

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
November 18, 2022

Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D
November 21-24: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
November 30: Human Resources Classified Workshop

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

Cowell Math Grant Approval (Mark Lobaco & Team):

The continued generous contributions of the [S.H. Cowell Foundation](#) has provided funding to support mathematics primarily for WCCUSD's South Richmond schools for multiple years. With generous grant writing assistance from Robert Bunce at [EdFund West](#), the current cycle of funding of \$150,000 has been approved by Cowell and will be used to support the math core complement program Zearn Math for all district elementary and K-8 schools as well as partial funding for an elementary math coach serving South Richmond schools. Rollover funds will be used for district-led elementary teacher PD, Kennedy High School math collaboration time, and stipends for [Zearn School Leads](#), of which 19 schools district-wide are currently participating.

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

The following information went to our Elementary Schools on November 8, 2022:

Our Extended Learning Department has funding to cover [School Smarts \(formerly Parent University\)](#) for TK-6 or K-8 sites with afterschool programs including SCOW or facilitator overtime, curriculum, supplies, and the possibility of food and babysitting (kids under 5) support funds. The requirements for this funding are as follows:

- Title I K-6 site or K-8 site
- Classes must operate between end of school day and 6pm
- Families who participate MUST have a child enrolled in the after school program (families can enroll their child to just attend on workshop days)
- We are looking to train facilitators in January or early February, recruit parents for 3-4 weeks and then run the programs through May
- If you are interested, please complete [the interest form](#) and we will contact you to discuss the program for your site

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Communications Update - Liz Sanders

Thursday, November 17, 2022

[Negotiations stall between school districts and Richmond teacher's union - KRON4](#)

The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) said Thursday it's reached an impasse on contract negotiations with the United Teachers of Richmond and will seek outside mediation. WCCUSD said in a statement the sides are having "difficulties reaching an understanding about what a competitive salary offer would look like while preserving the district's fiscal solvency."

[Negotiations stall between West CoCo School District, teachers' union - CBS San Francisco](#)

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Tuesday, November 15, 2022

[40 Nystrom students catch premiere of 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' | Richmond Standard](#)

Forty students from Nystrom Elementary in Richmond were treated to a special premiere screening of Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, at AMC Bay Street in Emeryville on Wednesday, Nov. 9.