

Friday Memo
March 9, 2018

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

March 10: Annual District Spelling Bee, DeAnza, 9:00 AM
March 13: Solutions Team, UTR Office, 1:00 PM
March 13: Right to Special Education Services Workshop, Pupil Services Center, 5:30 PM
March 13: Academic Committee, DeAnza, 5:30 PM
March 14: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 5:00 PM
March 14: Joint Board / CBOC Meeting, FOC, 6:30 PM
March 15: You Make A Difference Ceremony, DeJean, 7:00 PM
March 19: Youth Commission & LCAP, Helms, 6:30 PM
March 21: Board Meeting, DeJean, 6:30 PM
March 28: Board Study Session, DeJean, 6:30 PM

Next Week's Board Meetings – Matthew Duffy

The Joint CBOC will begin at 6:30 PM at the Facilities Operations Center. Please note that dinner will *not* be provided.

Recognizing Excellence with the “You Make a Difference Awards” – Steve Collins

On March 15, 2018 the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will host its annual “You Make a Difference Awards” ceremony, recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the lives and educational experiences of our special education students in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Honorees were nominated for their extraordinary contributions, generosity, inclusive practices, and program enhancement. The Community Advisory Committee is proud to announce this year's recipients.

Please join us on March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at DeJean Middle School to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of these very worthy honorees.

The Jake Rockeman Award Recipients

Faith Parsons, Juliet Hernandez, Mia Freeman, Valeria Gomez Lopez - Collins Elementary
Vivien Mossman – Kensington Elementary
Austin Snyder – Riverside Elementary

Special Recognition

Steve Collins - Assistant Superintendent, Special Education

Administrators

Nia Rashidchi - Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus - Principal, Montalvin Elementary

Special Education Teachers

Claudia Ibarra – Lupine Hills Elementary
Pia De La Cruz – Balboa Preschool

Related Services Providers

Amee Evangelista-Marcayda – Speech Language Pathologist
Jacquelyn Meinen – School Psychologist

Support Staff

Brittany Garza - Classroom Support Aide – Korematsu Middle School
Karina Rangel - Classroom Support Aide – Hanna Ranch Elementary
Jackie Davis – Behavior Technician – Tara Hills Elementary

Community

Maddie Yuen – Past Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) President, Hercules Middle/High School

Brian Rufford Memorial Award

Sunny Ma - First Student Driver
Yamileth Lechado Sanchez – First Student Driver

Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program – Steve Collins

The Special Olympics Northern California Schools Partnership Program is a unique education program providing opportunities in schools for all students, from preschool to transition. It unifies students with and without disabilities through Sports and Whole-School Involvement activities that provide them with the knowledge, experience, and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and respect for all students. Currently, approximately 10, 828 special education students and 57, 301 general education students participate in the program, at 447 schools in Northern California.

Sports

Unified Sports: Combines students with and without disabilities on sports teams for training and competition.

Traditional Special Olympics Sports: Students with disabilities (IEP or 504 plan) train and compete against each other. Team sports and individual skills events are offered.

Young Athletes Program: Preschool through 1st grade students participate in a single-day introduction to sports and Special Olympics. The program focuses 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 offers children with intellectual disabilities and their peers, opportunities for meaningful interaction that leads to future relationships of mutual respect, friendship, and inclusion.

Whole-School Involvement

A youth-centered, school-focused initiative that uses the Special Olympics sports and education program to activate all students, engage educators, involve the entire school, and promote a campus culture of acceptance and social inclusion where all young people are agents of change. Tuesday, February 13th at Washington Elementary School -- Youth Summit. "Students met and discussed topics that would educate, motivate, and activate them. Discussion topics included:

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What is Special Olympics? How can we increase acceptance of all difference? What can we do to motivate change?"

Please come to support all of our athletes at these upcoming events.

Tuesday, March 20th - 8:30-11:15 a.m. at Valley View Elementary -- Young Athletes Program.

Wednesday, March 21st - 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Collins Elementary School -- Young Athletes Program. *Special Olympics has donated over 100 t-shirts for all Young Athletes participating in this event.*

Wednesday, March 28th - 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Shannon Elementary School -- Young Athletes Program

Friday, April 13th - 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -- at De Anza High School -- 4th-6th Unified Track Event (District wide event; approximately 30 classes (Severely Handicapped and Non Severely Handicapped) from 20 different schools have been invited to participate.) Athletes will participate in a number of events, including running, throwing, and jumping. The event will end with Unified Relay Team Races, with each team having 2 Special Education and 2 General Education students racing together.

Friday, April 27th - 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Riverside Elementary School -- Young Athletes Program

Tuesday, June 5th - 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Lupine Hills Elementary School -- Young Athletes Program

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.

Public Records Request Log 2017 - 2018
Week Ending March 8, 2018

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
40	1/2/18	Ann Surapruik Bay Area Legal Aid	WCCUSD Applicant and Application Processes and Leases/Contracts with the City of Richmond	2/12/18 Email sent with DOCs & Links 2/28/18 Email sent with DOCs 3/7/18 Email sent with DOCs Reviewing additional DOCs
45	1/23/18	Paula Senigar	Special Education Department Documents and Agreements	Mr. Collins working on PRR with assistance from Attorneys Gathering/Reviewing Documents 4/1/2018 DOCs available
48	1/29/18	Todd Senigar	WCCUSD Policies/Protocols for maintenance, retention and destruction of student records	Mr. Collins working on PRR with assistance from Attorneys Gathering/Reviewing Documents 4/1/2018 DOCs available
49	2/2/18	Ryan Luther	Tony Thurmond/Former Board Member – Various Documents and Records	3/7/18 Documents sent via email COMPLETED
51	2/26/18	Jenna Reeve Edge Point	WCCUSD Accounting of all uncashed checks and unclaimed funds	3/6/18 Email Sent 3/16/2018 DOCs available
52	2/26/18	Denise Morgan California Charter Schools	WCCUSD Proposals for space allocated to Charter Schools for the 2018-2019 School Year	3/6/18 Documents sent via email COMPLETED
53	2/26/18	Torrey Thornton NuQuo / Cost Recovery	WCCUSD Current Copier and Printer Contracts including any amendments to Contracts	Gathering Documents
54	3/7/18	David Stephan	Number of WCCUSD Teachers working under what type of Credential or Permit	3/7/18 Acknowledgement email sent
55	3/7/18	Shalice Otis	Collins Elementary and Pinole Valley High School Complaints / Actual Reports	3/7/18 No Responsive Documents email sent COMPLETED
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29	9/14/16	Matt Cagle American Civil Liberties Union	Surveillance Technology and Digital Searches beginning January 1, 2013 – Present	12/2/16 Documents sent via email 3/31/17 Documents sent via email 5/5/17 Documents sent via email 7/13/17 Documents sent via email 9/22/17 Documents sent via email 10/27/17 Documents sent via email 12/1/17 Documents sent via email 1/1/218 Letter sent to requester to schedule phone call / No response from requester