

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
June 5, 2020

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

June 8 - July 31: 4-day work week for employees, all sites closed on Fridays

June 10: Board of Education, Video Conference, 6:30 PM

June 15: Summer Distance Learning Begins

June 16: Agenda Setting, 4:30 PM

June 24: Board of Education, Video Conference, 6:30 PM

July 3: Independence Day Holiday Observed, all sites closed

Next Week's Meeting - Matthew Duffy

Next week's Closed Session will begin at 4:30 PM.

Fab Lab to date during COVID-19- Matthew Duffy

For the past several weeks, the WCCUSD FabLab has been fabricating face shields to be distributed locally to medical centers, first responders, district employees, and other essential workers. In an effort to address the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the FabLab has partnered with Chevron to fund materials, and the Richmond Community Foundation to help with logistics. The FabLab team (John Iwawaki, Alex Fleming, and Cicely Day) have been working daily to prep and laser cut materials and assemble the face shields. The goal is to produce 1000 face shields by early June, most of which are earmarked for Kaiser Hospitals, Lifelong Medical Care, and WCCUSD. Contact John Iwawaki at jiwawaki@wccusd.net with questions, or to request face shields.

Other resources:

- [Richmond Standard article 5/19/20](#)
- [a few photos from the project](#)

We've been grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the cause. We've currently produced about 600 of 1000.

DLI and ELD Summer Virtual Academy – Dr. Gracie Guerrero

We are pleased to offer a Bilingual & ELD Virtual Academy this summer! It is a 4-day training opportunity for teachers of English learners and site leaders at Bilingual schools. Differentiated virtual sessions will take place as follows for teachers: K-1st (Friday, June 19); 2-3 grade (Monday, June 22); ELD (Tuesday, June 23); and Virtual Insight for School Leaders (Friday, June 26). Teachers will learn:

- practical ways to create and set-up a virtual bilingual classroom for English learners
- virtual strategies to engage English learners during bilingual lessons
- online strategies to stay organized virtually as well as gain helpful tips for documenting English learners' work

This is an optional training and teachers will receive resources to support their virtual and face-to-face instruction and an honorarium.

School leaders will be able to gain insight into what teachers experienced during the Bilingual & ELD Virtual Academy in order to provide support and formulate expectations.