

Friday Memo
April 17, 2015

Upcoming Events – Bruce Harter

April 20-21: Gompers High School (soon to be Greenwood Academy), WASC Visitation
April 20: Hercules High, WASC Visitation
April 21: Collaboration Colloquium, DeJean, 6:00 PM
April 22: Board of Education, DeJean, 6:30 PM
April 23: Safety & School Climate Committee, North Campus, 9:00 AM
April 23: Nutrition Festival, Highland, 8:30 AM
April 23: Student Art Show Reception, Richmond Art Center, 5:00 PM
April 23: District Local Control Accountability Plan Committee, DeJean, 6:30 PM
April 23: MDAC Meeting, Helms Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
April 23: District Jazz Festival, DeAnza Theater, 7:00 PM
April 24: MCAC Meeting, Kennedy Library, 9:00 AM
April 25: Dance Festival, El Cerrito High Theater, 5:00 PM
Through April 26: 50th Annual Student Art Show, Richmond Art Center

Closed Session for April 22 – Bruce Harter

Closed session for Wednesday's meeting will begin at 5:30 PM.

Kennedy English Teacher Finalist for Top Teacher Award – Marcus Walton

Kennedy High School English teacher Ian Bader has been named one of five finalists in the 2015 Comcast SportsNet All-Star Teacher Award contest, giving him the chance to win \$20,000 for his school, the sports network announced. Bader, who is in his 10th year at the school, also advises the rock band and coordinated the Poetry Out Loud competition. School and District staff will help get out the vote for Bader through social media and the District website. To vote for Bader and see the video shot of him by CSN Bay Area, visit www.csnbayarea/AST.

Nystrom Elementary Bomb Threat – Libby MontesNation

On Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 8:27 AM, the office staff at Nystrom Elementary received a bomb threat by phone from a restricted number. Office staff immediately called 911 and reported the threat. Richmond Police Department (RPD) were on scene within ten minutes. WCCUSD Crisis Management Team (CMT) was on-scene at 8:41 AM, assisted Nystrom staff in school wide evacuation to Martin Luther King Park located west of the school (directly behind). CMT staff assisted Richmond PD on-site, as well as Nystrom Staff in the evacuation area. Richmond PD searched premises and found no evidence of bomb on site and called an all clear at 10:17 AM, at which time Nystrom staff performed a reverse evacuation returning students to campus.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) – Steve Collins

After the Spring Break, we had three new cases of Pertussis at the following schools: Hercules High School, Pinole High School, and DeJean Middle School. For the two cases at Hercules and Pinole High School, the nurses received a message from one of the public health nurses that the two students were diagnosed over the break but had been in school when they were symptomatic. One of the district nurses returned the phone call and found out that both students had received

treatment and were clear to go back to school. The district nurse contacted the secretary for each particular school and asked that the ‘Pertussis Exposure letter’ be sent out to the entire school. At DeJean, the district nurse received a call from one of the teachers that she had received a call from a public health nurse regarding a child being diagnosed with Pertussis. The district nurse then confirmed the case with the public health nurse that the child had received treatment. The nurse contacted the secretary at DeJean and asked her to send out the ‘Pertussis Exposure Letter’ to the entire school.

Pertussis is a reportable communicable disease. It needs to be confirmed by a Primary Medical Care Provider and reported to the public health department. In West Contra Costa Unified School District, the district nurse may learn of a possible case of pertussis, from staff, parents, or directly from a public health nurse. Then, a district nurse follows up with the family of the student to obtain more details on the course of the illness in the child. The child is required by a physician to have five days of antibiotic treatment before returning to school. Once a thorough history is obtained from the parents, the nurse communicates with the Public Health Department, Communicable Disease branch, to confirm that they have received notification from the primary care provider regarding positive Pertussis diagnosis. When the case is confirmed, the nurse communicates with the school, and emails the ‘Pertussis Exposure Letter’ for the principal to send out to the parents of the exposed student population. Depending on the age of the child and/or how many confirmed Pertussis cases at that particular school, the letter may go to just the parents of the students in the same grade level, or go to the entire school. See attached “Pertussis Exposure Letter”.

Once the school has been notified, the nurse that is in charge of Immunizations compliance contacts the health aide assigned to the particular school. The health aide reviews the immunization records and notifies the parents of the children who are out of compliance or have exemptions.

Currently, our school district has fewer cases per capita, than the rest of Contra Costa County. Please see attached Statistics from the County Public Health Dept. and our district.

Early Learning Update – Nia Rashidchi

State Preschool

The State preschool program is housed at 16 sites. The focus for this school year has been on creating inspiring learning spaces for our students that support academic and social emotional growth.

Teachers have received several opportunities for professional development. A sampling of professional development this year included: Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) 2015, California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN), Teaching Pyramid (promoting social emotional development), and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS). Professional reads include *Powerful Interactions and Developmentally Appropriate Practices: Focus on Preschoolers*. The preschool curriculum consists of Creative Curriculum, Every Day in Pre-K: Math, Sparks, and additional support classroom materials.

Parent Involvement

Parents are welcome to participate by becoming parent volunteers, PAC committee, and attending parent education training sessions. Parents receive two parent teacher conferences per-school year. The first parent teacher conferences are held in fall and spring. Preschool Classrooms are implementing Raising a Reader (a take home parent education program).

Transitional Kindergarten

This is the third year of full implementation of the TK program. Currently TK classrooms are available at 17 sites. This is the second year of implementing the TK report card. The program has grown significantly and has been well received by our learning communities.

Teachers have participated in multiple opportunities for professional development, taken on leadership roles, visited classrooms, and have shared effective strategies in monthly collaboration sessions.

TK students are unique in their developmental and experiential backgrounds. TK classes are composed of similar age groups. Teachers recognize the students' unique needs, plan carefully, and deliver effective developmentally appropriate programs. TK students have made several gains throughout the school year and students have become confident learners.

There has been an early learning leadership team established that consist of TK and preschool teachers. TK and preschool teams are participating in a special training this school year focusing on social emotional development.

Upcoming Events: Preschool & TK Parents

- Early Learning Parent Education Workshops – April 30th
- Parent Education Week (May)
- Parent Teacher Conferences- May (Preschool & TK)
- Parent Education Training Session-(June)

Teachers

- California Preschool Instructional Program (CPIN)
- Four Early Learning Math Training Sessions- Preschool & TK Teachers
- Raising A Reader Going Deeper Training – Preschool Teachers
- CPIN Science Training- TK & Preschool – April 2015

2015 Being in the Know - Upcoming Summer Professional Development – Nia Rashidchi

This document represents Summer Professional Development Opportunities for our teachers and administrators. We share this type of information early so that folks can participate and make summer vacation plans. We hope board members will be able to attend some of the PD offerings.

June 2015

One-day in June Site ILT End-of-Year Reflection (**Site ILTs Choose What Day**)

June 8 – 9 = FOSS Science training for Summer School

June 8 – 9 OR June 10 – 11 = Summer Institute: Tech Integration, Common Core, & More (Two 2-day Institutes) at Hercules Middle School (200 teachers served at each 2-day institute)

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

June 8 – 9 = Grades Pre-K-2 Mathematics Institute (90 slots)
June 10 – 11 = Grades 3 – 5 Mathematics Institute (90 slots)
June 17 – 18 = ACSA Region 6 Leadership Summit and Awards (Admin.)

July 2015

July 13 – 17 = Fab Lab Institute (20 slots)
July 20 – 21 = Grades 6 – 8 Mathematics Institute (60 slots)
July 22 – 23 = Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II Mathematics Institute (60 slots)

August 2015

August 10 – 14 = STEM-WEST Institute (60 slots)
August 14 = August Advance (will include meeting with Williams Schools and County Office of Education)
August 14 = Autism Training for General Education Teachers
August 17 (Mon.) = **Secondary** Instructional Leadership Team Academy Training (Hs Lordships, Berkeley) – **Attending ILT member names due to Nia’s office by May’s principal meeting. Secondary teams then meet at site on August 18 (Tues.) to continue work.**
August 18 (Tues.) = **Elementary** Instructional Leadership Team Academy Training (Hs Lordships, Berkeley) – **Attending ILT member names due to Nia’s office by May’s principal meeting. Elementary teams then meet at site on August 19 (Wed.) to continue work.**
August 17 = SEIS Training (Refresher)
August 18 = SEIS Training (New Teachers)
August 20 = Regular PD Staff Development Day (State Mandates with Human Resources)

Public Records Log – Marcus Walton

Included in this week’s memo is the log of public records requests received by the district. If you have any questions, please contact me.



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pupil Services Center
2465 Dolan Way, San Pablo, CA 94806
(510) 307-4646 FAX (510) 741-8971

School _____

Date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child may have been exposed to whooping cough (pertussis) at school. Whooping cough is spread through the air when infected people cough or sneeze. Whooping cough vaccine (available for children, adolescents and adults) usually protects, but sometimes even immunized children can get whooping cough. It is very important that you check with your child's health care provider to be sure his/her immunizations are up to date. Children who are not appropriately immunized may be excluded from school if there is an outbreak.

You should suspect whooping cough if your child has sudden burst of uncontrolled coughing that get progressively worse, starting within the next 10-14 days.

If your child has or develops this kind of cough, contact your child's health care provider right away and keep your child home from school. Your health care provider may want to take laboratory samples from your child's nose/throat and prescribe medicine for your whole family to take if your child is ill.

Your child should stay home if she/he has symptoms until she/he has completed one week of medicine. You will also need to notify your school.

If you have questions, please call the Public Health Department at (925) 313-6740. Additional information about whooping cough is available at cchealth.org or by calling The Health Emergency Information Line 1-888-959-9911.

Sincerely,

_____, Principal

West Contra Costa Schools.

Known Cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough, *Tos Ferina*), as of 4-14-2015.

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Elementary Schools.

Chavez 1

Coronado 1

Ellerhorst 1

Ford 1

Hanna Ranch 3

Harding 2

Washington 1

Wilson 2

Middle Schools.

Crespi 1

DeJean 1

Korematsu 1

High Schools.

DeAnza 3

El Cerrito 1

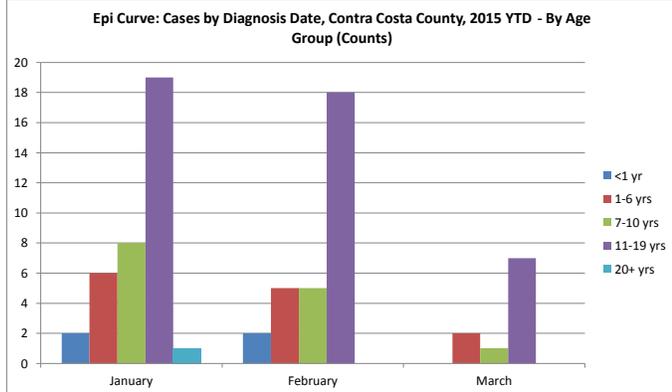
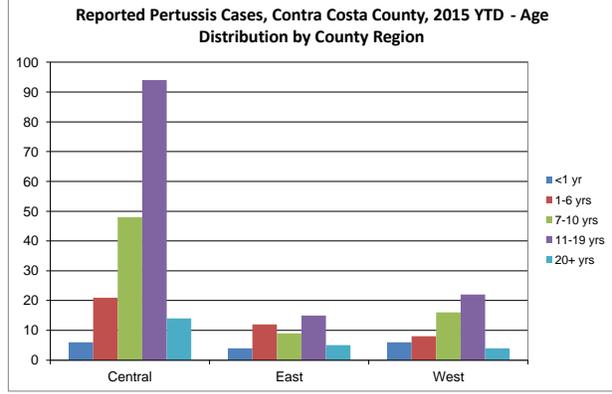
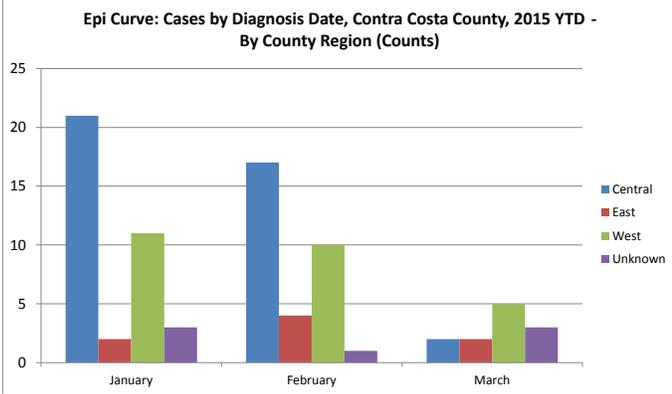
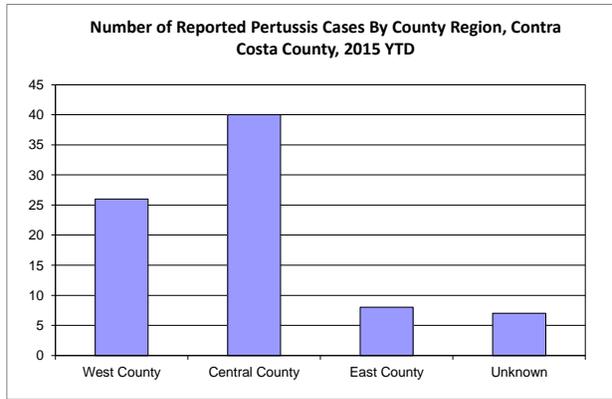
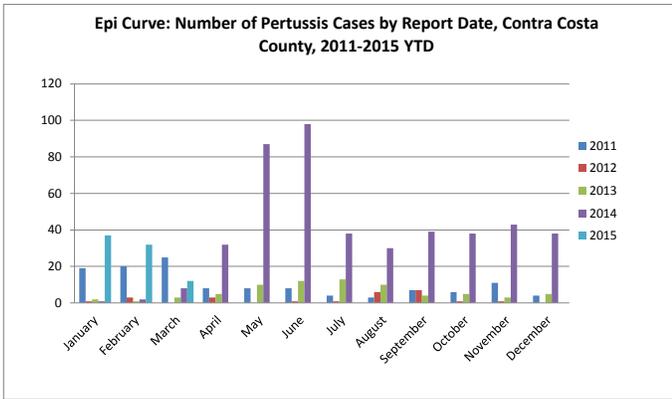
Hercules 5

Pinole Valley 2

Pertussis Cases, Contra Costa County, 2015 YTD (03.10.2015)

Epi Curve Data Entry Table					
Number of Pertussis Cases by Report Date, Contra Costa County, 2011-2015YTD					
Dates of Onset	Number of Cases				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	19	1	2	1	37
February	20	3	1	2	32
March	25	0	3	8	12
April	8	3	5	32	
May	8	0	10	87	
June	8	1	12	98	
July	4	1	13	38	
August	3	6	10	30	
September	7	7	4	39	
October	6	1	5	38	
November	11	1	3	43	
December	4	0	5	38	
Total	123	24	73	454	81

Number of Reported Pertussis Cases by Age, Contra Costa County, 2015 YTD		
Age	No. of Cases	%
< 6 months	3	3.7
6-11 months	1	1.2
1-6 years	13	16.0
7-10 years	14	17.3
11-19 years	44	54.3
20+ years	1	1.2
Unknown	5	6.2
Total	81	100.0



Public Records Request Log 2014-2015
Week Ending April 16, 2015

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
21	8/14/14	Theresa Harrington	All email or correspondence regarding bond refinancing between Jan. 1, 2009 and present	14 Day Extension Email sent – 8/21/2014 On Hold / Pending Legal Review
87	11/18/14	Fatima Alleyne	Washington School Budget / SSC SY 2009 -to- 2013	In Progress Gathering/Reviewing Documents
89	11/18/14	Anton Jungherr	Access to review all CBOC files from 2001 to 10/31/2014	Need clarification of request M. Walton
142	1/15/15	Alison Schoenbeck CA Charter Schools Assoc.	Prop 39 / Charter School Information	4/16/15 Documents/ CD picked up COMPLETED
143	1/15/15	Ron Beller Caliber Schools	Caliber Schools-Beta Academy Information	3/13/2015-Letter sent requesting fees Information received 14 Day Extension Invoked Reviewing remaining Documents
170	2/26/15	Mike Razavi	Pinole Valley High School- Construction Documents from January, 1965 through December, 1970	3/31/2015-Email sent requesting fees Information received
175	3/16/15	Jessica Scott CC Electrical Compliance	Kennedy High / Health Clinic Project Streamline – Fringe Benefit Statements Electrician Certification Statements	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent
176	3/23/15	Michael Strub Jr. Irell & Manella LLP	CA Healthy Kids Survey / CA School Climate Survey / CA Student Survey / LCAP / Student Information / Suspensions / Expulsions / Employment Information	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent 14 Day Extension Invoked
182	4/10/15	Milagros Fajardo Northern CA Fire Prot.	Nystrom Elementary School Project	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent
183	4/13/15	Shalice Otis	Collins Elementary School / Room 1 and/or 7 Abatement and/or Mold Removal Projects for 2013-2014 School Year	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent
184	4/16/15	Anton Jungherr	Swanson & McNamara / Detailed Invoices – February and March, 2015 Services	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent
185	4/16/15	Anton Jungherr	Swanson & McNamara Consultant Contract Services Summary	In Progress Acknowledgement letter sent