral video sensation! He is the author of seven books including "Shedder the Label", "Never Limit Your Life" and the "I Will Never Give Up" book series.

Cost: Free, lunch included
Location: CSU Monterey Bay
T & A Library, Auditorium Room 1108
4100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA
 tentative Schedule:
8:30 - 8:30: Registration
8:30 - 4:00: General Session & workshops

Registration is required for this event. Please click on the link below:
<https://www.montereycounty.org/development/programs/1118464-131448>
To go to www.montereycounty.org and click on the Professional Development tab.

For more information, please contact: Erin Ramirez, Foster Youth Services Coordinator * 831-764-6227 * er Ramirez@montereycounty.org

We have finished another successful year. I hope all of you have an excellent summer! As you start to relax this summer I wanted to share one more learning opportunity. The MCOE Foster Youth Summit is a wonderful learning experience. Hearing from the foster youth, at this summit, is tremendously powerful. If you're free I highly recommend it. Check out MCOE'S webpage to register. (LCAP Goals 2 & 6)

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Inclusion and Family Benefits

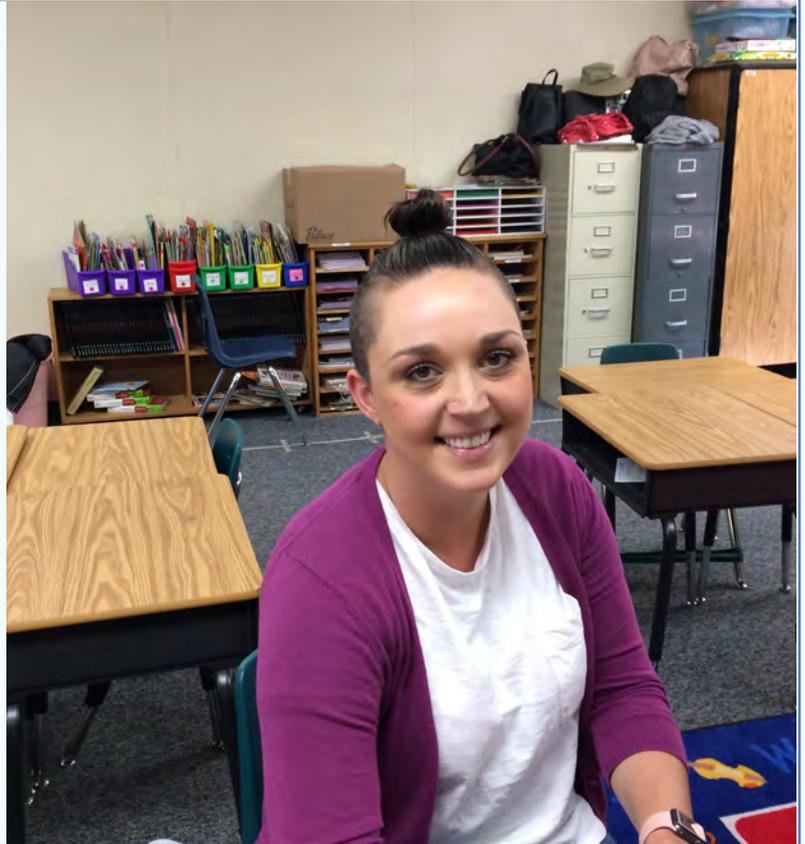
- Feeling positive about themselves and their children by seeing their children accepted by others
- Seeing their children successful in the inclusion setting and belonging to the community

School Climate for Success

- General educators expect to teach students with a full range of disabilities in their classrooms for meaningful parts of their day
- Educators must ensure that all students are welcome and seen as contributing

District Highlight

Pictured, Heidi Lawson who is a Special Day Class teacher at Gabilan Elementary School. Ms. Lawson is finishing her first year here in Soledad, but you would never know it if you observed her and the incredible skills she has working with the K-2 students in her classroom. Thank you for all you do Ms. Lawson!



CSBA - Budget deal comes together

Last night, Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders came together on the construct of a budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year; a deal that will be voted on in time to meet the June 15 deadline.

Details on the education portion of the budget include:

1. Funding LCFF to approximately 97 percent of implementation as proposed by the governor in the May Revision.
2. COLAs funded at 1.56 percent per statute.
3. One-time money to be distributed late in 2017-18 fiscal year at \$876 million (about \$148 per student). The May Revision proposal to sequester one-time money until 2019 is reportedly not included.
4. May Revision proposal to suspend/waive Test 3B through 2020-21 is reportedly included in the budget. No impact on current year or 2017-18.
5. Governor's language on Proposition 51 facilities bond money distribution will be contained in the education trailer bill to include new audit requirements and a new grant agreement.
6. COLA added to mandate block grant as was the CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) program.
7. \$50 million added to the CA After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program to help cover increasing costs, mostly from new minimum wage requirements.



Flexibility in Food Services Programs for 2017/18:

Local educational agencies (LEAs) with Child Nutrition Services (CNS) are referred to as School Food Authorities (SFAs) by the United States Department of Agriculture, the agency responsible for regulations and oversight of child nutrition programs.

We hear from many clients as they struggle with the CNS costs with one consistent theme—the regulations are too restrictive and the students don't want to eat "flavorless" food.

There is some relief in 2017-18 as flexibilities are available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 Section 747 [P.L. 115-31], which provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium, and flavored milk for 2017-18. The Act allows state agencies to offer exemptions to the whole grain requirement if the SFA can demonstrate hardships in "procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students." Exemptions are allowed for any grain product. State agencies also have discretion to grant SFAs exemptions allowing service of 1% low-fat, flavored milk in the CNS as well as a competitive food for sale on campus. In order to qualify for this exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in milk waste. A hardship can be demonstrated by: 1) A significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal patterns. 2) Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands. 3) A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk. 4) Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk. 5) Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free flavored milk.

Technology



Student iPad Cases

Our board approved our new iPad lease which will provide brand new iPads for all secondary students, as well as rugged built-in wired keyboard cases. We have held off on ordering the cases until we could get some samples into the hands of our students. We wanted to be sure to get their feedback since at the end of the day, they are the ones that will be carrying around the cases and using them. The cases are a bit heavier and bulkier than previous cases, however it was almost a unanimous decision from our students. We were able to visit a few classes at Soledad High and Main Street Middle School, and 99% of students were extremely excited for the case with the built-in keyboard. This is great news! We hope this built-in wired keyboard will offer so much more productivity and keyboarding experience to our students. We have initiated the order process, and as soon as we receive the cases we will be able to call our students in to pickup their new iPads, hopefully by the end of June or early July.





Weekly FMOT Activity Report

- ☒ The FMOT Director did not meet with all school site principals and staff this week due to a variety of projects in preparation for promotion and graduation. Many emails and phone calls covered the urgent issues.
- ☒ The top ten graduates banner was mounted on the highway side of the Foodsco building this week. The banner will remain for about 3 months. Foodsco management was pleased with the installation process.
- ☒ A meeting is scheduled for Monday the 12th to review the City of Soledad camera system.
- ☒ Monday June 12th drivers in training will meet with our CHP officer in King City.
- ☒ The Main Street Middle School promotion was well received by my interviews with various public attending. They appreciated the additional security and the professional appearance. We learned that the canopy over the stage limited the illumination of the students on stage. We are adding stage lighting for the high school graduation. A variety of other lessons learned will be reviewed by maintenance and custodial staff in preparation of a SOP (standard operating procedure) for next year. My only regret was a lack of a hat or sunscreen.
- ☒ The Safety Screens have been installed on the MOT office building for inspection. This system reduces vandalism and illegal entry significantly.
- ☒ We are preparing the Maintenance and Custodial schedules for summer. There are meetings scheduled with each group early next week to provide information and new procedures.
- ☒ Valerie Mansfield is at the driver trainer program and is expected back in two weeks.
- ☒ I am looking forward to a productive summer of facility service.



Have A Great Summer!

It's finally here...the last week of school. It is an exciting time for all of our school sites with the end of the year activities and graduations. Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work and dedication.

I will be out of the office attending the Bus Driver Instructor Certification Course in Sacramento, at the CA Department of Education/Office of School Transportation, from June 4th through June 23rd, returning to work on June 26th.



NAMI Familia-a-Familia class completed the 12 week course this past Wednesday at Main Street Middle School Parent Resource Center.



Nine family members completed the course.
This was the first time NAMI hosted
a class in Soledad!
First of Many!