



Soledad Unified School District Weekly Newsletter

Timothy J. Vanoli, Superintendent

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Soledad Rotarians Distribute Dictionaries to all 3rd Graders

Many students at Jack Franscioni were happy to meet the man behind the school name. What a great honor to have Mr. Franscioni come and distribute the dictionaries to the students. They were all very happy to receive a free dictionary. Dictionaries were distributed to students at Rose Ferrero, Jack Franscioni & Frank Ledesma Elementaries. Next week Rotarians will distribute more dictionaries at San Vicente and Gabilan Schools. Thank you to the Soledad Rotary Club!



Frank Ledesma students spending their Jaguar Bucks



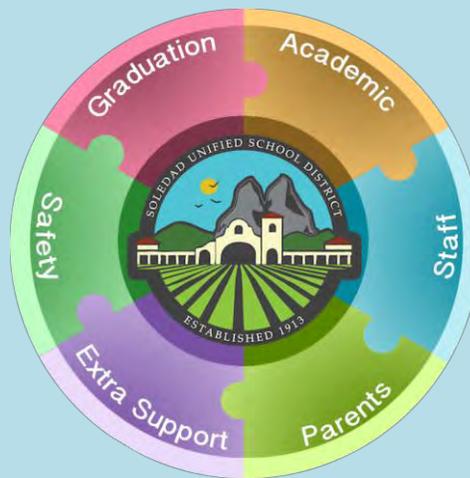
Thank you to Ms. Hillary Chambers, Counselor and Maribel Franco, Family Liaison for helping our students



Rose Ferrero Back to School Night –Thursday, September 14th



“The Educational Services Department supports teachers in continuous improvement of their knowledge and skills. We aim to support teachers in delivering as well as sustained professional learning and the Systematic Instructional Framework.”



EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Jorge Z. Guzman, Associate Superintendent
 Dianne Witwer, Director of Student Serv., Assessment & Accountability
 Erin Ramirez, Special Projects Coordinator
 Annette Trujillo, Director of Technology
 Nathan Moreno, Special Education Director
 Lori Morones, Program Coordinator and Preschool

Williams Visit: Main Street Middle School, Soledad High School, Gabilan Elementary and San Vicente School all pass the Audit on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Facilities. Congratulations on a job well done.



FREE!!

LEARN TO CODE

6 Saturdays starting September 30, 2017

Enrollment is for students ages 8-17 Who are attending a school in the Soledad School District

Interested: Fill out an application at <http://www.hartnell.edu/coderdojo>

Through our partnership with Hartnell College, CODERDOJO will be offered at Rose Ferrero Elementary School. You can find more information on www.hartnell.edu/coderdojo. Please encourage student participation.

2017-18 Schedule:

Fall: Saturday's starting September 30 to November 4, Field trip November 11 (field trip to the Computer History Museum)

Spring: Saturday's starting February 24 to March 31, Field Trip April 7

Summer: Everyday starting June 11 to June 15, Field Trip on June 16

Times: 9:00am-12:00 pm

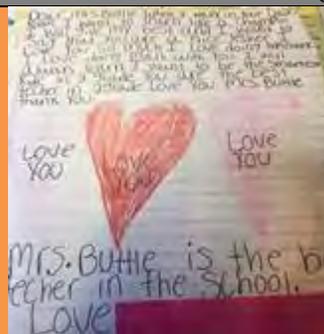
Location: Rose Ferrero School

Facts on Williams Lawsuit -In 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger reached settlement on a lawsuit that alleged that the state failed to provide public school students with equal access to impoverished students. Components of the Williams Legislation include:

- Instructional Textbooks and Materials (sufficiency and access to stated adopted core materials)
- Facilities(Safe, clean and good working order)
- School Accountability Report Card (SARC) (each school does an annual update in February and posted to our website)
- Uniform Complaint Procedures (are posted in every classroom)
- Teacher Misassignments (Certified and Credentialed teachers for all students, a credentials audit is done sometime in the fall).

District Superintendents and District Boards receive quarterly and annual reports regarding the results and reviews of the ongoing Williams Legislation oversight during the academic school year. Williams and the key components also addressed in the state priorities which is now part of our Local Control Accountability Plan or LCAP.

Teacher Highlights: Learn like a Champion



It is always nice when our teachers get special notes like this one from a student to Teacher Mrs. Buttle at Frank Ledesma Elementary School. Principal Radtke and staff have been working hard on their Learn Like a Champion campaign. Teachers have been teaching like a champion. All our schools have their academic and PBIS themes going on. Let's highlight the great work our students and teachers are doing every day.



Language Proficiency Testing (LCAP GOAL 6)

This year our district was given the choice to test our annual students with the CELDT. It is not required as it is being replaced with ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments of California) this spring. Our district leadership decided to move forward and allow our annual EL students grades 2-11 the opportunity to assess their language proficiency in hopes to reclassify students before we begin to administer the ELPAC. Now is the time to start practicing for the CELDT assessment and helping students prepare for the test that lies ahead. Encourage them to do their educational best, as it might be the last language assessment they ever have to take!

Spotlight On Staff!



Meet Mr. Thomas Bedoya. Thomas is the newest hired EL Resource Teacher on Special Assignment at Gabilan. Mr. Bedoya joins us from Arizona and has been working hard ever since!

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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COORDINATOR:
ERIN RAMIREZ

1 DELAC Meeting,
September 19, 2017, at
6:00 PM in the Jack
Franscioni Library

2 Annual Back To School
Event, Soledad Mission
Shopping Center,
September 16, 2017 –
come out to support
your after school kids.

3 ELPAC Initial Field
Testing:
August 28, 2017 –
September 22, 2017

Business Department

As noted on September 5, 2017 (see "[CSBA Reports Reaching a Tentative Deal With CTA on Reserve Cap Legislation](#)" in the September 8, 2017, *Fiscal Report*), Senate Bill (SB) 751 (Hill and Glazer) has been amended to make changes to the existing school district reserve cap. If approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, in its proposed form, SB 751 would change the existing reserve cap in the following ways:

- Modify the conditions under which the reserve cap is imposed to the year following the year in which funds in the Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA) *equals or exceeds 3%* of the Proposition 98 funding for school districts for that fiscal year. Current law would impose the reserve cap in the year following *any* contribution to the PSSSA.

Requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to notify districts and local educational agencies when these conditions are met and when they are no longer met

- Modify the reserve cap from a combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balance based on the size of the district to a combined assigned or unassigned ending balance, in the General Fund (01) and the Special Reserve Fund for Other Than Capital Outlay (17), of 10% of those funds for all districts.

Exempts basic aid school districts and districts with fewer than 2,501 average daily attendance from the reserve cap requirement

The bill does not change the four existing conditions that must be met to trigger a deposit into the PSSSA nor does it change districts' ability to seek, and county offices of education's ability to grant, a waiver from the cap. It is important to note that the cap would continue to be in effect for each year after the PSSSA meets the 3% threshold until the PSSSA balance falls below the 3% threshold, compared to the current cap, which would be in effect for a single year following a deposit into the PSSSA of any size.

With some provisions of his bill, Assembly Bill 235, amended into SB 751, Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell (chair of the Assembly Education Committee) has been added as a principal coauthor.

Due to the new 72-hour in print rule (courtesy of the November 2016 Proposition 54), the earliest the Assembly can vote on the amended bill is Saturday, September 9, 2017. The Legislature has until September 15 to approve bills, and the Governor has until October 15 to sign or veto legislation (or allow a bill to become law without his signature).

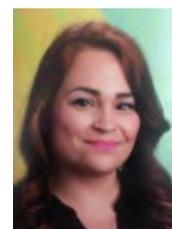
DID YOU KNOW?

[Travel & Conference Policies](#) have been updated.

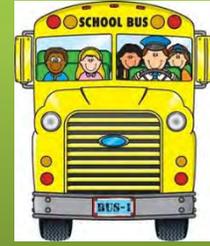
Please take time to review these policies before submitting your request. Any missing or incorrect information will delay approval process.

REMINDER – ESCAPE USERS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECEIVE
PO'S IN ESCAPE



MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Becoming a bus driver is a process with many steps. This past week Antolina Zuniga, custodian at Jack Franscioni, and Sergio Macias, elementary grounds, both passed their written exam with the CHP and are now ready to start training behind the wheel in a school bus. On September 19th and 20th we have Oscar Villalobos (19th), custodian at Soledad High, and Troy Correa (20th), custodian at Main Street Middle, doing their drive test with the CHP. Upon successful completion of a pre-trip bus inspection and driving skills test, we will have 2 new bus drivers in our district.

Wish them luck when you see them!

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

This week started with the Williams audit of San Vicente and Gabilan schools. In both cases the report from auditors was limited due to our rapid response team to resolve issues on the spot. There were no recorded items on the forms from the MCOE auditors. The campus' were sparkling and in good condition. We have the self-audited report for all schools that has been converted into work orders.

A meeting was held with the grounds staff to review equipment needs arounds the district as we continue to grow. Several items will be acquired to place in immediate use and others as back-up equipment. The meeting was very positive engendering team spirit.

This week was the first use of the carpet extraction van. The van will soon be upgraded to include a hot pressure washer. The ultimate value of this vehicle will be for district wide carpet cleaning and emergency clean response, such as exterior graffiti.

The new SPED bus routes are in the process of selection through our seniority process and next week the results will be announce and various position adjustments will be addressed.

Louis Vallejo FMOT Director

Looking for support with Peer Pressure, Healthy Friendships,
Goal Setting, Higher Education and Positive Communication
With your son or daughter?

Join us for Strengthening Families on Tuesday nights
At Main Street Middle School.

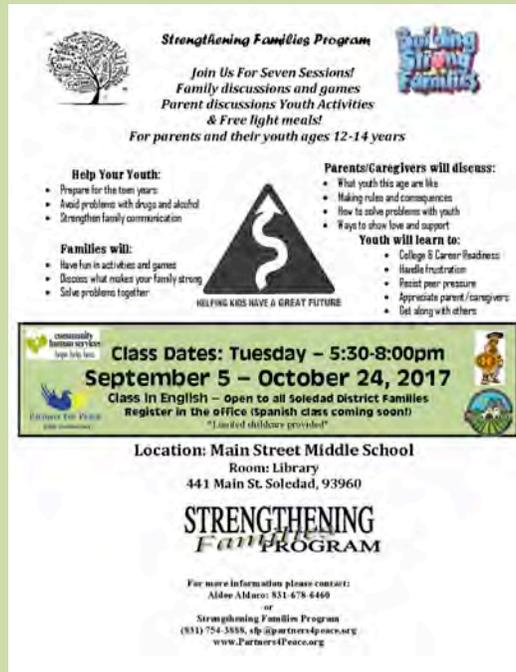
Call Ms. Aidee Aldaco for more information (831) 540-0191.

Agenda:

**5:30 p.m. Preparing for
Higher Education with Ms.
Moreno, School Counselor**

6:00 p.m. Workshop

**7:00 p.m. Family Fun/
Youth Presentations**



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 12-14 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:

- College & Career Readiness
- Handle frustration
- Resist peer pressure
- Appreciate parent/caregivers
- Get along with others

**Class Dates: Tuesday – 5:30-8:00pm
September 5 – October 24, 2017**
Class In English – open to all Soledad District Families
Register in the office (spanish class coming soon!)
Limited slots/dollars provided

**Location: Main Street Middle School
Room: Library
441 Main St. Soledad, 93960**

**STRENGTHENING
Families
PROGRAM**

For more information please contact:
Aidee Aldaco: 831-678-6469
or
Strengthening Families Program
(831) 754-3838, sfp@partners4peace.org
www.Partners4Peace.org

**New Topics
Each Week!**

**Spanish Class
Coming
January
2018!**

HCV / SECTION 8 GENERAL INFORMATION

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), formerly known as “Section 8”, provides assistance for very low-income households (single or family), the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.

Participants who receive vouchers search for their own housing, which may include single-family homes, townhomes and apartments, or even the family’s present residence. HCV assistance is portable anywhere in the United States.

The last time this opened was back in 2015!

Online Application Window Coming Soon!

October 16, 2017-October 31st 2017

<http://hamonterey.org/hcv-section-8/applicants/>