

Friday Memo
March 30, 2018

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

April 2: District Holiday, Schools and Office Closed
April 2-6: Spring Recess, Schools Closed
April 10: Solutions Team, UTR Office, 1:00 PM
April 11: Board of Education Meeting, DeJean, 6:30 PM
April 14: New Teacher Collaborative, TBD, 9:00 AM
April 16: Youth Commission, Helms, 6:30 PM
April 17: Annual Student Art Show Reception, Richmond Art Center, 5:00 PM
April 17: Special Ed Workshop: Transitioning from School District Services, PSC, 5:30 PM
April 18: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 5:00 PM
April 18: CBOC, FOC, 6:00 PM
April 24: Annual Best Practices Conference, DeJean, 6:00 PM

Next Board Meeting – Matthew Duffy

Closed Session for the April 11 meeting will begin at 5:00 PM.

Poll Hits The Field - Marcus Walton

Bryan Godbe informed us that the poll regarding the parcel tax hit the field on Thursday and should be out of the field by Sunday or Monday of next week. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marcus Walton.

Special Olympics events in West Contra Costa Unified School District by Steve Collins

The Unified Basketball Team from El Cerrito High School attended a Warriors Basketball Clinic at Freedom High School in Oakley on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The Unified Team was made up of students from both Severely Handicapped classes, Ms. Aguila's and Mr. Simbulan's, in addition to members of the Circle of Friends club on campus. Upon arrival, all of the students received Warrior's jerseys. They participated in warm up activities and cycled through a number of basketball skills stations, including passing, shooting, dribbling, guarding, layups, and agility throughout the afternoon. The students worked as a team, helping each other through each skill. One of the stations was a photo op with Championship trophies. We were pleasantly surprised to be joined by Warrior great, Adonal Foyal, in some of our pictures. By the end of the day, the students were exhausted, but the smiles on their faces remained.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Collins Elementary School hosted the first Young Athletes Event in West Contra Costa Unified. The program focused on the basics that are crucial to cognitive development: physical activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination, and the application of these physical skills through sports skills and programs. In addition, the Young Athletes Program offered children with intellectual disabilities and their peers, opportunities for meaningful interaction that leads to future relationships of mutual respect, friendship, and inclusion. The rainy weather limited the event to inside, but it did not stop any of the students from having a great time. All students in preschool through first grade participated in 4 skill stations, including an obstacle course, bowling, shooting baskets, and keeping up a

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giant Float 'R in the air. Each station was led by Playworks Junior Coaches and fellow upper grade school mates.

Public Records Log – Marcus Walton

Included in this week's memo is the log of public records requests received by the district. If you have any questions, please contact me.

News Articles of Interest - Marcus Walton

Attached are a few news articles that might be of interest.