



Soledad Unified School District Weekly Newsletter

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2016/2017 THEME: DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016



Soledad Rotary Dictionary Project is coming to all third graders. Thanks to our continued partnership with our local club, every third grader will be receiving a dictionary to help them



A blast from the past- We are proud of our history. Who do you recognize?

SUSD- The Pride of our students and staff.

We are partnering again with the Panetta Institute and Monterey County Reads to provide tutors at Rose Ferrero and Frank Ledesma Elementary Schools. Thanks to Principal James, Frank, Harris, Captain Gomez and Chief Peaches for working with cadets to get training to in order to help with reading. Their is a corp of 17-20 eager students ready to get started. The program will launch mid October. This program fits nicely with LCAP Goal 1 and 2.



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Educational Services Team



Elementary Progress Reports

Illuminate will open for data entry for the Elementary Progress Reports on Friday, September 30. All elementary sites should send them home on Oct. 7.

District-Wide PD on Monday, Oct. 3

The District-Wide PD on Monday, Oct.3 will take place in two locations:

1. Rose Ferrero- HM Training on EL instruction within the new adoption materials for all K-6 teachers & MS & HS English teachers.
2. Soledad High School- Using EL integrated instruction throughout the day with the SIOP & GLAD Models- This training is for all SHS & MSMS teachers.

Fisher & Frey- Reading Training

On Tuesday, Sept. 27 Connie Hamilton trained our elementary teachers & administrators on "Rigorous Reading" strategies. Then on Wednesday, Sept. 28, Connie trained the middle school and the high school teachers & administrators. The reading overview included discussion on:

- Vertical Alignment regarding the Common Core standards
 - The 3 Elements of Complex Texts
 - Gradual Release
- The idea is that the staff members that attended this training will be staff developing their sites on the above 3 items so that they can implement these reading strategies.



Connie will be here for her next training on Oct. 18 at the secondary schools & on Oct. 19 at the elementary school. schools.



Stem Scopes Training

The teachers & Learning Directors from the 6-8 Grades were trained on Stem Scopes which includes the New Generation Science Standards on Monday, Sept. 26 in the C&I Building from 8:30-3:00.

Since we couldn't find a time to train all teachers, we trained a few teachers & Learning Directors from each site so that they can train all site teachers on Stem Scopes at one of their staff meetings. The object is for all teachers to pilot Stem Scopes through December to find out if you like it. This new Science Program is totally digital, however you can print copies of the lessons for your students.

First District-Wide Safety Committee

The first District-Wide Safety Committee was held on Thursday, September 29 at 3:30. We shared:

- The Emergency drills that each site had already done
- 2 different Safety Plans & compared them
- Talked about our next steps



We agreed that at our next meeting which will be held the end of October, they will bring the dates that each site will hold their emergency drills throughout the year.

Special Projects

Coming Up:

- Sept. 29/30 Annual CELDT testing
Frank Ledesma
- October 3 - District Wide
Professional Development Day: ELD
Integrated & Designated
- Oct. 4th- 7th Annual CELDT testing
Main Street Middle School

Monday, October 3, 2016
(LCAP GOAL #6)

Our professional development day, Monday, October 3 will be centered around ELD (English Language Development); integrated and designated. Many K-12 teachers will be trained to use the designated ELD curriculum of our newly adopted Houghton-Mifflin curriculum. Secondary teachers of other content areas will receive training in the SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) model and GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) strategies to utilize during integrated ELD of daily instruction.

After School Program



Jack Franscioni After School Program Student's have been busy. Students have completed science experimental projects and assisted youtube art tutorials during their enrichment time.



Meet Dr. Gaige Bailey our newest Family Student Support Coordinator at the High School. Dr. Bailey has assumed her new role quickly; working hard to support the HS and their EL students.

She administered the CELDT with our district team, assisted with HS supervision all while working hard to complete her administrative credential. Thank you for your dedication Gaige!

Erin Ramirez
Special Projects Coordinator
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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Prior Written Notice

As a parent you shall be notified in writing if the district proposes to change the program of your child. The district in writing will:

- *Explain the action
- *Explain why
- *Notice the parent of their rights

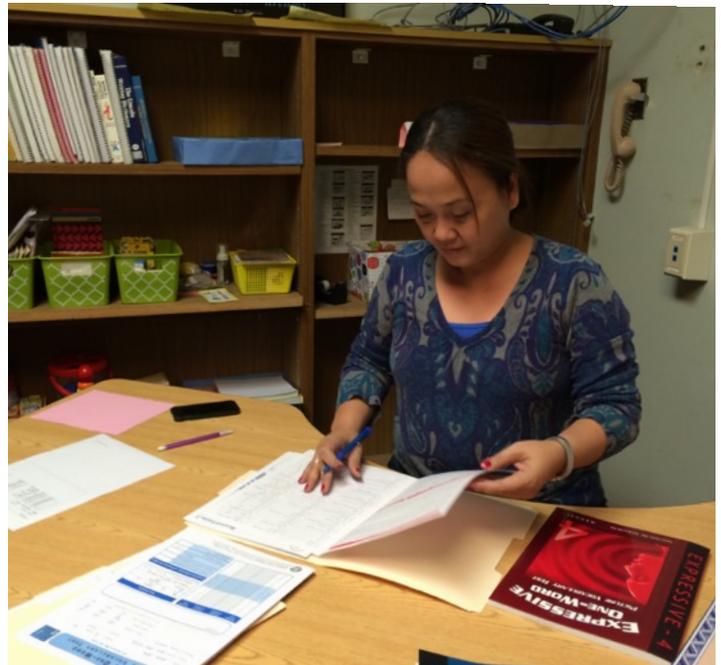
Predetermining Placement

The district may not predetermine the placement of your child before the IEP meeting. You will know this by:

- *The team being open minded
- *Options are discussed
- *Your concerns are considered before the final recommendation is made

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

Clarinda Rivera, pictured is a Speech and Language Pathologist. Clarinda works with students at Main Street Middle School to assist them with any challenges they may have in regard to accessing the curriculum due to an inability to make sounds, or process speech that they hear from their teacher or classmates. Clarinda is in her second year in Soledad and we are thankful for her expertise, and that she is here.



Business Department



SUSD Business Department News

Soledad Unified School District Employees

Friendly Reminder to all sites:
Remember to receive all
Purchase Order items in Escape.

Friendly Reminder:
Remember to attach all packing
slips with a copy of your Purchase
Order before sending it to
Accounts Payable.

This will assure and expedite the
the payment process to all your
vendors in a timely matter.



Business Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

The Fiscal Report

UCLA Forecasters See Slow Economic Growth for 2016



The state and national economies have underperformed expectations this year, with lagging productivity largely to blame, according to economists with the UCLA Anderson Forecast. One year ago, the UCLA group forecast that the U.S. economy would grow 3% in the 2016. Their revised forecast for 2016 Gross Domestic Product growth is now 1.5%.

At the conference on the UCLA campus on September 28, 2016, Senior Economist Davis Shulman explained that it will be extremely difficult for the U.S. economy to return to a 3% annual growth path without an improvement in productivity from near zero about 2%. This observation was put in the context of the major economic proposals offered by the two presidential candidates. Shulman concluded that deficits will rise no matter who wins the White House, but improvements in productivity will take many years, notwithstanding major investments in infrastructure and education, and reform of the U.S. tax codes, as proposed by the candidates.

The big wild card in the forecast is the performance of the global economy and exports. There has been essentially zero growth in U.S. exports for the past two years due to the strong dollar, weak foreign economies, and growing protectionist sentiments. The UCLA forecast assumes a modest increase in exports, but Shulman acknowledges that this is one of the riskiest assumptions in the forecast.

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volume 36 No.19 posted 10/7/2016
Robert Miyashiro*

Human Resources



Join us if you are interested in becoming a Teacher!

November 1st from 4:00pm - 5:15 pm

C&I Building
1261 Metz Road

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Submit benefit change form within open enrollment period:

CVT : Closed

CalPERS: 9/12/16 - 10/7/16

REMINDER

Please register your Credential renewals with the us!



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**Julia Turner – New Teacher Support & Development Coordinator**

**Book Study: Teach Like a Champion 2.0**

Teachers with an emergency-credential will be engaged in an ongoing study of the text Teach Like a Champion 2.0 written by Doug Lemov, a education researcher who has compiled techniques for instruction and management that are practical for implementation into the classroom. At our next seminar, teachers will share Check for Understanding techniques, which they have read and have implemented into their instruction during this past month. They have studied several topics relative to “Gathering Data on Student Mastery” and “Acting on the Data and the Culture of Error.” Teachers have learned that while checking for understanding not only do they ask questions to ascertain student learning, but also teachers must attend to the quality of student responses.

A few key insights about “Check for Understanding” from Teach Like a Champion 2.0:

- Questions require students to respond with specificity.
- Questions require strategic planning to promote critical thinking and responses.
- Students actively demonstrate with evidence their understanding.

As teachers practice these and other techniques in instruction, students will engage more with content, and their achievement will increase.

LCAP #5 – SUSD will attract, recruit, support and retain a highly effective and diverse workforce.

LCAP #2 – SUSD will provide a high quality and comprehensive instructional program.

**Unlocking the Future Today**

# Technology



Soledad Unified School District

## **AERIES PARENT AND STUDENT PORTAL**

Many of our secondary teachers are using gradebook. Parents and students can create portal accounts to view their grades, attendance data, and other information stored in Aeries. Every student or parent who signs up needs to have the following information:

- 1- The student's Permanent ID
- 2 - The students primary phone number listed in Aeries
- 3 - The student's VPC code. School office staff can provide this to parents, teachers please submit a tech request to get a list of this info for your students to sign up.
- 4 - The student or parent must have a working email account.

With that information, they can head to <https://aeries.soledadusd.org/aeries.net/parent>, and click "Create New Account". Follow the steps and in a few minutes parents/students will have created their portal account.



### **CAASPP & NWEA DATA**

CAASPP & NWEA data has been uploaded into Illuminate. CAASPP data has also been imported into Aeries.

### **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

This week we sent home 2 emergency notifications to parents regarding false threats. If you are a parent and did not receive a call, please call your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.



## MAINTENANCE

### FACILITY REQUESTS



As a friendly reminder please remember to submit your Facility Requests in a timely manner. It has to be approved by the site Principal, MOT Director and the District Office. As a courtesy we need to let our custodial staff know with sufficient time to be able to set up. Remember anything that is outside of school hours needs to have a facility request.

## TRANSPORTATION NEWS

### Bus Evacuations

Thank you to all of the drivers, school staff and most importantly the students, for another year of safe and successful school bus evacuation drills.

This is so important because unlike our fire and earthquake drills, this is only once a year.

Thanks to all!!



## State Emergency Repair Program

This is made possible by a 0% interest loan in the amount \$2 million through the California Energy Commission.

Tentative timeline:

Groundbreaking starts December 2016  
Completion is anticipated by April 2017



## Strengthening Families Program

Join Us For Seven Sessions!  
Family discussions and games  
Parent discussions Youth Activities  
& Free light meals!  
For parents and their youth ages 10-13 years



- Help Your Youth:**
- Prepare for the teen years
  - Avoid problems with drugs and alcohol
  - Strengthen family communication

- Families will:**
- Have fun in activities and games
  - Discuss what makes your family strong
  - Solve problems together



- Parents/Caregivers will discuss:**
- What youth this age are like
  - Making rules and consequences
  - How to solve problems with youth
  - Ways to show love and support

- Youth will learn to:**
- Handle frustration
  - Resist peer pressure
  - Appreciate parent / caregivers
  - Get along with others

community human services hope, help, here.

**Class Dates: Monday – 5:30-8:00pm**  
**October 10 – December 5, 2016**

Class in English  
Register in the office  
\*Limited childcare provided\*

**Location: Frank Ledesma Elementary**  
Room: Cafeteria  
973 Vista De Soledad Street

## STRENGTHENING Families PROGRAM

For more information please contact:  
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Strengthening Families Program  
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[www.Partners4Peace.org](http://www.Partners4Peace.org)



## ¡Acompañanos Durante Siete Sesiones!

Platicas familiares y juegos  
Discusiones para padres  
Actividades para los jóvenes &  
Comidas ligeras gratuitas!  
**Para Padres y Jóvenes de 10 a 13 años**  
(Padres y Jóvenes Asistirán Juntos)



- Ayuda a los jóvenes a:**
- Prepararse para la adolescencia
  - Prevenir problemas con las drogas y el alcohol
  - Fortalecer la comunicación familiar

- Las familias:**
- Se divertirán con los juegos y actividades
  - Platicarán sobre lo que fortalece a una familia
  - Solucionarán problemas juntos



- Padres/Guardianes discutirán:**
- Como son los jóvenes durante la adolescencia
  - Como crear reglas y consecuencias
  - Como resolver problemas con los jóvenes
  - Maneras de demostrar amor y apoyo

- Los jóvenes aprenderán:**
- Como tratar con la frustración
  - A resistir la presión de sus amigos
  - A apreciar a sus padres/guardianes

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**10 de Octubre – 5 de Diciembre, 2016**  
Clase en Ingles  
Registrarse en la oficina o llamar Aidee Aldaco  
\*Clase en Español Pendiente En Enero 2017!\*  
\*Cuidado de niños limitado\*

**Donde: Frank Ledesma Elementary**  
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## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day!

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**  
**Gonzales Police Department**  
109 4th St, Gonzales, CA 93926  
**10:00 am-2:00 p.m.**

Gather all your unused or expired prescriptions, and join us in the fight to keep prescription drugs out of the wrong hands, & disposed of properly. Help spread the word!

For more information, contact Dee Acosta  
Sun Street Center in Soledad at  
(831) 385-0100

| Community Flu Clinic Locations                                                 | Age                | Date     | Clinic Time  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| Tularctos Elementary – 35 Ford Rd., Carmel Valley                              | 2 years and older  | 10/6/16  | 3 pm – 6 pm  |
| Cicovia - Along Alisal St. between Helbron Ave. & Pearl St., Salinas           | 6 months and older | 10/9/16  | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Binational Week Closing Event - Closter Park, 403 Towet St., Salinas           | 6 months and older | 10/16/16 | 10 am – 5 pm |
| Palma High School - 919 Iverson St., Salinas                                   | 2 years and older  | 10/18/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| North Monterey County High School - 13990 Castroville Blvd., Castroville       | 2 years and older  | 10/19/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Martin Luther King Headstart - 925 N. Sandborn Rd., Salinas                    | 2 years and older  | 10/20/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Del Rey Elementary - 502 King St., King City                                   | 2 years and older  | 10/25/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Mary Chaps Library & Tech Academy - 490 El Camino Real, Greenfield             | 2 years and older  | 10/26/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Main Street Middle - 441 Main St., Soledad                                     | 2 years and older  | 10/27/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital - 450 E. Rome Ln., Salinas                    | 6 months and older | 10/29/16 | 10 am – 2 pm |
| CSUMB - West Lounge: Student Center, Seaside                                   | 2 years and older  | 11/9/16  | 11 am – 2 pm |
| Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center 850 S <sup>th</sup> St., Gonzales | 6 months and older | 11/12/16 | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Seaside High School - 220 Noche Buena St., Seaside                             | 2 years and older  | 11/15/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Pajaro Middle School - 250 Salinas Rd., Watsonville                            | 2 years and older  | 11/16/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |
| Loma Vista Elementary - 757 Sausal Dr., Salinas                                | 2 years and older  | 11/17/16 | 4 pm – 7 pm  |



## Free Flue Shots!

| Clinicas de la Comunidad de Vacunas Contra la Gripe                            | Edad           | Fecha    | Horario de Clinica |
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