

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
*Office of the Superintendent*

**Friday Memo**  
**October 7, 2022**

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

- October 10: Indigenous Peoples' Day (No School)
- October 11: Special Board Meeting Facilities, 6:00pm, LoVonya Dejean Middle School
- October 13: WCCUSD College & Career Night, 5:00-7:00pm, El Cerrito High School
- October 13: HR Workshop, 6:00-7:00pm, Zoom
- October 19: Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm, LoVonya Dejean Middle School
- October 19: End of First Quarter

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

College & Career Night is back!

**OPEN TO ALL!**

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT**

**EVENT DETAILS**

Thursday, October 13  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

El Cerrito High School  
540 Ashbury Ave.  
Located in the Main Gym

**IN-PERSON EVENT**  
**Face masks required!**

**RSVP**

[tinyurl.com/eaopwccusd](https://tinyurl.com/eaopwccusd)

For more information contact:  
[eaopcollegenights@berkeley.edu](mailto:eaopcollegenights@berkeley.edu)

**eaop** Early Assessment Outreach Program | **DCAC** Destination College Advising Corps | **cep** Center for Educational Partnerships

WCCUSD will host College & Career Night on Thursday, October 13 from 5pm to 7pm at El Cerrito High School for middle and high school students interested in learning about available opportunities and resources.

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Students and families will hear from over 50 college representatives and career partners who are eager to share admissions information, scholarship opportunities, career benefits and more. Use the QR code on the flier to register.

**New High School Graduation Requirement for Students Seeking a Diploma!**

High school seniors are required to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA) applications as part of the California Education code (CEC)51225.7. We need your help to ensure that all high school seniors complete an application by March 2023.

**All high school seniors MUST complete one of the following forms to graduate:**

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)
- [CA Dream Act Application](#)
- [FAFSA/CADAA waiver](#)

**Families should follow these steps to meet the requirement:**

1. If you are going to do FAFSA/CADAA, families need to create a [FSA ID](#) first,
2. then, you will be redirected to [FAFSA](#) to complete the application, or
3. Dream Act: [CA Dream Act](#)
4. OR, families can complete the [FAFSA/CADAA waiver](#) form & submit it to their school counselor

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**Human Resources - Dr. Sylvia Greenwood**

Human Resources Department is sponsoring a workshop on October 13, 2022

Scan the QR code or visit [www.wccusd.net/hr](http://www.wccusd.net/hr) for more information

**Join Us On  
Oct. 13!**

**OCTOBER  
Human Resources  
Workshop**

*We'll cover how you can become a **Teacher or Substitute** in WCCUSD!*

**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2022  
**Time:** 6-7PM  
**Location:** Virtual

Register for Zoom with our QR Code

Scan the QR code to register

Visit [www.wccusd.net/hr](http://www.wccusd.net/hr) for more information.

Escanee el código QR para inscribirse

Inscribase para participar en la reunión por Zoom utilizando el código QR

Dirijase a [www.wccusd.net/hr](http://www.wccusd.net/hr) para obtener más información

**Communications Update - Elizabeth Sanders**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**

**The youngest readers tackle sounds, words and the science of reading - Visalia Times-Delta**

In a typical reading lesson at Richmond's Nystrom Elementary School, a group of third graders huddled around teacher Dylan Fairweather and sounded out the words she pointed to like "next, n-ext" and "choice, ch-oice." Fairweather threw in some curveballs, pointing to the c and the i in "pencil" and asking the students what sound it made before reading the word.

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

**About 100 players to compete at Richmond chess festival, as more kids take up game | Richmond Confidential**

On a Sunday afternoon in late September, TC Ball entered Richmond's Multicultural Bookstore with a cart full of kings, queens, bishops, rooks, knights, and pawns and boards to start the first

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of several chess classes for children. “Cool people play chess,” said Ball, 69, founder and director of the [West Coast Chess Alliance](#) in Richmond, as he prepared to start the class.

**Friday, September 30, 2022**

**[Pinole high school responds to threat posted on social media - KRON4](#)**

Pinole Valley High School is investigating a threat from a post circulating on social media, the Pinole Police Department announced Friday in a Facebook post. The school is calling the post circulating on Instagram a “vague threat.”

**[Ready4K Highlights the Home-School Connection with Diverse Families in WCCUSD | Ready4k.com](#)**

With so many different preferred styles of family engagement, what is a busy educator to do? West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) is one of the many diverse school districts across the country asking this question. While a significant number of WCCUSD families are socioeconomically disadvantaged, they also serve very affluent neighborhoods. Students come from families with a wide range of cultural backgrounds, bringing with them different expectations of and needs from the school.