

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
April 28, 2023

Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

May 2: Budget / Contract Committee Meeting, 9:30 am., Alvarado Adult School MPR

May 2: 23rd Annual Reclassification Ceremony, 5:00 pm., Richmond High School

May 3: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lovonya DeJean

May 8: CBOC Meeting, 6:00 pm, FOC

Positive School Climate, OAASA & Enrollment - LaResha Huffman (LaShante Smith & Team)

The California Healthy Kids Survey is currently being administered. The window will be open until Wednesday, June 7. All students in grades 3-12, school staff, and families are given the opportunity to take the survey. The results from the survey will be back in early July. Please reach out to the Office of Positive School Climate to view the survey or ask any questions you may have.

The COPE (Counseling Options and Parent Education) program, continues to be run at 6 schools. Attendance conferences have begun with families and students are beginning to meet with counselors.

The Transfer Office is continuing to process applications. They are also working on using the district displacement procedures to determine if transfer students who are enrolled at an over-enrolled school will be displaced. They will work with principals at the sites when this situation occurs.

A reminder from the Social Work Team that there are a few days left of April and Stress Management Awareness Month. Our social workers created a list of effective coping strategies for you to try this month. They are:

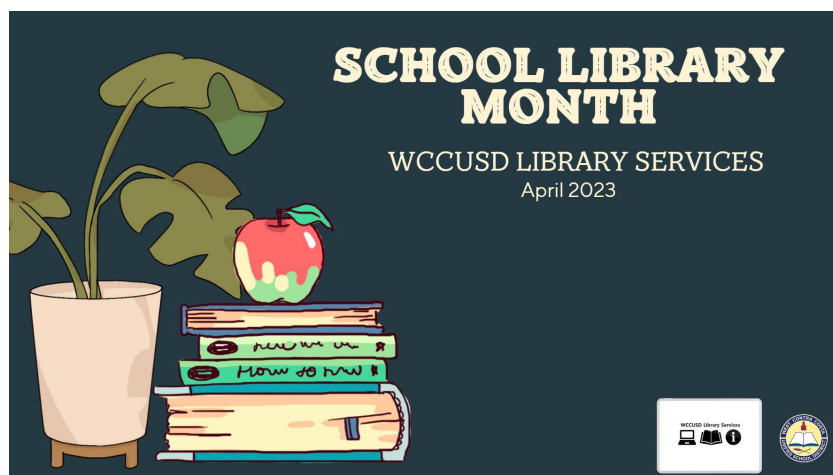
- Practicing mindfulness and relaxation techniques like meditation or yoga.
- Getting regular exercise
- Seeking social support from friends and loved ones.
- Prioritizing self-care activities like sleep and healthy eating.
- Setting realistic goals and boundaries, and seeking professional help if needed.
- Identifying and addressing the root causes of stress in your life is essential, such as overwhelming workloads or relationship problems.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment STEM- LaResha Huffman (Gabriel Chilcott & team)

Library Services (Francie Kunaniec & Team):

April is School Library Month and this week is National Library Week. Keeping with the theme "There's More to the Story," Library Services has been tweeting photos of the many facets of our school library work. [Here is the link to a full slideshow](#) compiling the daily tweets. Many thanks to Library Services Admin Tech Bertha Rohrbach for taking on this creative assignment.

Thank you to everyone who supports library access and the freedom to read for our students.



Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Early Learning/TK-12
Literacy/Humanities/OAASA- LaResha Huffman (Elizabeth Henry & team)

Focus on Literacy at Stege Elementary!

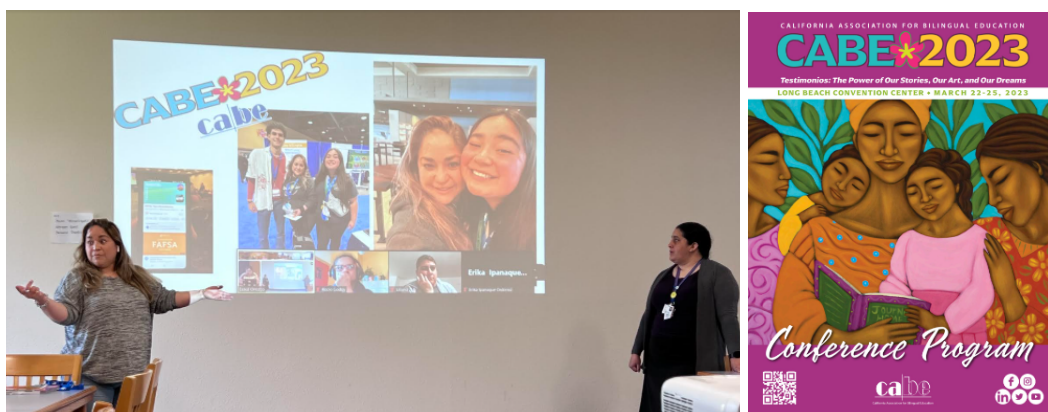
In our continued support of focal sites, the Literacy Team visited Stege elementary during their foundational skills block. The admin team and literacy coach have been working hard to support foundational skills instruction. It was great to see students and teachers in action!



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English Learner Achievement - LaResha Huffman (Esaul Orozco & team)

The office of EL Achievement and the Multilingual District Advisory Committee (MDAC) conducted their monthly meeting. The MDAC co-chairs presented their experience at the California Association of Bilingual (CABE) and best practices our district should explore to adopt. Another highlight of the meeting consisted of participating school community outreach workers (SCOWs) and parents sharing their most memorable school event.



Next week Tuesday is our annual 23rd Reclassification Ceremony from 5pm-7pm at Richmond High School. We are so excited to celebrate our incredible students.



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

The Expanded Learning Office (EXLO) is ramping up for TK-6 summer learning across the District. In addition to offering robust afternoon enrichment for the elementary summer school sites (Bayview, Dover, Lincoln, and Obama) and the site-based summer school programs

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(Coronado and Peres); EXLO will be partnering with 7 youth serving organizations to offer full-day TK-6th grade summer camps at Downer, Harding, Helms, King, Montalving, Murphy, Nystrom.

eduCLIMBER Data Platform Pilot Update - Tracey Logan CTO - Morgan Matthews (Research & Reporting)

Why are we piloting eduCLIMBER?

In response to ongoing data needs across our district and community, our Research & Reporting, Ed Services, Special Education, and Student Systems & Compliance teams have been exploring **how technology can help make student data more accessible, accurate, and actionable**. This winter and spring we have been setting up and piloting the eduCLIMBER platform with users, and the feedback so far is very positive.

What does eduCLIMBER do?

EduClimber is a self-serve data platform that makes our student data more easy to access, with the potential to increase and democratize data use across a wide range of users.

- A full rollout of eduCLIMBER next year would include:
 - teachers
 - school staff
 - school administrators
 - central office staff
 - partner organizations
 - executive leadership
 - board, and
 - community.
- eduCLIMBER stores much of our student data in one place, and helps users access multiple measures at the same time.
- Data measures in eduCLIMBER include key focal data on:
 - attendance
 - behavior/discipline
 - grades,
 - assessment scores, and more.
- eduCLIMBER includes features for:
 - automating updates to our data without manual work
 - dashboards and charts,
 - data walls/tables,
 - intervention monitoring, and more.

Next Steps: After compiling the findings from our pilot, we anticipate bringing a recommendation to the board regarding eduCLIMBER in May.

Classroom Projection in WCCUSD: Promethean ActivPanel Pilot Update- Tracey Logan CTO (Laurie Roberts, EdTech Coordinator)

Our ActivPanel pilot continues to receive rave reviews from teachers and students!

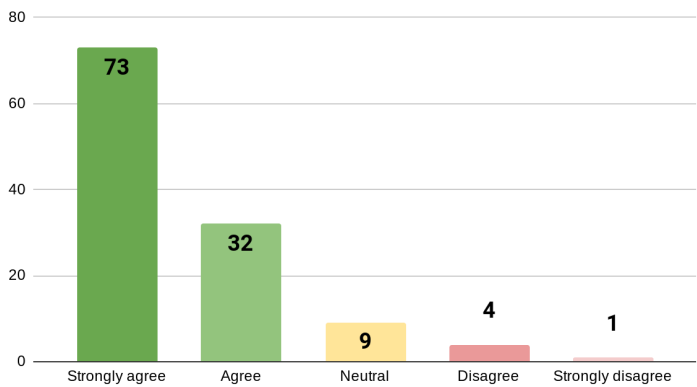
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- Collins, Grant, and Lupine Hills all chose to add one more rotation of teachers for the pilot.
- Our Phase 2 schools (Ford, Riverside, Hercules Middle, Hercules High, Kennedy, Soskin) are completing their 3rd rotation. There will be one more rotation to finish off the year.

Throughout the pilot we’ve collected pre-implementation data from teachers and post-implementation data from teachers and students (grades 5 and up.) See a few data points.

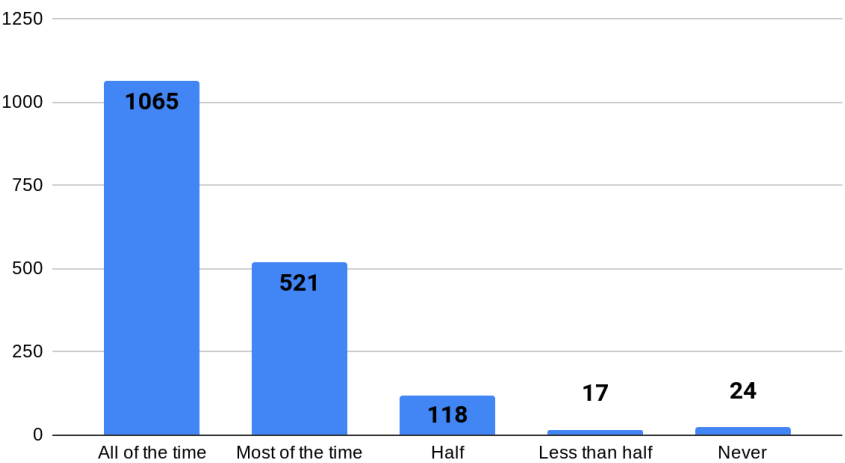
From the teacher post-implementation survey (119 respondents)

The ActivPanel met the needs of my teaching.



From the student post-implementation survey (1,745 respondents)

I pay attention when my teacher uses the ActivPanel.



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We have also been collecting teacher video reactions. Here's one from Ms. Suess, who teaches Kindergarten at Collins. Her pilot rotation has ended, and here's hers and her students' reaction to losing the ActivPanel:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nSuG4v3iSePJH-FRq9V4kdJrX7dau2Ys/view?usp=sharing>

Ms. Suess' class also sent Laurie letters. [See them here.](#)

Contract Update for the 5/3/23 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team

Contracts Summary - Business Services

The following contracts are on the May 3rd Board Meeting Agenda for Board approval.

[Link to Contract Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

Procurement Summary - Business Services

This is a new summary that will be utilized going forward to present goods, equipment, special education, and other services that do not have AMOs

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* Reminder: Due to Student Protection Act no attachments will be provided for NPA/NPS services