



Soledad USD Superintendent's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees



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

Dear Trustees,
A lot of wonderful things happened this week. Our students and staff continue to be amazing. Here is just a small snap shot of what's happening.

February 26, 2016

SHS AG Academy hosts FARM DAYS!



Ms. Miller's class refine their bowling skills in Salinas!



Congratulations to Lady Aztecs - they won their first CCF Championship game on Wednesday, February 25, 2016. The next game is on Saturday, February 27, 2016 @ 7:00 pm at Soledad High School Gene Martin Stadium. The boys played a great soccer game at Kazer Stadium in San Francisco. We have amazing students and staff who are amazing athletes and coaches!

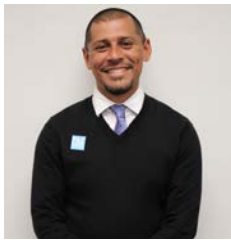


San Vicente Students go to the Symphony



Frank Ledesma students show their support for anti-bullying





Educational Services



Parent Conferences & Timeline for Inputting Grades

Below is the timeline for inputting grades for our elementary schools for the Second Trimester. Since our elementary teachers discussed these below dates at the February 4th District-Wide Grade Level Meetings, it is important to stick to them. Illuminate will close on 3-11-16 at 5:00 p.m. so that the secretaries can print the report cards on the morning of 3/14/16 before the Parent Conferences begin.



- 2nd Trimester Grading Timeline
- 2nd Trimester Ends 3-9-16
- Illuminate Opens for Report Card Data Entry- 3-4-16
- . 1st Non-Meeting Day- 3-7-16
- . 2nd Non-Meeting Day- 3-8-16
- . 3rd Non-Meeting Day- 3-9-16
- . 2nd Trimester Report Cards Completed- Illuminate Closes- 3-10-16
- . 2nd Trimester Report Cards Verified/Printed/Distributed- 3-11-16
- . Spring Parent Conference Week- 3/14/16 – 3/18/16

Main Street Parent Conferences



Our Trojan families had parent conferences this week. Parents were welcomed to attend multiple days after minimum day schedule to conference with either individual teachers or team teachers. A big shout to Ms. Swift, her admin, counseling, teachers, and support staff for executing an effective Parent Conference Week!

Future Famers of America Elementary School Tours

Soledad High School's Award Winning Future Famers of America Club students hosted their annual elementary school tours. Several dozen classes of our elementary schools had an opportunity to tour the SHS "Farm" and experienced several animals that our high school students learn from and tend to. Here's some young scholars from Rose Ferrero Elementary.



Special Projects

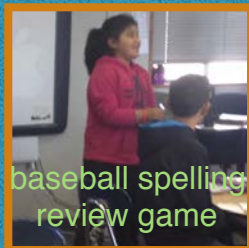
English Learners

Classroom Highlights

Recent classroom visits to Rose Ferrero were exciting as I watched students, including English learners, work collaboratively, read in pairs, and discuss ideas with their teams and/or partner. One first grade classroom used their senses to complete a writing test about muffins. Another room I visited used a game to review spelling words. Interactive strategies that help engage all students. Student interactions help build language fluency!



Partner reread



baseball spelling review game



5th graders working together

Migrant Education

CSUMB

High School to College Day
February 24, 2016



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SPECIAL EDUCATION

What is Autism?

*Autism is a developmental disability significantly affecting:

-Verbal Communication

-Nonverbal Communication

-Social Interaction

-This is generally evident before the age of three

Other Characteristics Associated with Autism

*Engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements

*Resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines

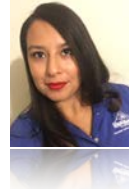
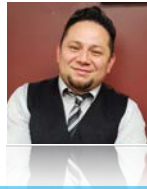
*Unusual responses to environmental change in daily routines, such as sounds and/or light

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

Mariela Gonzalez, is an Instructional Aide at Jack Francioni Elementary School. Mariela has been at Jack Francioni for four years. Her high level of skill and knowledge are only matched by her positive attitude and hard work that she brings to the classroom everyday. Thank you for all you do Mariela, we appreciate you!



Business Department



Friendly Reminder:

When submitting a reimbursement for meals, supplies, etc. please remember to attach an itemized receipt with your request paperwork; otherwise the Per Diem amount will be process.

Lastly, don't forget that the mileage rate for transportation expenses has change beginning in January 2016 the new rate will be .54 cents per mile.

Payroll Warrants:

All SUSD Employees

Reminder: Payday is Monday,
February 29, 2016.

SITE MEETINGS

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 a meeting was held at the District Office's C&I Building to discuss Associated Student Body Accounting.

The presenter of this workshop was Karen Hennessy, Director of District Advisory of the Monterey County Office of Education. Among the attendees were representatives from all the school sites, Fernando Cubias and Aimee Bealeu from the Business Office and principals from Jack Francioni Elementary, San Vicente Elementary. The purpose of the meeting was to keep the sites informed and aware of the State of California and Board of Education laws and regulations.

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 Cesar Vega attended the Business Advisory Committee held at the Monterey County Office of Education. This meetings are held monthly to update and keep CBO's in the Monterey County area informed.

Business Department Helpful Tip

In Elementary School is not too Early to Think and Plan for your Child's College Education.

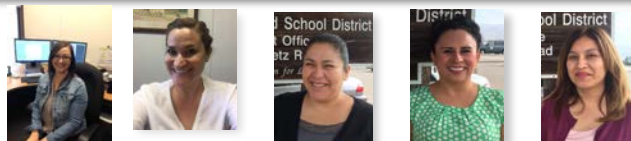
According to the U.S. Department of Education, here are some helpful tips to help you achieve that goal.

*Coverdell Education Saving Account: it allows up to \$2,000 a year to be put aside for a student's education expenses (elementary, secondary, or college).

*Qualified Tuition Programs (QTP's also known as 529 Plans): established by state or school so that you can either prepay or save up to pay education-related expenses. Once in college you withdraw money from your account to pay your education expenses, the money you withdraw will not be taxed.

Lastly, take advantage of the tools the U.S. Department of Ed. provides for you to prepare for the future of your child.

Human Resources



Brandman University is presently offering scholarships to teachers who you are interested in pursuing a **career in administration**. Please see the informational flyer on our website to see how you might be able to take advantage of up to **\$4,000 in scholarship monies**. If you are interested you must apply to the University by 3/15/2016. Any questions please direct them to **Dr. Donna Fearnside** at defearns@brandman.edu.

Ethic Course Offerings through National University are Available

There is a movement growing within the greater P-12 and educator preparation communities to ensure educators and prospective educators understand how professional decision-making can impact the safety and well-being of children, as well as the culture and mission of the school (NASDTEC, 2015). Evaluate your own understanding and awareness of the ethical issues surrounding student technology use in and out of the classroom and develop instructional strategies to utilize technology as a teacher without the risk of misconduct.

Currently Scheduled to start 3/29 and 5/10 for 3 semester units:

EDU/538: Cyberethics for Educators

EDU/539: K-12 Cybertraps: Strategies for Teaching Digital Citizenship

For more information on course offerings with one of our University partners, please contact Penny Roberts at penny.roberts@phoenix.edu

Reflection on the CISC 2016: Leading to Ignite Innovation

What can happen when fifteen hundred educators convene in Monterey to consider copious pedagogies, instructional practices, reform protocols presented by experts, experts such as John Hattie who has committed decades correlating instructional practices to their quantitative impacts on student achievement, or Bernard Kinsey who has committed decades collecting first-hand artifacts corroborating the Myth of Absence as it defines the presence of African-Americans in historical accounting, or Sal Khan who has committed a decade to creating educational opportunities free for everyone forever, or state educators committed to stimulating thinking of attendees in their seminars?

What can happen?

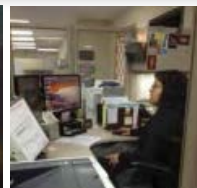
- Educators change.
- A good time was had by all attending the seminars.
- A good time was had by all sight-seeing beautiful Monterey.
- Tens of thousand of students will benefit from their teachers and administrators' learning.

Speakers posed this question metacognitively.

- What will be the impact your of being here: business as usual or change?
- What do you do with new information?

As I reflect on the information I have imbibed here at the Curriculum & Instruction Steering Committee Symposium here in Monterey, I know what I hope my answer to be.

Technology



TECHNOLOGY AT NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are currently in the process of finalizing classroom technology choices at the new middle school. We have gotten input from Main Street teachers and are very excited about moving towards 21st century classroom technologies.



MONTEREY COUNTY EdTECH ACADEMY

The next meeting for Monterey County EdTech Academy is March 1st. This event is put on by MCOE to expand teachers' knowledge of instructional technology and build teacher leadership.

For more information, visit monterey.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=106185.

DISTRICT'S TECH COMMITTEE

Our District's Tech Committee will be revamped soon. If you feel you have been successful in integrating the iPads with classroom learning, please email Annette Trujillo. We will be looking at opportunities for you to provide some PD for your colleagues.



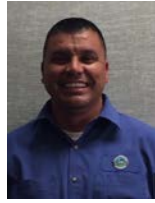
TECH INTERVIEWS

This week we held interviews for Computer Tech. We have been short staffed all year and have had no luck finding a strong candidate. Once we find someone, he/she will be assigned to Main Street Middle School to help support all the new technology on campus.

CALPADS FALL 2 DEADLINE

Our data team is working hard to ensure we complete data collection for Fall 2 deadline of March 4th.

MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES & BOND



NEW surveillance signs will be posted at all sites to advise the community that the campus is under surveillance 24 hours a day. This is in effort to provide better security to the community, students and campus facility.



Please help welcome two new employees hired for the MOTF Department, we are pleased to have them join our team

Gabriel Almanza was hired on December 14, 2015 as a Custodian/Bus Driver II, he will be assigned to Soledad High School. He was previously employed through the district as an Aide at MSMS.

Edgar Hernandez was hired on February 18, 2016 also as a Custodian/Bus Driver II he will also be assigned to Soledad High School. Edgar was a former SUSD graduate.

Both are currently enrolled to start this weekend the "Original School Bus Driving Class" with the Mission Trails ROP Center in Salinas, Good Luck to you both!



The Soledad community weathered a windstorm last Wednesday and Thursday that tore down some trees at Gabilan School. Our grounds departments determine the trees where extremely brittle and needed to be removed, a tree company was brought in to professionally remove the trees.

Gabriel Almanza and Edgar Hernandez, who are at the beginning stages of their school bus driver training, we also have Antolina Zuniga, Custodian at Jack Francioni who is working on her School Bus Certificate and has passed her DMV portion, Antolina is ready to take her written exam with the CHP. Valerie Mansfield, Dispatcher has completed all steps and is scheduled for a drive test with the CHP, the final step before receiving her "California Special Driver Certificate"

The following are steps to become a School Bus Driver:

- Original School Bus Driving Class (about 35 hours)
- DMV Physical
- DMV Commercial License (4 tests)
- Written Exam with CHP
- First Aide Course or may take written exam with CHP
- 20 Hours, Behind the Wheel Training
- Drive Test with CHP



Main Street Middle School construction project is progressing. Site utilities are the main scope of work which is progressing on schedule.

Some items include:

- Storm drains
- City water connections
- Sewer laterals
- Concrete demo

One unique feature will be the storm drain connections that will surround new school buildings. They are designed to drain rain water quickly from grounds

Universidad de Padres

Escuela Jack Francioni
779 Orchard Ln.
Soledad Ca, 93960

Presentación sera en Espanol!



Bienvenidos todos los padres!

Cuando: 23 de Febrero
Hora: 6:00 P.M – 7:30 P.M
Donde: Biblioteca de Jack Francioni

Presentado por: Efraim Ramirez / Jorge Mata - Consultores

Introducción por: Dr. Patricia Moreno, Directora de la Escuela Jack Francioni y Elvia Espino, Comunicadora de Familia y estudiantes

Padres, están todos invitados a asistir a nuestro primer taller de la universidad de padres. Hemos invitado a un representante de la prevención de abuso de Niños y Consejo del Condado de Monterrey para dar la presentación. Vamos a tocar los temas relacionados con el manejo de la ira del niño, comunicación y disciplina para los hijos.

Ensena a todos a todos ahí! Todos unidos para el mejor interés de nuestra familia!

Universidad de Padres

- ❖ 2/23/16 – Mejoramos Comunicacion en Nuestro Hogar
 - ❖ 3/1/16 – Abuso Emocional
- ❖ 3/15/16 – Aumentar La Autoestima en los Niños
- ❖ 3/22/16 – Como ser un Padre Eficaz durante los primeros años de la adolescencia
 - ❖ 4/5/16 – Consejos Para la crianza de los hijos
- ❖ 4/19/16 – Diez Mandamientos para Ser Buenos Padres
- ❖ 4/26/16 – El Papel de la Disciplina en la Educacion de los Niños
- ❖ 5/3/16 – Intimidacion y Miedo (una forma de bullying)
 - ❖ 5/17/16 – Saber Escuchar



SHS YEA Group conducted a Duct Tape Activity to demonstrate how it feels to be "stuck" in an unhealthy relationship. Students wrote messages that one hears in an abusive relationship. Thank you Mr. Maturino for volunteering!

New South County Location!

Sibshop for Siblings of Children with Special Needs

Saturday, April 30 ~ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gonzales Head Start ~ 550 Fifth Street, Gonzales

When a child has a disability or special need, the entire family is affected. Sibshops provide support and guidance to typically-developing siblings of children with special needs. Siblings, ages 8 to 13, are encouraged to share the challenges and celebrate the joys with brothers and sisters in similar situations. This lively, action-packed 4 hour workshop mixes information and discussion activities with opportunities to make new friends and share experiences with peers who understand. Note: Children should already be aware of their sibling's disability/special need. The cost is \$15 per child and includes lunch. Space is limited. To enroll, download the registration form (English or Spanish), complete and mail with \$15/child payment to Easter Seals Central California, Attn: Sibshops, 9010 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.
www.specialkidscrusade.org