

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
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**Board Weekly Memo**  
**February 9, 2024**

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

February 12: CBOC Meeting, 6:00-8:00pm, FOC Building

February 13: DLCAPS Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Zoom

**Next Board of Education Meeting February 14, 2024 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

**College & Career – Sonja Neely-Johnson (Dr. Allison Huie & Team)**

**Education Pathway Students Participate in National Job Shadow Day**

On Friday 2/6, WCCUSD high school students enrolled in the CTE Education Pathway at Richmond High and Hercules High participated in National Job Shadow Day. Our Elementary Schools and District Departments throughout the District welcomed these high school student interns into their classrooms and workspaces so that they could see and experience different career opportunities in the field of education.



**National School Counselor Week**

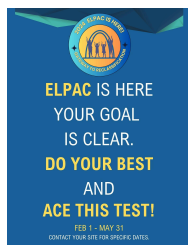
The first week in February marks National School Counselor Week. National School Counseling Week 2024 (#NSCW24) is February 5-9, 2024, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always

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celebrated the first full week in February. The 2024 theme is "School Counseling: Standards-Based, Student-Focused."

**English Learner Multilingual Achievement - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Esaul Orozco & Team)**

The English Learner Proficiency Assessments of California (ELPAC) starts February 1st.



(Scan the QR Code and begin the student practice test with a guest session)

All English Learners (ELs) are required to complete the Summative ELPAC assessment every year. The ELPAC is an essential criterion for reclassification. EL students must receive an overall ELPAC 4 on the Summative ELPAC or an overall score of 3 on the alternate ELPAC to be eligible to reclassify. As the ELPAC testing season nears, students, families, and schools are encouraged to practice and prepare for the ELPAC test.

3 Key Resources for ELPAC are:

1. ELPAC [Parent Notification Letter \(Eng /Spanish\)](#)
2. What is ELPAC? Informational Videos ([Eng](#) / [Spanish](#))
3. [ELPAC Practice Test for Students](#)

**DLI Update**

ELMA has reminded parents about the [required transfer process](#) to be eligible for placement in a DLI Middle School Program. The transfer enrollment window ends on February 29th, 2024.

Our next [DLI PAC](#) meeting is February 8th from 5-6pm on [Zoom](#).

**Family & Community Engagement - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Martine Blake & team)**

**Expanded Learning Office Update - (Kasey Blackburn-Jiron & team)**

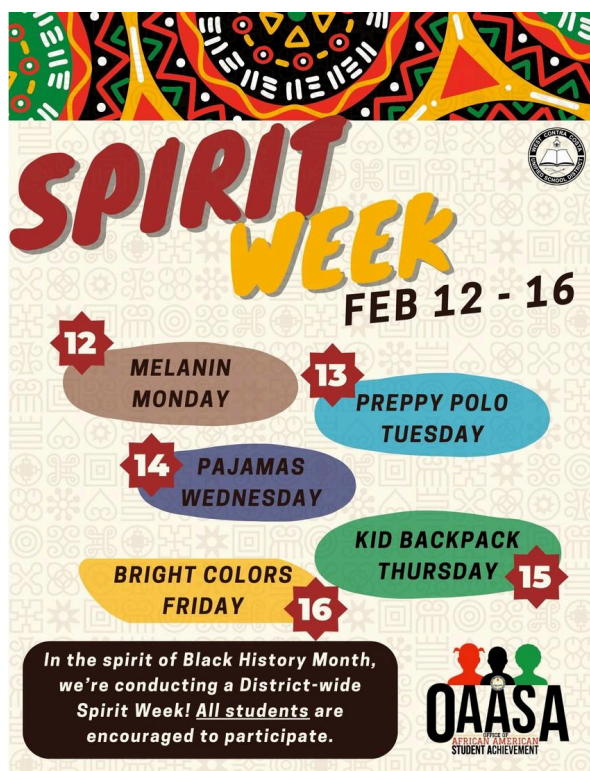
As part of the annual continuous quality improvement process, the District's [36 school based after school programs](#) have completed their Winter self-assessment process using the Social and Emotional Learning Program Quality Assessment Tool ([SELPOA](#)). Quality data from programs' Fall external assessment and Winter self assessment, attendance data from 8/15/23-12/31/23, and the winter youth and family survey data will be compiled in the Mid Year Program Profile. On

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Tuesday, February 27th, the Expanded Learning Office will take programs through a Planning With Data workshop and they will each complete a [Quality Action Plan](#) on InformedK12.

**Office of African American Student Achievement - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Sonja Bell, Ardarius McDonald & John Cable)**

To continue celebrating Black History Month, in a collaborative effort with multiple Black Student Unions around the district and OAASA - there will be a district wide Spirit Week!



**Communications Update - Raechelle Forrest**

**News of the Week:**

**Calling all Students of Color to Join us for the Student Equity Summit! | WCCUSD**

Show up, be heard, lead change! WCCUSD is inviting High School students of color to join us for our first Student Equity Summit on Saturday, February 10th from 10:00AM - 12:00 PM. The Student Equity Summit is a space to hear the voices, experiences, and hopes and dreams for our schools from students of color. This is a students-only event to lift one of the most important voices of our district - STUDENTS! [RSVP HERE](#) today! Contact Martine Blake, Director of Family and Community Engagement, with any questions or concerns at [martine.blake@wccusd.net](mailto:martine.blake@wccusd.net)

**Legislative Updates: None.**

***February District Event Dates:***

**Black History Month Spirit Weeks Across District:**

- Richmond HS: Feb 5 - Feb 9
- Pinole VHS: Feb 5 - Feb 9
- El Cerrito HS: Feb 12 - Feb 16
- Hanna Ranch- celebrate everyday
- Verde K-8: Feb 12- Feb 16 (BSU led)
- Peres: Feb 5 - Feb 9
- Sylvester Greenwood Academy: Week of 2/26
- Montalvin: Feb 12 - Feb 16

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**Specific Events Throughout District**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Black History Month Rally</b>	<b>February 9, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Richmond HS</b>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>February 9, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Ohlone ES</b>
<b>Common Sense Media Sponsored Lunch</b>	<b>February 9, 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:40 AM</li> <li>• 11:10 AM</li> <li>• 12:00 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downer</li> <li>• Montalvin</li> <li>• Hercules Middle</li> </ul>
<b>Black History Month Student Performance</b>	<b>February 9, 2024</b>	<b>5:30- 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Washington ES</b>
<b>Black History Month Movie Day</b>	<b>February 12, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Verde ES</b>
<b>Black History Cuisine (from Culinary Class)</b>	<b>February 15, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Greenwood Academy</b>
<b>Black History Month Assembly</b>	<b>February 15, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Verde ES</b>
<b>Black History Month Assembly</b>	<b>February 16, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Peres ES</b>
<b>Black History Joy Event</b>	<b>February 16, 2024</b>	<b>1:30-3:30 PM</b>	<b>Kennedy HS</b>
<b>Black History Month Passport Walk</b>	<b>February 16, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Lupine Hills Elementary</b>
<b>Black History Month Assembly</b>	<b>February 16, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Dejean Middle</b>
<b>Black History Month Laser Show &amp; STEM Assembly</b>	<b>February 16, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Tara Hills Elementary</b>
<b>Black History Celebration Banquet</b>	<b>*contact school site for date</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>PVHS</b>
<b>Black History Month Assembly (led by BSU)</b>	<b>February 23, 2024</b>	<b>9-11:30 AM</b>	<b>Middle College</b>
<b>Black Professional Panel</b>	<b>February 27, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site</b>	<b>Greenwood Academy</b>

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		<b>for time</b>	
<b>Black History Lunchtime Celebration</b>	<b>February 28, 2024</b>	<b>11:20-1:00 PM</b>	<b>Helms Middle</b>
<b>Black History Month After School Program (Performances, Speeches/Poems)</b>	<b>February 29, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Betty Reid Soskin</b>
<b>Black History Month Performance</b>	<b>February 29, 2024</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Ford ES</b>
<b>African Diaspora Museum</b>	<b>February 29, 2024</b>	<b>*contact school site for time</b>	<b>Greenwood Academy</b>