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**Friday Memo**  
**March 3, 2023**

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

March 10: 36th Annual You Make a Difference Awards 7:00pm, DeJean Middle School  
March 13: CBOC Meeting 6:00 pm, FOC Building  
March 16: Open House Middle Schools  
March 17: Middle Schools Only Minimum Day  
March 17: St.Patrick’s Day

**Next Board of Education Meeting March 15, 2023– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

**Contract Update for the 3/15/23 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team**

**Contracts Summary - Business Services**

The following contracts are on the March 15th Board Meeting Agenda for Board approval.

[Link to Contract Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

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

**Math Department (Mark Lobaco & Team)**

Chamberlin Education Foundation and Instruction Partners – Instruction Partners' leadership and math specialists, through the generous and ongoing support of the Chamberlin Education Foundation, are providing math instructional support to a total of 16 WCCUSD schools. This support is in alignment with WCCUSD’s Math Vision and Mission, and is highly customized to the needs of each school. Additionally, leaders receive development via Community of Practice meetings. The WCCUSD Math Department and Instruction Partners have ongoing calibration meetings to continue this alignment. Top stories of impact and summary campus activities found [HERE](#).

**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Early Learning/TK-12**

**Literacy/Humanities/OAASA- LaResha Huffman (Elizabeth Henry & team)**

**African American Family Literacy Night**

On Tuesday, February 28, OAASA hosted the African American Family Literacy Night! Parents, students and the community of WCCUSD fought adverse weather conditions to participate in an evening of all things literacy. Families ate dinner, listened to a brief introduction by our CAO LaResha Huffman and Director Elizabeth Henry and were free to peruse the many agencies supporting this event.

Included among them were:  
City of San Pablo Library

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City of Richmond's Literacy for Every Adult Program  
City of Richmond's Adult Employment and GED Program  
West County Reads  
The Black Parents Resource Center  
Richmond Builds

One of the highlights from the evening were [Jaydn Ott](#) and [Justin Williams-Thomas](#) both sophomores with UC Berkeley. Both gentlemen represented the Cal Football Summer Reading Challenge where our students will receive incentives including tickets to a Cal Bears game to prevent learning loss and to promote literacy.

[African American Literacy Night](#)

[2.28 WCCUSD African American Literacy Night](#)

**College & Career - LaResha Huffman (Allison Huie & team)**

**Pinole Valley HS Winter Guard Ensemble**

Mr. Ross Ackerman, the Band Director at Pinole Valley High School is responding to student interests by creating a new ensemble for instrumental music students to explore: Winter Guard. It is a percussion ensemble using mallet instruments and sampled sounds to challenge his percussion students on a new level. The precision and attention to detail including movements is a treat. Check out the Winter Guard Ensemble perform [here](#).

**Arts, Music & Entertainment Sector Week**

Next week, the Alameda County Office of Education is hosting several events focusing on the Arts, Music, & Entertainment industry sector. CTE teachers can bring their classes, and counselors could set up small groups for career interests. It is a great line up and the County is excited to host this event. Teachers with questions about the program can contact [Bernie Phelan](#) Program Manager, Arts Learning.

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**ARTS | MEDIA | ENTERTAINMENT WEEK**  
March 7-10, 2023

The Alameda County Office of Education, in collaboration with Earn & Learn, invites you to a week of career exploration in Arts, Media, and Entertainment (AME). Each one-hour virtual session will illuminate learners about the opportunities in these varied and vast industries; as well as showcase companies in your area. Hear from professionals about their journeys; see their work, and understand more about the impact AME has on our everyday lives.

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**CLICK THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR EACH SESSION!**

**Tuesday, March 7th**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Epic Games

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Formation Creative Music  
Talent Representatives

**Wednesday, March 8th**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Bay Area News Group  
Journalists & Marketing

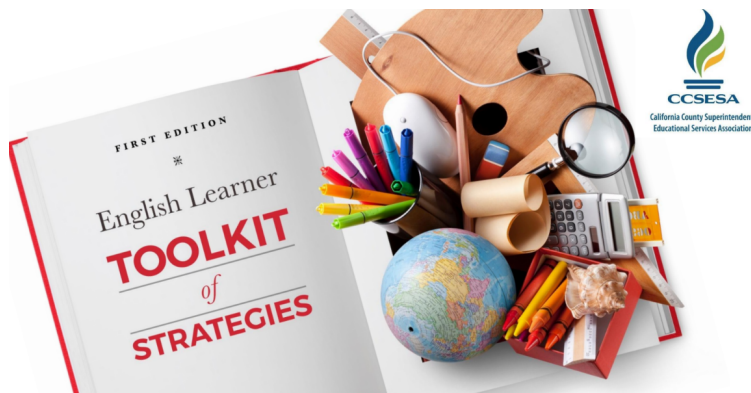
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Bric Foundation

**Thursday, March 9th**  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Berkeley City College  
Programs

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Alameda County  
Arts Commission

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

We are excited to continue to collaborate with school site administrators and coaches on our second session of the [English Learner Toolkit of Strategies](#) professional development planning. The co-author of the toolkit Lynn Friedman, will be joining us again to facilitate the process. Thank you to Kennedy High, Richmond High, Helms Middle, Dover Elementary, Downer Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary for their continued partnership and collaboration.



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

On Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 29 of the District's 33 school based after school programs participated in the Expanded Learning Office's [Planning with Data Workshop](#) as part of our continuous quality improvement [\(CQI\) process](#). This workshop took participants through a

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process of reflecting on program quality data from external and self-assessments with the goal of preparing participants to draft their After School [Quality Action Plans](#). These Quality Action Plans will guide professional development through the end of the school year.

Planning for intersession programming--spring break and summer--is continuing in earnest. The District's first ever [Spring Break Camps](#) will be operating at Bayview, Coronado, King, Lincoln, Nystrom, and Peres the week of April 3rd. Sites are finalizing their student rosters and the spring break enrichment contracts came to the board on 3/1. The morning program will include small group academic intervention with Sylvan and the afternoon enrichments include STEM (Scientific Adventures for Girls and Calculus Roundtable), performing arts (Destiny Arts and Bay Area Creatives), and gardening (Growing Together Project).

The Expanded Learning Office is also ramping up planning for summer enrichment programs. Using external evaluation data from [Summer 2022](#) we are looking at attendance patterns and anticipating hosting full day summer programming at 8 elementary sites across the District along with providing afternoon enrichment at the District's 4 elementary summer school sites. We are anticipating a summer program model that includes: A+B programming at the identified elementary summer school sites (academic instruction in the morning and enrichment in the afternoon); full day enrichment programming (YMCA Day Camp and STEM camps); CBO-led full day enrichment programming (AIM High and Freedom Schools); and off site enrichment programming in partnership with several CBOs.

Lawrence Hall of Science visited Riverside the week of February 13th and you can see some student photos below.



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

Schools are beginning to wrap up administering the Student Resource Survey (closing date 3/3) and screening students using mySAEBRS (closing date is 3/10). Once the administration windows close, the Office of School Climate will begin to disaggregate data.

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The intradistrict transfer period is now closed. Applications submitted by the end of day on February 28 are now being processed. Families will receive notification after their application is processed.

The Attendance Office continues to focus on increasing attendance through the month of March. They will be assisting schools with family conferences, determining what resources and support families may need in order to have their students attend school regularly.

The Office of School Climate and OAASA supported the African American Literacy Night on February 28. Resources were shared, games were played, books given away, and raffle prizes given out. It was a great night for all of the families who attended!

**TK-12 Schools: - LaResha Huffman (Keisha Joyner, Koy Hill & Summer Sigler)**

**Monthly AP/VP Meetings**

On the 16th of February, Elementary and Secondary AP/VPs met in the Kennedy High School's Library for a second round of Title IX Training. Pictured here are APs from Betty Reid Soskin Middle, Hercules Middle, Helms Middle, Pinole Valley High, De Anza High and Greenwood Academy in their Positive School Climate PLC led by Director, LaShante Smith, to share-out and collaborate on current/future goals. Ending the PLC with open conversation and resource sharing.

