

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
June 24, 2022

Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D
July 4: Independence Day Holiday

Next Board of Education Meeting June 29, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D
Closed session will begin at 4:30pm

Special Education

Student Spotlight DHH student @ PVHS and her experience in our district. Check out the video:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DDtxA4hdYYBh5c7vkeBZ-qPeRp8CgMQs/view?usp=sharing>

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Saturday, June 18, 2022

[WCCCSB Member Mister Phillips Announces Run for Richmond Mayor - Post News Group](#)

Attorney and West Contra Costa County School Board member Mister Phillips has filed initial papers to run for mayor of Richmond, CA, in November. Phillips said that he is running, because he believes that “the city is heading in the wrong direction.” According to the Bay Area Council, “A record 64 percent of residents say the Bay Area is headed in the wrong direction, a 14-point jump over the previous year and the highest level of dissatisfaction since the poll began in 2014.”

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

[WCCUSD serving summer meals to youth at dozens of locations - Richmond Standard](#)

The WCCUSD Summer Food Service Program is back to provide free healthy meals for children and teens 18 years of age and younger. The program aims to continue to provide nutritious foods to kids while school is out during summer. “Meals are available in parks, libraries, community centers, and other locations throughout West Contra Costa. All children and teens eat free,” according to WCCUSD.

Monday, June 13, 2022

[Community mourns death of Gerald Montgomery, aka 'Mr. Hercules' - Richmond Standard](#)

The Hercules community is mourning the death of Coach Gerald Montgomery, 59, a longtime, beloved and influential member of the Hercules High staff and the local community.

West Contra Costa Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Chris Hurst announced today “with great sadness” that Montgomery died on Sunday. The cause of his death has not yet been revealed. While Montgomery was affectionately known as “Coach G,” Dr. Hurst called him “Mr. Hercules” for the “17 years he worked at Hercules High – doing things like hosting barbecues for students and staff, always looking out for everybody else.”

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Family & Community Engagement - LaResha Martin (Martine Blake & team)

The Expanded Learning Office is continuing to move forward with contracts to support Districtwide summer enrichment. There will be half day enrichment programs at the District's 4 elementary summer school hubs: Ford, Obama, Dover, and Nystrom. Peres will also be hosting a morning academic program with afternoon enrichment through their school year after school partner, Love.Learn.Success. In addition there will be free, full day enrichment camps at West County Mandarin, Chavez, King, Sheldon, Verde, Montalvin, Stewart, Riverside and Downer. To supplement the services of these base summer providers we are also bringing in specialty or "boutique" enrichment providers in the visual and performing arts and chess. The Expanded Learning Office hosted professional development for these program partners Monday, June 13-Friday, June 17. Programs started on Tuesday, June 21st.

We are preparing school year after school contracts for the 2022-2023 SY with our four lead agency partners: Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), Envisioneers, Love.Learn.Success, and the YMCA of the East Bay. Edventure More participated in the Expanded Learning Office's Request for Qualifications process in the spring and was approved as an after school lead agency partner. We are hoping they would be a good match for one of our schools in the Pinole/Hercules area. Presently, there is no expanded learning footprint to support the 750 unduplicated TK-6th graders in this region.

Lastly, on Monday, June 13th, CDE Expanded Learning Division announced a new, two year summer funding opportunity for sites with base ASES and/or 21CCLC expanded learning ("after school") grants: [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Summer Grant Program](#). Unlike the ELO-P funds that we are currently using to support our summer expansion, these funds would be specific to students from participating school sites. We reached out to site administrators last week to see if they would like to be included in the District's application and will provide an update in a subsequent message to notify the WCCUSD School Board if we are awarded the grant.