

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
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**Friday Memo**  
**May 19, 2023**

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

May 19: Black Graduation Kente Ceremony, 6-7:30pm, Craneway Pavilion

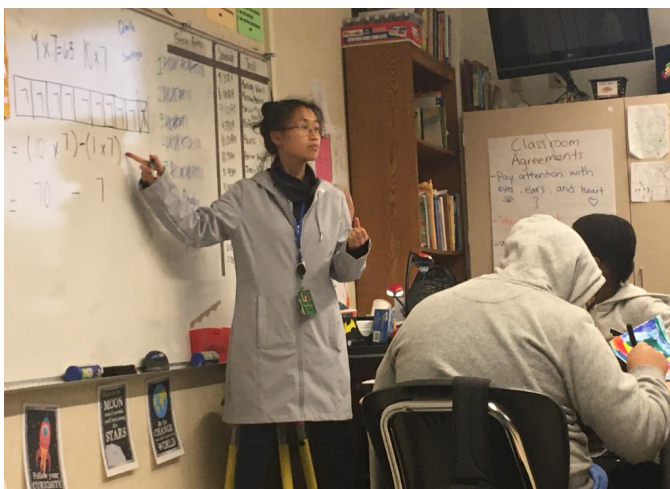
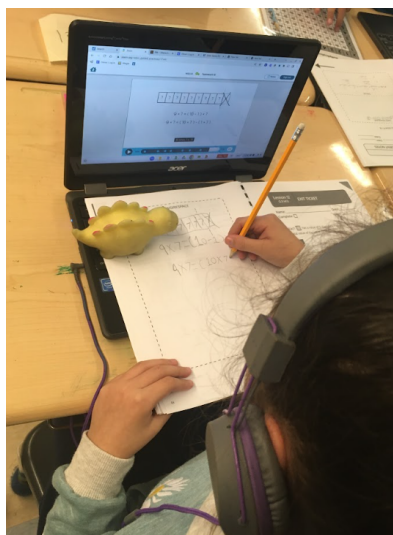
May 20: Middle College High School Graduation Ceremony, 10am-12pm, Pinole Valley High School

June 2: Pinole Valley High School Commencement Ceremony, 6-8pm, Pinole Valley High School

**Next Board of Education Meeting June 7, 2023 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

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

Zearn Math Updates—As we finish up this school year, some teachers are sharing out about Zearn Math usage with their students:



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*Since I've been implementing the small group aspect of Zearn, I've seen a huge increase in my student's skills. They are now just really rocking it with math...I love that students are able to have a digitally provided lesson, small group lesson from me, and do work on paper to support their learning. I'm into it and see so much benefit.*

--Rosalie Stillford, 2nd Grade Teacher, Kensington Elementary

*My students have made amazing growth this year! Zearn is directly aligned to the Eureka Math curriculum we use. With the learning loss due to the pandemic students are at very different levels of existing skills. Zearn gives students the support they need to access grade level content. Our average STAR Math scores have grown from 3.5 to 4.8, 13 months in only 5 months of instruction!*

--Montalvin K-8 Teacher

*I love using Zearn in the classroom! I was skeptical of starting my lower performing students on grade level lessons because I was worried it would be too challenging. But so many of my students made huge gains! I am very grateful to have this resource.*

--Adriana DeVost, 2nd Grade Teacher, Fairmont Elementary

*Zearn is a good reinforcement for math....It is nice that some students who struggle with language arts do really well with Zearn. It's also a nice challenge for students who are very good at math and want to move along at their own pace.* --Lupine Hills Teacher

*Zearn helps me to differentiate my instruction....I believe Zearn is helping my students develop their algebraic thinking and understanding of numbers and operations. Very useful instructional tool and support to meet the various learning needs.*

--Grant Elementary Teacher

Through Cowell Foundation funding, we will continue to provide full access to Zearn Math curriculum at all elementary and K-8 schools through the SY 23-24, with the intention to provide access to high quality digital and paper lessons for all students, complementing whichever curriculum their teachers are using.

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

On May 18th, Assistant Principals and Vice Principals of Elementary and Secondary schools gathered at Pinole Middle School's Library for their monthly meeting. The meeting started off with a Culture Builder structured around creating a "Quilt of Proud Moments." Some included their proud moments of leadership improvements, building on Positive School Climate and Culture, success in the STEM Fair and Award Ceremonies such as the African American Honors and Reclassification Event. The group gathered to share their successes throughout this school year.

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